

MRS. R. J. KINNEY.

By kindness of the Courier I will let our friends in Griggs county know how my daughter, Mrs. R. J. Kinney, came to her untimely death. She was the picture of perfect health if there ever was one, and one man said after her death he would have guessed at the least forty years yet for her (she was 27) but it was to be otherwise. She had for a few days been complaining of sore throat, and on Sunday, the 16th of June, called a doctor, who gave her a gargle, but that did no good and as her throat was swelling so she could not eat he decided it would be best to lance it, which he did Monday afternoon, but it gave her no relief. He was going to lance it again at night but as she had not slept for a night or two she asked him to give her something to put her to sleep. He injected morphine into her arm and left her asleep, and she never came out of that sleep.. We do not know whether the doctor gave her too much morphine, or whether her heart was weak. My son, Dr. Rukke, said he should know that a certain number of those cases go bad—from what we told him he said it was quinsy, but we do not blame the doctor. It surely was a hard blow to me, brother and sister. This is the second daughter I have lost here in Seattle. Nellie, four years older, died four years ago. She had had heart trouble for some time, so her death did not come as a surprise, but Elma was as healthy as anyone could be, and her sudden death was a great shock to us. Her husband had gone north three weeks before. He was, and had been for a long time on the Alaska road commission. He had to be recalled by cablegram and a boat held for him for twenty-four hours at Seward. Elma died the 17th of June and he reached Seattle the 28th. We kept body until he came and the poor man was simply heartbroken, but we hope and know that in time he will forget, as we all have to do. We must all try to bear it as best we can, and all the nice letters I have had from friends and acquaintances is a great help.

Respectfully,

Mrs. N. C. Rukke.