

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1931.

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## M. O. Smith Is Stricken

Prominent Grinnell Business Man  
Dies Saturday Evening From  
Heart Failure

FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE  
FRIDAY AT 2:00 FROM HOME

Mr. Smith Closed His Store Saturday Night and Seemed in His Usual Health

M. O. Smith was stricken suddenly with heart trouble Saturday evening at about 10:30 o'clock and passed away within a few minutes at his home at 1103 Broad street. He had closed the furniture store only a few minutes previously and had seemed in the best of health.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Smith home at 1103 Broad street. Burial will be at Baxter. The funeral plans were delayed until the latter part of the week for the arrival of the children from California.

Myron Orville Smith was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Marshall Smith. He was born in Kirkwood, Ill. His father died when he was two years of age and he went with his mother and brother to live with relatives at Greenwich, N. Y. Seven years later his mother re-married and the family returned to Illinois, later locating on a farm in Montgomery county, Iowa. Still later the family moved to Red Oak, where Mr. Smith attended public school.

As a very young man he was associated with John Swope of Red Oak in the furniture business and continued in the furniture business at Red Oak for about 20 years. This was in a day when furniture came knocked

He was first married to Miss Hattie Frame. To them were born three sons: Marshall LaMar and Oliver Glenn Smith, both of Long Beach, California, and Orville Dale Smith who has been engaged in business with his father. The mother of these sons met a tragic death in 1897 from burns caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

In 1901 he was married to Miss Sadie Jontz of Baxter, Iowa. To this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Ward Hakes of Martinsdale, Iowa. Mr. Smith had seven grandchildren, six boys and one girl. One grandson, James Harold Smith, has lived with his grandparents since the death of his mother some years ago.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Methodist church, a regular attendant at the sessions of R. G. Coutts' Sunday School class, a member of the Elks lodge, the Yeoman lodge and of the Ben Hur Insurance association.

After his business experience in Red Oak Mr. Smith purchased a half interest in a furniture business in Indianola. The firm name was Proudfoot & Smith. That business association continued for something like four years when he went to California for a year. He then returned to Red Oak and purchased an exclusively undertaking business.

In August 1925 the Smith Furniture Company purchased the business on Broad St. formerly owned and conducted by C. A. Mellott and here Mr. Smith and his son O. Dale Smith have since been engaged in business.

Mr. Smith has made a place for himself in the business and social life of Grinnell and has been prominent in a number of community activities. He was a friendly man, careful in his business, and will be missed.