

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1931. 4

W. H. Wesco Passes On

Genial And Friendly Life Reaches
Its Close After Long
Weeks Of Illness

END COMES AT ROCHESTER,
MINN., WEDNESDAY MORNING

Funeral Services Will Be From
Home Here Saturday After-
noon At 2:30 O'clock

News of the death of genial, friendly Will Wesco at Rochester early Wednesday morning brought a distinct feeling of sadness to countless Grinnell friends who had known Mr. Wesco well as he went in and out among us for so many years. A fine business man, a good citizen, a pleasant companion and a loyal and trusted friend was lost to Grinnell when Will Wesco went away.

The body was brought back from Rochester Thursday evening and funeral services are to be held from the residence at 521 Broad street at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. The Knights of Pythias and Masons will be in charge of the services at the grave in Hazelwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Gaylord Mowitt, Elmer Bortell, George Lewis, A. M. Burton, Ross Coutts, I. M. Harrington.

Mr. Wesco had been in failing health for the past two years, suffering from uraemia and during the last few weeks his condition had become acute. He left for Rochester Tuesday morning with his physician, Dr. E. B. Wiley, with his nephew, John Lewis, as driver, and on the way his condition be-

came so alarming that the last part of the journey was made by ambulance. Mrs. Wesco was notified of his critical condition Tuesday night and left at once for Rochester but he died at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning before she could reach his bedside.

William Henry Wesco was born Dec. 1, 1866, near Hamilton, Ohio, the son of Jacob and Mary Wesco. In his young manhood, about 1890, he came to Iowa to the farm of his uncle, Reuben Wesco, in Chester township. He remained here for five years and then after a brief course of study in the Capital City Commercial College in Des Moines, he came to Grinnell about 1897 to enter on his business life. He worked first in the Grange store, well remembered by old timers in Grinnell and then entered the grocery business, which was to engage his attention for fourteen years. He was first a partner with Andy Rinefort and when Mr. Rinefort sold his interest to W. S. Roby, the firm became Wesco and Roby and so remained until Mr. Roby's death. Mr. Wesco continued the business alone until he sold it to L. P. Jordan.

Later for five years he was in the coal business in partnership with B. E. Edwards and since that time he has lived quietly in Grinnell without engaging actively in any business.

Mr. Wesco was married on Sept. 16, 1903, to Nellie Jenkins. Theirs has been an ideal union and the Wesco home has always radiated an atmosphere of friendship and cordiality which has caused it to be eagerly sought by a wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wesco had no children, but for the past fifteen years John Lewis, Mrs.

Wesco's sister's son, has made home with them and they loved him as a child of their own.

Brothers and sisters are Sam Wesco of Middletown, Ohio; Theodore Mattox of Idaho and Mrs. Ma House and Mrs. Effie Ma. both of Middletown, Mrs. Carrie Wesco Foster of Chester and Frank Wesco of Newburg are cousins.

Mr. Wesco's life was centered in his home, his business and his lodge. He has been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge for about as long as any one can remember and always practiced and exemplified the precepts of that great order. For fully thirty years he has served as Keeper of Records and Seal in the Grinnell lodge. He was also a Mason, but his greatest lodge activity was always with the Knights of Pythias.

Homecoming