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ANDREW A. FOSTER.

In whatever line of business he has been engaged Andrew A. Foster, of Grinnell, has through his shrewdness, sagacity and clear judgment produced substantial financial returns. He is known not only as one of the most successful business men of Grinnell, but also as one of its most public-spirited citizens—one who is at all times ready to assist in forwarding any movement that aims to promote the general welfare.

He is a native of Scott county, Iowa, born May 11, 1851, and is a son of William and Margaret (Alcorn) Foster, both of whom were born in the north of Ireland. They came to the United States as children with their parents and both families located near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where the children were reared. Some time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Foster came to Iowa, landing at Davenport, March 26, 1851. They located on a farm near the city and there the father died from cholera four years later, leaving a widow and nine children. Mrs. Foster continued upon the farm until 1869, when she came to Grinnell with her son Andrew and two other members of the family. She made her home with her son until her death, which occurred December 13, 1907, when she was ninety-two years of age.

Andrew A. Foster was reared under a mother's loving care and attended the public schools, also possessing the advantage of two terms at Iowa College.

He began in business life by renting land in Jasper county just across the line from Poweshiek county, which he cultivated for eight years, and then purchased eighty acres in Grinnell township. In February, 1877, he took up his residence in Grinnell and engaged in the hardware and implement business, also being an extensive buyer and seller of stock and a stock-feeder. He was connected with the implement and hardware business for twenty-six years and during that time dealt largely in Iowa farm lands, of which he is an excellent judge. He now owns four hundred and ten acres of good land, a part of which is in Grinnell township and the remainder in Marshall county. He is now devoting his attention principally to farming.

On the 22d of December, 1880, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Fannie E. Houghton, a daughter of William Houghton, a prominent farmer of Grinnell township. He and his wife are earnest members of the Congregational church, in which he has served as trustee for many years. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and for several years past has been a member of the city council. He is connected with the Commercial Club and his opinions as to the best means to encourage the development of the city always find ready acceptance. He has been interested in many business enterprises in which he has demonstrated a rare judgment, and it is doubtful whether his superior in deciding such questions is to be found in this part of the state.

FOSTER, Andrew A., native of
Scott Co., Ia. b. 1851, s. of Wm.
and Margaret (Alcorn) Foster,
both of Ireland and both families
came to America and located near
Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. and Mrs.
Foster came to Ia. in 1851, land-
ing in Davenport. He m. Fannie
Houghton, d. of Wm. Houghton.

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ANDREW FOSTER WAS A PROMINENT CITIZEN FOR MANY YEARS.

Andrew Foster came from Scott county to Grinnell in the late sixties. He rented the Freeman farm several miles northwest of Grinnell and worked it for three years. He was in the implement business for 27 years. He was a member of the city council at one time. He married Fannie Houghton. Their home was blown away in the cyclone of 1882. He built again on the same site. The house with changes made including the addition of a large porch is now the home of Mr. George W. Richards.

Lated he purchased Richard Dickinson's home including 40 acres of land southwest of town and lived there for a number of years. Afterward he purchased the Ware house at the southwest corner of Main St. and Seventh Ave. and remodeled it for his home. He died Oct. 31, 1923.

A. A. FOSTER ENDS USEFUL LIFE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

10-30-1923
 One of Grinnell's Good Men And Useful Citizens Passed Away Sunday.

HAD A LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER HERE.

For Many Years He Was Engaged in The Farm Implement Business.

Andrew A. Foster whose death occurred Sunday afternoon, October 28, was born in Scott County, Iowa, May 11, 1851. One of a family of ten children, he was disciplined by the experiences that were the common lot of farmer's boys in those pioneer days.

When eighteen years old, Mr. Foster came to this vicinity and located on a farm west of town. After a few years he came to Grinnell and entered the employ of J. E. Rhodes as a salesman for farm machinery. Later Mr. Foster and Stillman Needham bought out Mr. Rhodes. They were also engaged with H. M. Bray in the stock business. After a time, I S. Bailey took the place of Mr. Needham in the firm and for several years the business was conducted under the name of Foster and Bailey.

After the great fire of 1889 which destroyed nearly the entire stock of machinery, they purchased a lot and erected the building which is now occupied by the Farmer's Elevator Co. Soon after its erection, J. C. Goodrich became an active member of the firm and business was conducted under the name of Foster-Bailey-Goodrich Co. In later years Mr. Foster was associated with W. T. Fuller in the imple-

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ment business and with J. T. Cessna in buying and shipping stock. More recently, he has devoted himself exclusively to the management and direction of his farms.

On December 22, 1880 he was married to Miss Fannie Houghton. Their home in the northwest part of town was completely destroyed by the cyclone. Although they had no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Foster had the spirit of parents and manifested it toward the little child, Lily, whom they adopted and toward their many nephews and nieces. The forty years of their loyal and unselfish companionship were brought to a close by Mrs. Foster's death three years ago.

Andrew Foster was a member of the City Council at the time the first paving was done in Grinnell. He has been for a number of years an active member of the Elks' Lodge. In 1887 he united with the Congregational Church and has proved himself a Christian man who sought always to do his duty as he saw it. For a number of years he served the church on the Board of Trustees.

For upwards of a year, Mr. Foster has been failing in health. Through much pain he maintained a brave and cheerful spirit. He was given devoted care by relatives and finally passed away at the home of his nephew, Joseph Gimar. He is survived by his brother, John of Boise, Idaho, and by two sisters, Mrs. Margaret McCune and Mrs. Nancy Freeman of Grinnell.

Mr. Foster will be held in honor as a man of ability, industry and integrity who made a large contribution to the upbuilding of our community. His many friends will remember him with affection for his kindly interest in all their welfare and his generous response to the claims of friendship.

The writer's acquaintance with Mr. Foster began in the winter of 1876 when both were students in Grinnell college. The friendship begun then has lasted thro all the years since. We have always found Mr. Foster our ideal of an exemplary citizen. Kind, generous, business-like and successful, he leaves a warm

circle of friends to mourn his death and to remember his many qualities.
 In private life he was a gentleman, in his religious life he exemplified the characteristics of Christian living. In business he was courteous, square and honorable. He leaves to all the memory of a workman, citizen and Christian.
 Funeral services for Mr. Foster were conducted by Rev. E. W. Cro at the I. S. Bailey home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment was in Hazelwood.

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