

A. O. ANDERSON DEAD

Prominent Hannaford Citizen Succumbed to Diabetes, Last Saturday Evening.

Hannaford Enterprise: One of the saddest events in the history of Hannaford occurred Saturday, April 29th, at 8:20 p. m., when A. O. Anderson passed away, the cause of death being diabetes.

Alfred Oriado Anderson was born August 5, 1881, in Lake Mills Iowa, being the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson. At the tender age of seven years, his father died, leaving him the oldest of four children to earn his way through life with very little worldly means to assist him. During his early childhood he attended the Lake Mills high school, working at odd times to help his mother support the young children. He finished his high school course at the age of 17, being valedictorian of his class. Later he graduated from the business college at Chillicothe, Mo.

Immediately upon his graduation from business college, he was employed by the directors of the Farmers State Bank of Lake Mills as assistant cashier. They readily recognized in his ability a great business future. He remained in the bank at Lake Mills for six years, when he came to Hannaford and was elected to the position of cashier of the Griggs County State bank, filling his position so creditably that on the consolidation of that bank and the First National bank he was the unanimous choice of the new institution as cashier.

On August 15th, 1906, he married Miss Sadie Sinclair. Two children were born to them, Gregg Sinclair, on August 5, 1908, and Keith Alfred, on April 27, 1910.

In the fall of 1907 Mr. Anderson disposed of his interest in the bank and moved to Everett, Wash. It was while he was in the west that the dread disease which later caused his death showed its first symptoms. He returned to this state in the winter of 1908 and in March of that year organized the Citizens State Bank of which institution he held the office of cashier. In 1909, when the Citizens State Bank and the First National of this place consolidated, Mr. Anderson was elected president of the new institution.

In the summer of 1910 the republican party, recognizing in Anderson's ability and integrity good timber for a state representative, elected him at the primaries and later at the fall election as Representative from the Sixteenth district. The high esteem in which Mr. Anderson was held was shown in the fact that he was the people's choice at this election, the office being tendered him without the least solicitation on his part. That the people used good judgment was demonstrated by the manly and intelligent way he handled and voted upon the many important issues presented to him as representative.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Cooperstown, and of the Presbyterian church in which institution he was always a helpful attendant.

He leaves, beside his wife and two children, a mother, Mrs. A. Anderson; a sister, Mrs. W. M. Weed, of Lake Mills, Iowa; and two brothers, Asher and Andrew, to mourn his death.

We are sure we express the feeling of the entire community when we extend to the bereaved relatives our most heartfelt sympathy. While it seems hard that a young man with such an exceptionally bright future before him should be taken away from this world and his family and relatives to whom he was so dear, his conduct while with them will ever be a consoling memory. By the mother he will always be remembered as a dutiful, unselfish, loving son, always ready to extend a helping hand in the matter of providing for the young brother and sister. By the younger brothers and sister he will ever be remembered as more of a father than a brother, early assuming the heavy responsibility of acting as their counselor and guide, setting them an example of manly conduct, and parental love and affection, encouraging them to ever apply to him for help with the assurance that they would always receive it. To the wife the memory of his affectionate demeanor, his encouraging words of love, his bright sunny disposition and appearance, even when suffering great bodily pain, will be a remembrance which she will impart to their two babies with words of love, teaching them to follow in their father's footsteps. Of the public at large no man can say he ever went to A. O. Anderson in trouble and did not receive sympathy, in want and did not receive help, discouraged and did not come away encouraged. No man need be told he was a Christian, no man need be told he was a gentleman, for actions speak plainer than words. Even in the last years of his life when suffering from the terrible disease which reduced him from a

hearty, robust man to a condition in which his early friends hardly recognized him, did he ever refuse or neglect to offer a helping hand to one in need. He did not complain of his lot being a hard one, but when he needed to be consoled he got his consolation from consoling others.

As Robert C. Winthrop has said: "The noblest contribution which any man can make for the benefit of posterity, is that of a good character." This heritage A. O. Anderson has left to his children.

Editor's Note: The funeral was conducted by Northern Light Lodge No. 45, A. F. & A. M. of this city, of which lodge the deceased belonged. Rev. Oscar D. Purinton, chaplain of the lodge, preached a very feeling and appropriate sermon. Fifty Masons went down to Hannaford to assist in the impressive ceremonies. Bro. Anderson was a faithful Mason, and the local lodge has lost a valued and honored member.

BINFORD ITEMS.

(From the Times).

Miss Bertha Watne, the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Watne, died Tuesday night of pneumonia, after an illness of only 24 hours. Miss Bertha was a bright and cheerful girl. She always had a smile and a pleasant word for her friends. Her death comes as a dark shadow to friends and to her relatives who loved her so dearly. The funeral will be held from the Lutheran Free church tomorrow, Friday, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., Rev. O. Swenson conducting the services. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the sorrowing relatives.

The big improvement day that was inaugurated by the Commercial club on Monday, was a bigger and better affair than was even expected, and as a result the roads leading to Binford are in much better condition. About forty of our citizens, armed with spades, picks, crowbars and other apparatus drove out Monday morning and when the day's work had been completed, all the stones in the roads within a radius of about four miles from town, had been picked out and thrown aside. The largest number of the party went out on the road up north as the road there needed the most attention. The old road between sections four and five, in Addie township, which has been abandoned for a number of years, was cleared up to the point where the road angles across the section, and it is likely that the land, or part of it at least, will be fenced to prevent further driving across. It was a strenuous day's work and they were a tired looking bunch when they returned in the evening, and a whole lot worse the next morning, but they had accomplished their purpose so far as possible, and there is no question but what the result will be conducive of a more harmonious spirit between the citizens of the village and our rural friends.

Mrs. John Rickford, who has been a patient sufferer of Bright's disease, for nearly a year past, died at her home north of town early Tuesday morning. Deceased was born in Germany, January 5th, 1842. In 1861 she was married to Mr. Rickford, and in 1881 they emigrated to this country, settling first at Casselton, and the following year moved to Nelson county. There they remained until 1888, when they moved to West Superior, Wisconsin, returning to Griggs county in 1890, where they since made their home. Eleven children have been born to them, six of whom are living. Besides a husband and six children left to mourn the loss of a wife and mother, there are twenty-four grand children and two great-grand children. After a long, busy and useful life she died as she had lived—honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was completed if work all done and well done constitutes completion. Her Christian life was beautiful from its beginning to its close, and through all the vicissitudes and sorrows that she met in the way, her faith in God never wavered. But she has gone and another grave hides from sight all that is mortal of a true and noble woman. The funeral was held from the West Prairie church Wednesday, Rev. F. Horstman conducting the services. A very large number of loving friends were present to pay their respects to the departed.

LAND THAT BLOWS.

As there is always some trouble from land blowing in some part of this state, and as there is considerable trouble already experienced this year in regions where it is unusual, it is time to consider what can be done to stop it.

Straw spread thinly over the field will keep it down with the least injury of anything that can be used as an emergency measure. This will have to be done after the seed is in, as the straw litter will clog the drill or harrow or whatever is being used on the land. The harder the wind blows the better will the straw be