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OBITUARY.

EZRA H. GRINNELL.

Ezra Hoyt Grinnell closed his earthly life at his home on Friday last, after a long and, at times, a very painful sickness. He was born seventy six years ago, on Feb. 27, 1825, in New Haven, Vt., of English and Huguenot ancestry. Evidence discovered somewhat recently indicates that he descended from John Alden, the well known friend of Miles Standish, of colonial Plymouth history. After residing for a time in Vermont, New York, Wisconsin and Michigan, he entered into the grocery business in New York City. He married Sarah Hermens in 1852. One of their two children, Frank B., was killed in Grinnell by accident. The other, now Mrs. A. H. Dillon, of Council Bluffs, survives him.

He came to Grinnell in 1856, two years after the town was founded, and entered into business here very largely in co-operation with his brother, Hon. J. B. Grinnell. The grain business was begun here by him in partnership with Loyal C. Phelps, senior.

When the Civil War broke out he with eleven others from here were mustered into the service of the United States as the Volunteer Band of the 4th Regiment of Iowa Infantry. They reached Rolla, Mo., just after the fearful battle of Wilson's Creek, where the conditions were such that the regiment lost 70 men by disease before one of their number was killed in battle, and one-half of the band were in the hospital. A few months later such bands in the army were dispensed with and he returned to his home, but probably not until his exposures in the army had entailed permanent injury to his health.

After returning to Grinnell he married Miss Carrie L. Yoast, of Michigan, in November, 1862, and their two children, Mrs. G. H. Barnes and Mrs. H. F. Lanphere, still live in Grinnell.

When the Rock Island railroad reached Grinnell he engaged in its service, acting as its agent. He was afterwards the first conductor on the G. & M. R. R.

He devoted himself to his trade and to a town office during his later years until his failing health incapacitated him for either.

Few, if any early Iowa towns enjoyed the presence of such a group of musicians as did Grinnell. Among these at home and in concerts in surrounding towns, Mr. Grinnell was conspicuous.

Old friends officiated at his funeral, the services being conducted by Prof. Parker at the house at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, and his comrades of the G. A. R. bore him to his place of rest in Hazelwood. They were glad to indicate their respect for one whose messages to them from his sick room were so cordial and so welcome. His widow and children are encircled by the esteem and the sympathy of all.

Mr. Grinnell's manner was quiet and unobtrusive, but his beaming cordiality and wholesome generosity made him numberless friends who join with his family in mourning the loss of an honored and upright citizen and lovable manhood.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions of condolence were passed by Gordon Granger Post No 64 on the death of Comrade E. H. Grinnell:

WHEREAS, our esteemed comrade and citizen, E. H. Grinnell, in the fullness of years and experiences as an early settler, and as a soldier of the war of the rebellion, has been called from the scenes of earth beyond the river of death, it is appropriate that fitting resolutions be adopted in commemoration of his memory. Therefore be it

Resolved by Gordon Granger Post No 64 that we recognize the power and authority of an all wise Providence in this as in all the affairs of life. That as an expression of sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family and friends of our deceased brother, we regret the visitation that called him from our midst, yet we are compelled to face the fact that we are all rapidly approaching the same termination.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread among the records of the Post, also be sent to the family of the deceased, and be given the city papers for publication, and that the Post room be draped with the symbols of mourning for a period of thirty days.

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