

John Patterson Dead

Mrs. E. J. Pepper received a phone message this morning from Finley announcing the death of her father, John Patterson.

Mr. Patterson was one of the pioneers of this county, coming here from Illinois in the early eighties and locating on a homestead within a mile of the present town of Finley. "The Patterson home near Pickert P. O.", to the early pioneer was "at home" in all that the word implies; for all were welcome and his roof has sheltered many a sturdy pioneer during the early search for homesteads and travellers were equally welcome. He remained on the old homestead until about four years ago when he sold his farm and moved to Finley where he built a home and where he has since resided.

His death was due to dropsy, with which dreaded disease he has suffered for years.

Mr. Patterson was well up in years and had he lived until Feb. 2, 1907 he would have been eighty six years old.

He leaves an aged wife and a number of grown-up children to

mourn his death. The Pioneer joins a host of friends thruout the county in extending condolence to the aged wife and relatives in this hour of bereavment.

Fuel Situation Serious

If the present coal situation is not relieved within the next few days there is no telling what the result will be. There is not a stick of wood nor a pound of coal of any kind to be purchased at this point. It is not the fault of the loal dealers for they have certainly done their part in trying to take care of their customers. Merchant McLaughlin returned last Monday from Minneapolis, where he went to look up the situation and he says that it is certainly alarming. The railroads have issued an order that all cars of fuel shall have preference over everything else, which may help to relieve matters.

Later—A car of hard coal and a car of wood came last night to clear the situation.

A beautiful \$15.00 Gold Candelabra and two large \$5.00 vases will be given away at Fulmer's Jewelry store Xmas eve. For particulars call at the store.