

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock occurred the death of little Joseph Jesse Maurer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maurer, after a lingering illness lasting nearly five months. Death was due to spinal meningitis. All the care and medical aid possible was given the child, but only tended to prolong life, which, the relatives knew, would sooner or later, become extinct. It was hoping against hope. Thus over a happy home the shadow of a little grave has fallen; and, as another has said, it is wonderful how long a shadow a little grave can throw. This beautiful baby life was so precious, so fraught with blessing to his parents that he seemed a flower of paradise permitted to bloom for a brief season by their side, then recalled to its native skies, leaving the earth road for them dark and lonely indeed. Little Joseph was born Feb. 28 last, making him five months and twenty-one days old. The funeral services were conducted at the home, Rev. F. Horstmann, officiating.