

# Will A. Hayden Passes Away

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Was an Active Leader in Lodge and  
Society— Goes to His -  
Reward.

TRAFFIC EXPERT, TRUSTED  
EMPLOYEE, LOYAL CITIZEN.

The Burial Will Be at His Old  
Home in Jackson,  
Michigan.

When a good man falls, there is such a universal regret that no mere words can voice the sadness which pervades a community. Grinnell and vicinity have recently lost many good, loyal and loved citizens. Today we chronicle the death of one more who has passed away in the full strength of young and active manhood.

W. A. Hayden was born May 21, 1878. His death occurred September 4, 1918, at the age of 40 years, 5 months and 21 days.

His illness was so short, his death so sudden, that his friends can hardly recover from the shock it has produced. Early Wednesday morning, after an illness of but five days, his death came, at the City hospital. His wife had been sent for and, accompanied by her brother, Fred Bofink, she reached here in time to be with him in his last hours.

Wednesday night the two sorrowing relatives, accompanied by D. H. Snook, Leading Knight of the Elks, left with the body for Jackson, Mich., where the burial takes place. Mr. Snook went as the joint representative of the Elks Lodge and the Spaulding Mfg. Co.

Will Hayden was one of the men born to make the world cheerful. Always full of life, smiling and joy-

ful, he spread the doctrine of gladness everywhere.

But he was also one of the intensely active, brainy men of the town. He came here to enter the employ of the Spaulding Mfg. Co. in 1906, as assistant superintendent. He soon proved his worth in more ways than one. He was not only an efficient office man, but he also proved to be original and thoroughly alive to the interests of the firm. He acquired a reputation for his knowledge of freight rates, and became traffic manager for the firm, being recognized as a shark at figures, and soon was known as one of the best traffic men in the state.

Two years ago he resigned his position and went to Jackson, Mich. During the two years he was in the employ of the Jackson Auto Co. and the Mott Wheel Works.

August 1 he returned to Grinnell to resume his former position with the Spaulding Mfg. Co., a position he had filled with rare skill, and in which he had made his services so helpful that the firm was glad to again avail themselves of his knowledge and skill.

Mr. Hayden was active in both the Masonic lodge and the Elks lodge. All were his friends. Manly, cheerful and efficient, he filled up to the full measure of virile and useful manhood.

During his stay here, since August 1, he had made his home with F. C. Willson, and here a few friends met Wednesday evening to extend their sympathy to the sorrowing wife and assist in removing the body to the train.

All the elements of true citizenship were so combined in him that his friends all unite in saying "here was a man."