

FERGUSON, FRANK E.  
October 3, 1869-January 1, 1904

The community mourns the death of one of its brightest and best young men.

Frank E. Ferguson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ferguson, passed from this world Friday evening, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, death coming quite suddenly and apparently without the least suffering.

In the accident which befell the deceased on Wednesday of last week, the details of which were given in our last issue, internal injuries were sustained, which proved of fatal character, and although every effort of loving and grief-stricken friends could devise could stay the hand of the Grim Reaper, the inexorable decree had seemingly gone forth, and some hours before final dissolution came, the attending physician had almost no hope of his patient's recovery.

Frank E. Ferguson was born at Tanganoxie, Leavenworth county, Kansas, October 3rd, 1869 and was thirty-four years and four months old. The family moved from the Kansas home to Laramie county in 1875, and here the deceased grew to manhood's estate. There was no section of the county with which he was not familiar, and hardly a resident on the ranches of this section of the state with whom he was not acquainted, and who did not class him as a friend. Mr. Ferguson was ever upright in all the walks of life, and his congenial demeanor never faltered or changed, and to know him was to value his sterling young manhood and his exemplary character. Few deaths could occur in the depths of our acquaintance which could cast a greater gloom or which would be more sincerely mourned.

Funeral services were held at the Wheatland M.E. church Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, and the edifice was crowded to utmost capacity. As the remains were conveyed from the family home to the city, they were taken to the Masonic hall, from which place they were borne to the church at the appointed hour, under escort of the Masons, members of this order, and those of the Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member, attending in a body. The services at the church were deeply touching and impressive. Rev. DeLaBarre spoke feelingly from a hopeful view of death, dwelling at length on a promise of immortality and the better life beyond. A special choir composed of Mrs. G.W. Watkins, Mrs. C.R. Trenholm and Messrs. Caley and Grant rendered appropriate selections in a beautiful manner, with Miss Lambert as accompanist.

The pall bearers were F.N. Shiek, S.A. Moore, G.T. Goodrich, P.J. O'Connor, H.E. Tisch and F.L. Potter.

The funeral cortege which accompanied the remains to the Wheatland cemetery was one of the largest in the history of the city, nearly fifty carriages being in the procession. At the grave, the impressive burial rites of the Masonic order were rendered, Past Master, O.F. Tisch being in charge, and all that was mortal of the late brother and friend were consigned to the tomb.

The deepest sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved parents and relatives in their deep hour of irreparable sorrow.