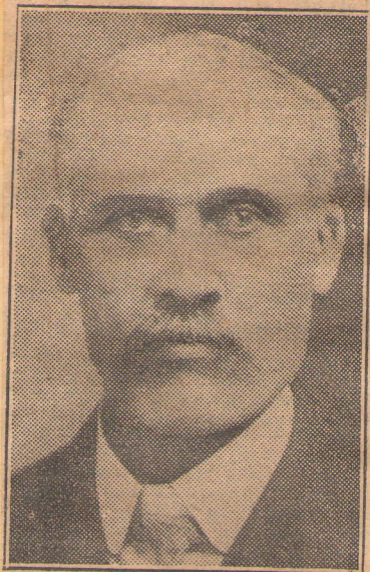


Leader for 50 Years



A power in the civic affairs of Finley and the political history of Steele county, Steen H. Nelson, 74, died in Fargo today.

Born in Wisconsin

Mr. Nelson was born in Waushara county, Wisconsin, of Scandinavian parentage on Nov. 20, 1854. He received a common school education there before making his way westward to Dakota territory. He was married in 1882 to Bertha Marum, also of Mt. Morris, Wis.

Surviving are three sons, Norris, Steven and Arthur Nelson, who make their homes on the land he homesteaded near Finley, and a daughter, Mrs. M. L. Dinsmore, Spokane, Wash. Two children died in infancy and Mrs. Nelson died in 1896 at Sherbrooke, Steele county.

He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Peterson and Mrs. Annie Thompson, residing at Wautoma, Wis.

Mr. Nelson was confirmed in the Lutheran church but later became a member of the Methodist church.

Arriving in Valley City in 1880 on his way to Steele county, Mr. Nelson walked the 50 miles to the site where he took up his homestead west of Pickert, a few miles from Finley.