

6-26 OBITUARY. 1903  
MR. EDWARD KEMMERER.

Mr. Edward Kemmerer was taken with a chill last Saturday evening and rapidly grew worse until he peacefully passed from a quiet slumber in this world to the long sleep in the realms of peace at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

Mr. Kemmerer had been in poor health for some time but had resumed his duties at the Iowa Central office and was apparently gaining strength day by day. He was at his post of duty Saturday and many friends remember with pleasure their conversation with him on that day. He was very cheerful and took keen delight in exchanging pleasantries with his friends.

Mr. Kemmerer was born in North Hampton county, Pa., March 26, 1843. During childhood he moved with his parents to Wisconsin and from there to Iowa in 1854.

He was united in marriage to Amanda Cramer, Nov. 19, 1867, at Parkersburg. To this union one son was born, Louis D., of Magnolia, Ark., who with his wife is present at the funeral.

Mr. Kemmerer has been a telegraph operator and ticket agent all the mature years of his life. He was first in the service of the Illinois Central at Parkersburg and from there went to Ackley and served the same company as agent.

He was the first agent of the Iowa Central and made the first consignment of freight ever shipped over the Central.

He remained at Ackley for fourteen years, thence went to Oskaloosa for three years, when he came to Grinnell and served the company for eighteen years.

During his thirty-five years of service with the Iowa Central his accounts have balanced to a penny, and no man ever asked a favor of him that he did not do all in his power to grant. He was always courteous and obliging, cheerful in disposition and very companionable. No one stood higher in the community than Mr. Kemmerer and no one was more respected or had a wider circle of friends.

Mr. Kemmerer was a Mason and be-

longed to the Mystic Shriners and the Knights Templar. He was also a Modern Woodman, both of which organizations marched to the cemetery this afternoon and assisted in paying the last tribute of respect to a departed brother.

Mr. Kemmerer was a model husband and father. No man ever did more to make home pleasant than he, and in no home were such efforts more greatly appreciated than in his. His life has been one of long faithful service and a continuation of home contentment.

There was a richness and profusion of floral offerings at the house this afternoon and at the grave, among them being a cross and crown by the Mystic Shriners, a broken wheel by railroad employes, square and compass by the Masons, and a large star by the Eastern Stars, which express feebly the place which Mr. Kemmerer has held in the hearts of his fellow citizens.

The funeral was conducted from the house at two o'clock this afternoon by the Rev. L. F. Parker, and at the cemetery by the Masons. Those present from a distance were his son, Louis D. Kemmerer, and wife of Magnolia, Ark., his brother, William Kemmerer, and wife of Parkersburg, Mrs. Kemmerer's sisters, Mrs. S. S. Merner of Cedar Falls, Mrs. William Wilson of Parkersburg and Mrs. A. L. Fisher of Kansas City. E. Kemmerer