

## Another Pioneer Gone.

The Courier is again called upon to chronicle the death of another pioneer citizen and business man. Last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock Hon. Julius Stevens quietly passed away into the great unknown kingdom after an illness lasting several months—lung trouble. The family had given up hopes of his recovery but none realized that the end was so near. Deceased was conscious to the end, and only a few minutes previous to his death he expressed himself as being all right if he could only gain a little more air, alas for the tickleness of human life, those remarks were only the forerunners of the grim reaper and in a short time after his tired spirit had winged its flight.

Julius Stevens was born in Norway in 1855 and would have been 44 years old next May. His mother died in Norway, and he, with his father and the rest of the family came to the United States in 1872 and settled in Fillmore county, Minn. In 1879 he moved to Valley City, N. D., and to Cooperstown in 1883, where he has been engaged in the hardware business up to the time of his death. In 1883 he was married to Miss Julia B. Iverson, and as a result of that union four children are left to mourn the loss of their father. Ida, the oldest is 15, Oliver 14, Leo and Freddy two younger children. In 1885 Mr. Stevens was elected to the territorial legislature from this district being its first representative, and made a painstaking representative of the people. In business he was upright and courteous and was one of Cooperstown's most progressive business men. He was a member of Griggs Lodge No. 13, Ancient Order of United Workmen and carried \$2,000 insurance in that order.

The funeral ceremonies were held Tuesday afternoon in the Lutheran church, Rev. E. T. Silness officiating in the Norwegian, Rev. O. D. Purinton in English and assisted by Griggs Lodge, No. 13 who attended in a body, and used part of their funeral service at the church. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at this place. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved family.