

# STELLA WATTLES DEAD

Former Teacher in Cooperstown Public Schools Passed Away at Ellendale, January 2.

Dickey County Leader: Last week, Miss Stella Wattles arrived home from Cooperstown where she has been teaching since the opening of the fall term, apparent in her usual good health, with the exception of a slight cold. In a day or two she complained of not feeling well and finally, on last Wednesday went to bed feeling very ill, in fact alarmingly so. Drs. Merchant and Lynde were summoned and after carefully diagnosing the case, pronounced a slight attack of pneumonia, but not enough of this symptom to cause the high state of fever in which they found their patient. The doctors, it seems, were unable to discover what the other complications were positively, but think blood poison germs were present. All that medical aid could do; all that loving hands could accomplish proved unavailing and the patient passed unconsciously from life unto death.

Friends during the few days of her sickness made anxious inquiry, and expressed words of sympathy for the family and hope for the recovery of the beloved daughter and sister, and were shocked beyond measure when on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2, that death had overpowered medical science and loving care and claimed Miss Stella Wattles as its own.

Stella Wattles was born in Ellendale, July 6, 1891, and with the exception of a few years on the farm, lived here all her life. She graduated from the State Normal-Industrial School in 1910 and in the fall of that year taught school at Bathgate, N. D., where she gave excellent satisfaction. Her first year at teaching proved her the making of an able educator. This year she accepted a position in the Cooperstown schools and was making good in this position. Her sudden and untimely death will be sad news to her pupils and friends in Cooperstown, with whom she shared the pleasures of the closing days of school at the Christmas season, and with whom she parted so joyously two weeks ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and also of the Yoemen, joining the later organization at Bathgate and in which she carried a thousand dollars life insurance.

The funeral service was held at the family residence January 4, Rev. Morrison, of the Methodist church conducting the services. Interment in the Ellendale cemetery.