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Word was received at Cooperstown last Thursday morning of the death of Nels C. Rukke, who passed peacefully away at the home farm in Pilot Mound township on Wednesday evening, April 15, 1903, at 6:15 p. m., from Brights disease. Mr. Rukke was first stricken with the disease 12 years ago but it did not become troublesome until 2 years ago and serious only two weeks prior to his death. He was born in Hallingdale, Norway, Dec. 24, 1841, and was 62 years, 3 months and 15 days old at the time he died. He came to Rock county, Wis., with his parents when five years old and lived there until 18 years of age then moved to Brown county, Minn. He enlisted in Company E Second Minnesota Volunteers when 20 years of age and served three years in the army, receiving two wounds during engagements. He was married to Miss Guro Odegard at Linden, Minn., Dec. 2d, 1868, as a result of that union eight children were born five of them now living, two sons, Will and Guy, and three daughters, Mrs. A. B. Parsons, Nellie and Elma. Mr. Rukke was one of the earliest settlers of Griggs county, locating here June, 1880. He was one of the first business men of Cooperstown and also one of the first county commissioners of Griggs county. He had always been a hard working man and accumulated considerable property, owning a very fine farm. He was open hearted and generous and much respected by his friends and neighbors. The old soldier's hand was ever ready to extend a warm welcome to every friend that stepped within the portals of his home. The bereaved family loses a kind husband and father and the county a good citizen. The funeral occurred at the Congregational church last Saturday afternoon at 2:30, one of the old soldiers, Rev. Oscar D. Purinton, conducting the last sad rites, and other old soldiers performing a last sad duty as pall bearers. The remains were interred in the Cooperstown cemetery.