

DEATH OF N. C. JOHNSTON

PIONEER OF ABERDEEN. FATHER OF DR. M. C. JOHNSTON FORMERLY OF THIS CITY.

Norman C. Johnston, a well known veteran of the civil war, pioneer settler of Brown county and the oldest mail carrier in the city in point of service, passed away at 4:30 o'clock this morning at his residence on ninth avenue east. He has been ill for several months with cancer of the stomach, the spread of which finally caused his death. A short public funeral service will be held at the residence on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. That evening the body will be taken to Hastings, Minn., where the funeral will be held and the interment made.

The deceased was born in Ohio in 1842. While still a boy he moved with his parents and brothers and sister to Hastings, Minn., in 1856. In 1862 at the age of 20 years he enlisted in the Seventh Minnesota regiment. His first service was in the Dakotas under General Sibley chasing the Sioux Indians through the Dakotas from Mankato, Minn. to Bismarck, N. D., after the Mankato massacre. He then accompanied his regiment south down the Mississippi valley and served under General Thomas at the battle of Nashville. He also took part in the battle of New Orleans and was also in the division that chased General Price of the rebel army through Missouri. He received an honorable discharge from the army at the close of the war and returned to Hastings, Minn., where on November 19, 1867, he married Miss Julia Thomas. For some years he followed the general merchandise business until the spring of 1881, when he came to Dakota, working as a bridge carpenter ahead of the railroad on the H. & D. division of the Milwaukee. In the spring of 1882 his family joined him and they lived on a farm a few miles south of this city. He afterward took a clerical position with George Bolles in 1893 and then soon afterward became the first letter carrier in this city. He served continually in that capacity until he resigned late last year owing to his infirmity. He received his star for fifteen years of consecutive service as letter carrier more than a year ago.

The deceased leaves beside his wife and son, Dr. M. C. Johnston, a mother, Mrs. Laura Johnston of Hastings, Minn., a sister, Mrs. S. N. Grenier of Hastings, and two brothers A. L. Johnston also of Hastings, and H. H. Johnston of Minneapolis.

Mr. Johnston was a member of the A. O. U. W.; the Masonic order and the G. A. R. In the latter organization he has been very prominent, holding besides numerous offices in the local post, an office in the state organization.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will have charge of the service at the house tomorrow afternoon.—Aberdeen (S.D.) Daily News, of March 19th.

The funeral of N. C. Johnston was held yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from his late residence on Ninth avenue east and was very very largely attended. The service was in charge of Rev. Dr. James M. Campbell, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, who delivered a touching tribute to the deceased. The quartet of the Presbyterian church, composed of Mrs. G. E. Countryman, Mrs. G. M. L. Erwin, T. J. Owens and L. Lager, sang Abide with Me and One Sweetly

Solemn Thought very effectively. The floral offerings were profuse and beautiful and beautiful.

The remains were sent last night to Hastings, Minn., where the interment will be made. Mrs. Johnston and her son, Dr. M. C. Johnston, accompanied the remains.—Aberdeen Daily News, of March 21st.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Elsie Luce is ill with throat trouble.

Read the ads. in the Pioneer It will pay you.

The Great Cooper Remedies at Wamberg's Drug Store.

R. Danskin returned from a trip into Iowa Tuesday evening.

See Frank Tillotson if you are in need of horses. He can suit you.

Dr. Fead was in Finley on professional business several days this week.

Mrs. W. J. White, of Portland Oregon, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. McLaughlin.

Correspondents wanted in every town in the county. Don't all speak at once, ye writers.

Mr. Hawley, of Casselton, is presiding over a chair in the Harness Tonsorial Parlors.

Eight pages, all home print, is what the Pioneer gives its readers each week. Read each page of it.

Union services will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday evening. Rev. Hitchcock will preach.

Spring must surely be here. The small boy and his marbles are in evidence on every street corner.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Washburn arrived home Tuesday evening. They have been visiting in Michigan for several months.

Please notice the page ad. of Dodd Bros. sale which occurs next Wednesday, April 4. Every thing goes to the highest bidder.

James Loney has gone to Alberta to look over a new land proposition. We understand he took several prospective buyers with him.

Your announcement should be published in the Pioneer if you desire to get your name before the people. Remember the fact that this paper reaches the largest number of people of any paper in the county—and is read by them.