## MERRILL, LOUISE, M. JESSUP July 23, 1832-December 23, 1912

Mrs. Louise M. Merrill, one of our most highly respected citizens, died on Monday, December 23, while being brought to town from her ranch near Owen for medical treatment. Mrs. Merrill had been in poor health for several months, but her condition was not considered serious until a few weeks since when she suffered a paralytic stroke.

Mrs. Merrill moved to this place from Nebraska ten years ago, and has since resided here.

She made innumerable friends since her residence here on account of her kindly disposition and true Christian spirit. She possessed an exceptionally bright mind, being highly educated, and was a most pleasant and entertaining conversationalist.

Louise M. Jessup was born in Newark, N.Y. on July 23, 1832, being over eighty years of age at the time of her death. She was married to Herman W. Merrill, a West Point Cadet, in 1854, who preceded her to the great unknown a number of years ago.

The deceased is survived by two sons, E.P. Merrill and M.R. Merrill, both of this place.

Mrs. Merrill took a great interest in church and lodge work, and during her residence in Nebraska, was for a number of years Grand Lecturer of the Order of the Eastern Star of the Grand Lodge of that state. She was also at one time Department President in Nebraska of the W.R.C. and was still an active worker in both orders until her health began to fail within the past few years.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. R.F. Paxton, and interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery.