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**William Stecher**  
**Funeral Wed.**

William Elmer Stecher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stecher, was born in Grant Twp, Poweshiek county, Iowa, May 20, 1872 and passed away at the St. Francis hospital Sunday evening Feb. 5.

He was married in 1900. One child, Hazel, was born to this home August 15, 1901. Hazel died March 20, 1923 and the mother died May 19 of the same year. Since then, Mr. Stecher has lived a rather lonely life. His brother Alva lived with him most of the time, but Mr. Stecher felt the loss of his wife and daughter very keenly.

Mr. Stecher was a well-known successful farmer. He had many friends throughout the county. He was a member of the Farm-Educational and Cooperative Union of America. Every agricultural problem demanded his interest, for he was a real farmer in spirit and life.

His death came as the result of an auto accident, which resulted in pneumonia. In a little over a week after his accident, he was gone.

He is survived by the two brothers, Alva and Edward, who lives in London Mills, Ill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Methodist church conducted by Rev. W. J. Fowler. Miss Wilma Fowler was at the organ. Mrs. Floy Dempster and Rev. Mr. Fowler sang as a duet, "Face to Face." In spite of the cold weather there was a large attendance, evidencing the esteem in which Mr. Stecher was held. Burial was in Hazelwood.

wife was  
Ida Schmidt