

Death of B. A. Upton.

It is with deep regret that the COURIER has to Chronicle the death of our much respected citizen Benjamin A. Upton, which occurred at his farm home last Sunday morning about 1 a. m., after a long sickness and a heroic fight for his life. The cause of death was from acute tuberculosis. Mr. Upton was taken sick early in December with rheumatism and with one exception had not been out of the house since. He was stricken with what was thought to be pneumonia several weeks ago and was recovering. He got up and was a little indiscreet and suffered a relapse which ended in his death. He has been a very patient sufferer and fought hard for life but the grim reaper gathered him in. Benjamin A. Upton was born in Waterford, Maine, September 12, 1854, and was 49 years old last September. He has one younger sister living at Portland, Maine. He and his partner Edward C. Butler, have been together since February 1877, and were as two brothers. They came to Griggs county in May 1882, and have operated their large farm together ever since. His death is a hard blow to Mr. Butler, Ben, as he was familiarly called, being a solid staff on which to lean. He was a man of many good qualities inclined to be a little rough on the exterior, but he was a brilliant diamond in the rough. Nobody in need of a helping hand and deserving ever got turned down by him. His heart was large and his hand was ever open to a friend. He was what we call one of nature's noblemen and the editor of this paper can recall many acts of kindness done by him. All who know him loved him for his good works and his memory will be kept green by a multitude of friends all over the county. He leaves a wife and little daughter to mourn the loss of husband and father. This little family certainly have the sympathy of us all. The funeral took place at the Congregational church, Monday afternoon at 1:30, the ceremonies being conducted by Northern Light Lodge No. 45, A. F. & M., of which lodge he was an honored member. The sermon, a very touching one was preached by Rev. O. D. Purinton. The remains were laid to rest in the Cooperstown cemetery. A delegation from the Masonic lodge of Hope attended the funeral as well as members from other points around here.