

WILLIAM PRATHER.

William Prather was born in the state of Indiana, March 1834. He grew to mature manhood in his native state, where, in 1857 he was married to Miss Martha L. Longmore. To them were born nine children. Four of these have preceded them to the grave. The five surviving children, three sons and two daughters, all grown to maturity, are living in Grinnell and vicinity.

In 1864 he was mustered into the army as a member of Co. E, 161st Indiana Volunteers, and served to the end of the war. To his army life he attributed the beginning of the trouble which brought him to his untimely end. In the early part of the winter his final sickness attacked him, and several times it was thought the end was near. But he rallied and was able to go out on the street and attend church, the latter of which was greatly prized by him. He was thought to be improving, but was attacked violently again and suddenly passed away about 11 o'clock p. m., Jan. 7th, aged nearly 64 years.

He was a good man, possessed of a large and generous nature; was a kind husband, father and neighbor, a devout Christian, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and died, as he had lived for a number of years, in the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The funeral was conducted at his late residence on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. J. E. Corley, and at the grave by the G. A. R.

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