

OLE BAKKEN PASSES AWAY

Succumbs Sunday Evening After a
Brief Illness of Pneumonia—
Death a Surprise.

Again the Grim Reaper stretched forth his ruthless hand and removed from this community our worthy friend and prominent business man, Ole Bakken.

Seldom has it been our duty to record so sudden a death. A dark gloom spread over the whole community when it was whispered from one to another Sunday evening that "Ole Bakken was gone." Those words sound strange. Scarcely anyone outside of Binford had even heard of his illness and a large number were not aware that his condition was in the least critical until Sunday afternoon, when it was reported that the end was near.

Mr. Bakken was attending to his usual duties at Buchheit-Bakken Co. the previous Monday. During the afternoon he felt an attack of the grippe and returned to his home to lie down, and from then on he steadily grew worse, pneumonia and neurisy having developed. Dr. Truicini was called in consultation by Dr. Truscott Saturday evening, but their combined skill and attention were in vain.

Deceased was born in Seljord, Telmarken, Norway, Nov. 27, 1861, and died Sunday evening, April 7, 1906, making him 56 years, four months and ten days of age. He came to America in 1880 and settled in Stoughton, Wisconsin, where he remained for three years, and then moved to Iowa, and later came with relatives to Griggs county and filed a homestead in Bryan township. For two years prior to 1901 he served as deputy county treasurer and was then elected as treasurer, in which capacity he served four years. In 1906 he moved to Binford, becoming associated with Jos. Buchheit, J. A. Knapp and Stephen Rorvig in the firm of Buchheit-Bakken Co. He has been actively engaged as treasurer and bookkeeper with the firm since acquiring an interest. Mr. Bakken was married to Miss Myron, of Goodhue county, Minnesota, on Nov. 27, 1906. To them four children were born, Clarence, Thelma, Esther and Oliver. His death is an irreparable loss to the home circle. He was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent

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father.

His last words were expressive of peace in God and a willingness to depart and be at rest with Him. His cheerful, helpful life, his devotion to his wife and family and kindness to everybody will long linger as a fragrant memory in the home which his presence brightened and which death has now darkened.

The funeral services were held at the Norwegian Lutheran church, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. T. E. Sweger officiating, and paying a tribute to the memory of the deceased. The casket was covered with the most beautiful floral designs. At the close of the services an unusual long procession followed the remains to our silent city.

The pall bearers were: A. H. Overby, J. P. Vangen, B. A. Hermandson, Tollef Twedt, Mathias Rorvig and J. C. Thingelstad.

Ed Rhodes' Shop Burned.

Ed Rhodes' machine shop caught fire about noon Monday and building and contents were totally destroyed. He had just left the shop and had gone to the farm when smoke was seen issuing from the building. Some boys who were playing nearby went and looked in and saw fire at the work bench at the rear of the shop, and in a very few moments afterward the whole interior was a mass of flames owing to the fact that the woodwork and everything was dry and grease soaked. It was seen at once that there was no possible chance to save the shop, so all efforts were directed to nearby buildings and residences. A strong wind was blowing but nothing was directly in the path of the flames.

The loss of the shop was very great and could not possibly be replaced for \$5,000 as it contained almost every conceivable tool for repair work. Among the things lost was the large Mitchell car which was brought here last week from Minnesota.

No insurance was carried. Ed states that he will probably not rebuild.—Sutton Reporter.

I am prepared to do all kinds of team work, removing rubbish, etc.—F. H. King. Phone 53.