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OBITUARY.

Elbert W. Clark.

Succumbing at last to the typhoid fever which had preyed upon his vital force, E. W. Clark passed away at his home on Broad street at 3 o'clock last Sunday morning. Death was due to the extreme exhaustion caused by the fever which had run for six weeks. He was aged 33 years, 7 months and 28 days. In his death the city loses one of its most able and enterprising business men. His personal interests were large and varied and he brought to them an ability and an energy which made unusually bright the promise of future usefulness in his life, so prematurely cut off.

Elbert Warren Clark, Jr., was born in Grinnell on February 23, 1880, the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Clark. In 1900 he graduated from Grinnell College. During his college course he evinced a great ability for and passionate interest in chemistry and graduated with honors in that particular group.

After a year spent in research work in his favorite branch of study Mr. Clark entered active business life. On February 1, he became a member of the firm of Carney, Brande & Clark, lumber dealers. This partnership continued until January 1, 1907, when Mr. Clark bought out his partners and formed a partnership with J. L. Fellows, the firm name being Clark & Fellows. Later he bought out Mr. Fellows and formed the Clark Lumber Company, under which name the business was carried on until his death.

He was married on April 28, 1904, to Ada Valleau, who survives him with two children, Elbert Warren, the third of that name, and Henry Brainerd Clark.

but later, at his own request, was removed to his home. The fever seemed to run about its normal course until the latter part of last week, when there was a sudden turn for the worse. Hemorrhages developed and rapidly weakened a physique already undermined by the ravages of fever. All that human skill could do to avert the end was done, but in vain.

Mr. Clark was devoted to his business and was most at home in the business field. Few men have the details of varied interests so completely at their command as did he. He was also active in good road work, being director of the River to River Road for this county. He was a trustee of the Elks lodge, a charter member of the Poweshiecks and a member of the Odd Fellows. In everything which he undertook his direct and positive nature made him a force to be reckoned with.

The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from the residence on Broad street. Professor Charles Noble conducted the services, assisted by Professor S. J. Buck. The music was in charge of E. B. Brande and was furnished by a male quartette, consisting of Paul Sprague, Murray Welch, Paul Bartlett and W. A. Ziegler.

The pallbearers were George Ross, A. C. Lyon, Herbert Armstrong, E. B. Brande, J. L. Fellows, and H. F. Laphere. E. E. Spaulding and B. J. Ricker acted as ushers.

The members of the Poweshiecks and of the Elks lodge met at their respective halls and proceeded in a body to the home. As a mark of respect the business houses of the city closed their doors from 2:30 o'clock until 4, while the funeral was in progress.

During late years Mr. Clark had broadened his business greatly, taking contracts for grading and for supplying material to bridge contractors. These activities necessitated frequent automobile trips and it is thought that the infection for the disease which caused his death came from water which he drank while on such a trip to St. Anthony, in Marshall county. He was taken ill six weeks ago last Sunday and at first was taken to the city hospital.

church and the Mission field; wherever there was a call.

But these things after all were only the extras of life. Her real work was in her home; while mothering her own family of five children, she always added others; first her brother, Will, when he was left homeless through his mother's death, then a long line who shared the home and were proud to be called her boys as they went on into the world; who came back in after years to tell her of their deeds and share their honors. So a group of "Her Boys" came back yesterday that their loving hands might lay her body at rest.

For the past year she has been an invalid but with mind alert, has been a comfort and inspiration to her friends; while life has been a joy to herself.

Since the paralytic stroke some two weeks ago she has been but partly conscious and was spared pain. Tuesday evening, rousing with the illumination sometimes granted to the dying, she said, "I can see better now! I can see better now!" and so passed on into the Light.

W. B.

The funeral services were held at the home Thursday conducted by her pastor, Dr. P. F. Marston. Music was by the College quartet. Bearers were Senator E. H. Hoyt, of Manchester, Dr. P. E. Somers, B. J. Ricker, S. J. Pooley, Fay Williams, of Shenandoah, and Fred Trainer of Ackley.