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The above telegram created a great deal of consternation among the many friends of the deceased in Cooperstown. For several years he was the editor of this paper and for two terms was Griggs County's representative to the legislature, where he was recognized as one of the foremost men of that body. He left Cooperstown in 1889 and went to New Whatcom, Wash. where he, in company with John Evans of Valley City, purchased the Bellingham Bay Reveille, daily and weekly.

Frederick H. Adams was born in Vergennes, Addison County, Vermont, in 1851, of Scandinavian ancestry, who settled in Vermont in 1850; he was a student of the University of Vermont and was graduated from Lafayette college in the class of 1873, and afterwards (1874) from the law department of Union University, and was admitted to the bar the same year; he practiced law in San Francisco for three years as a member of the firm of Higby, Van Schaick and Adams, and came to Dakota in 1878, where he engaged in the law and real estate business and afterwards purchasing the Griggs Courier from its founder, E.D. Stair, which plant he held until May 11, 1889 when he sold the paper to its present owner (Percy R. Trubshaw). Mr. Adams was a writer of more than ordinary ability, and was making a mark for himself in the sound country. He had his faults like all men, but not withstanding these, he was a broad-minded, liberal man, and the Courier with a large number of friends, regret to hear of his untimely death.

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