

DAY, APRIL 16, 1926.

JOHN T. HASTINGS PASSES AWAY

Old Timer in Grinnell Yields to Insidious Disease Last Tuesday.

DIED IN THE UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL AT IOWA CITY.

Funeral Was Held Thursday Morning
—K. P. Services at the
Grave.

The death of John Hastings at the University Hospital, Iowa City, last Tuesday morning takes from Grinnell a man who has lived in this community about forty years and has been identified with many of its activities.

John T. Hastings was born in Deep River, Iowa, March 29, 1865, and died at Iowa City, April 13, 1926. When a young man he moved to Grinnell and on the anniversary of his birth, March 29, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriett Armstrong, whose parents had moved here from Deep River a few years before. During the '90s when the E. W. Clark Hose Team was one of the factors of Grinnell life, Mr. Hastings was one of its members and one of its speedy men.

During a large part of his forty years in Grinnell Mr. Hastings followed the occupation of carpenter and many of Grinnell's buildings are a part of his handiwork. For a few years he has been engaged in business on Commercial Street. He was also a working and efficient member of the City Council a few years ago and could be depended on to work for the best interests of the city.

He was also an active member of the Knights of Pythias order and believed and obeyed the principles of

ritual. For some time his health has not been good and the last five months at Iowa City were months of gradual failing until the end came on April 13th. His wife, Mrs. Hastings, has been with him at frequent periods during that time and enjoyed with him March 29 the anniversary of his birth and of their marriage.

The funeral was conducted at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning from the Smith Undertaking Parlors in charge of Rev. E. M. Vittum. At the grave the services were in charge of the Knights of Pythias and the ritual service of the order was used. A. M. Burton acting as Orator and W. G. Ray as Chaplain.

The music at the funeral service was by Fred Morrison, Dr. E. E. Harris, Mrs. E. B. T. Spencer and Mrs. W. F. Smith, who sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me."

Present to attend the funeral from away were Mr. and Mrs. George Walker and H. G. Armstrong who came to Grinnell from Iowa City; Mrs. George Cox and her son Cloyd of Deep River; and his son Harry Hastings of Bloomington, Illinois where he is physical and athletic director in the Bloomington High School.

The pall bearers were all Pythian Knights as follows: John Mehlin, Lawrence Wilson, C. L. McNally, Gaylord Mowitt, L. Kutish, and Fred Whitaker.

One of the severe blows to Mr. Hastings was the serious illness of his daughter Fidesta and her death which occurred Jan. 31 while he was confined at the hospital and was unable to attend the funeral. He leaves to mourn him his wife, Hattie Hastings, one daughter, Mrs. Cedric Barnes, his son, Harry Hastings and three grand children, Evelyn Louise Hastings, and Paul and Donald Barnes.

Mr. Hastings was a good clean man with many warm friends, who mourn him deeply and who will remember him as a kind hearted, generous man, true to his family and to his friends, and to the better impulses of human nature.