

FATHER AND SON DIE IN ONE WEEK

Death of H. M. Hanson and Son, Melvin Hanson, Causes Great Sorrow.

Death has taken its toll of two members of one family during the past week. Never has The Times had occasion to chronicle so sad a circumstance as that surrounding the death of Mr. H. M. Hanson, which occurred suddenly on Tuesday, and that of his son, Melvin Hanson, on Thursday, of last week.

There is no language at our command to fittingly portray the sadness which has fallen over our community and vain is any attempt to measure the loss to the bereaved relatives. In the presence of such sorrow, how cold and impotent are words. Such anguish cannot find solace in the tenderest words. None but those who have sat in the shadow of a great bereavement can justly weigh such a sorrow as this.

HANS M. HANSON.

H. M. Hanson, one of the old pioneers of this community, was stricken with paralysis at his home Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock and died at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Hanson arose at his usual hour in the morning and came down town to do his chores, after which he returned home for breakfast. While seated at the table he complained of feeling dizzy and commenced rubbing his leg which was giving him some pain. He left the table and sat on a couch in an adjoining room for a short time and then went to his room upstairs. At this time he was able to walk though he required some assistance. After getting into bed he grew steadily worse and soon became unconscious and remained in that condition until the end.

Deceased was one of the early pioneers of this community. Mr. Hanson was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Aug. 12, 1861. At the age of six years the family moved to Chipewa County, Minnesota, where they remained for 15 years. When he was 21 years of age he came to this state and took a homestead in Nelson county which he still owns. The family resided on the farm until the spring of 1916 when he rented the farm and moved to Pekin and remained until fall going from there to Cooperstown where he was engaged in the hotel business. Last fall he moved to Binford.

Mr. Hanson was married to Miss Ingeborg Danielson in 1882. Besides his wife, he has two brothers, Carl and Anton, of Maynard, Minn., and eight children who survive him. The children are Mrs. M. O. Wallum, of Lakota, Mrs. Martin Rood, of Sutton; H. B. Hanson, of Binford; Harry C. Hanson, of Pekin; Mrs. R. H. Gratas, of Saskatoon, Canada; A. M. Hanson, of McHenry. Mrs. Henry B. Hanson, and Clarence P. Hanson of Binford.

Funeral services will be held Sat-

urday forenoon at 9:00 o'clock, at the home in Binford, and will be in charge of the Binford Lodge I. O. O. F. of which he was a member. The remains will then be taken to the Bergen church and services held at 2 o'clock, Rev. Haugen of McHenry, officiating.

Mr. Hanson was a man of splendid character and numbered among his warm friends all of the old pioneers who knew him so well, and they will sincerely mourn his passing away.

He was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father, and to his friends the soul of fellowship. But the greatest of all he was a man. And, as such, it is that those who knew him best most love to contemplate him.

We can only remind those mourners that he is not dead, he is only asleep—resting after a long and well spent life here.

Behind the storm clouds always lurks the rainbow and when the storm is past it weeps upon the flowers of the land and the pearls of the sea. Darkness precedes the dawning and out of the blackness of night comes the sunshine and joy of the day.

MELVIN A. HANSON.

Melvin Adolph Hanson was born in Forde township, Nelson county, June 4, 1885, and died at 11:30 on Thursday forenoon, May 8, at St. Luke's hospital in Fargo.

Melvin was taken sick with influenza last September which left him in a very weakened condition. In February he went to Rochester for treatment and remained there for about six weeks, and then returned home. He continued failing and in April went to the hospital in Fargo where he was confined for 24 days, until death.

Melvin was married to Miss Mary Stahl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stahl, on June 29, 1909. Three children, all boys, were born to this union. They are Lawrence, age six years, Marvin, age four, and Thomas, aged nine months.

Since marriage, the family have lived on a farm in Eddy county nine miles north of McHenry.

The funeral was held Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stahl, Father Galvin of Grand Forks conducting the services. Interment was made in the Ottofy Catholic cemetery. The pall bearers were Melvin's four brothers, Helmer, Harry, Albin and Clarence, and Thomas and Francis Stahl, brothers-in-law. D. C. Best, of McHenry, was the funeral director.

His death has brought the bitter cup of sorrow to the lips of friends and relatives. His future was full of promise and we dare not ask why he was taken from us in his prime. It is sad, indeed, to see one so well equipped for life taken away, yet for him there was no standing on the border-land, gazing into the unknown, for death came as the sunset dies along the hills when the day is over.

To the broken hearted relatives who sit in sorrow where his footsteps shall never again find echo, we extend the sympathy of one who loved him as a brother.