

MRS. SINCLAIR PASSED AWAY

Former Binford Resident Suddenly
Stricken With Paralysis and
Died After Few Hours.

News of the death of Mrs. James H. Sinclair, of Kenmare, was received here with profound sorrow last week. The Sinclairs were residents of Binford for two years, from 1906 to 1908, Mr. Sinclair being cashier of the First National bank from its organization until their removal to Kenmare. Deceased was a favorite with our people, and their hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved family.

The following obituary is reproduced from the Kenmare Journal:

"The people of Kenmare and vicinity were shocked beyond measure on Wednesday of this week to learn of the sudden death from apoplexy of Mrs. James H. Sinclair, wife of James H. Sinclair, state representative from this district and one of Kenmare's most influential citizens. Beloved by all who knew her, Mrs. Sinclair's untimely death has cast a mantle of gloom over the entire community and hosts of friends throughout the northwest mourn with the bereaved family and relatives. The members of the family were prostrated by the shock, death coming after a period of unconsciousness lasting a day and a half.

On Monday as was her custom, Mrs. Sinclair spent the day looking after the family washing. She remarked in the evening that she felt unusually tired and after passing a restless night, on Tuesday morning about six o'clock, she was taken with a sudden chill. This was followed almost immediately by unconsciousness. When medical aid was summoned, it was found that a blood vessel had broken in the brain, causing paralysis of the entire right side of the body. The hemorrhage in the brain resulted in death shortly after the noon hour on Wednesday. Although the members of the family waited with breathless agony for the return of consciousness, the beloved wife, mother and sister passed away without regaining control of her faculties and that parting which often allays grief never took place. Medical skill was powerless to render aid, the only hope being that the hemorrhage would stop from natural results. The break, however, occurred within the brain and near the base where the entire nervous system is centered.

Laura Retzlaff was born on September 18, 1887, at St. Ansgar, Iowa. In 1893 the family moved to Cooperstown, Griggs county, North Dakota, where her girlhood and early womanhood was spent. In 1898 she was married to James H. Sinclair, the young couple residing in Cooperstown until the spring of 1906 when Mr. Sinclair came to Kenmare where he has successfully engaged in the land and loan business. May K. Retzlaff, the only sister of the deceased, has made her home with the family in this city. A husband and four children are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. The children are James, aged 16 years, Eleanor, aged 14 years, Muriel, aged 10 years, and Daniel, aged 8 years. In addition to her sister, Miss Retzlaff, of this city, Mrs. Sinclair leaves two brothers, her parents having passed away some years ago. The deceased was a member of the Rebekahs and Eastern Star and was recently delegate from the local Tuesday Club to the State Federation of Women's clubs. She was an active worker in the church and social circles in which her loss will be keenly felt. Fred Sinclair, a brother of the bereaved husband, reached Kenmare early this morning and will accompany the remains to Cooperstown where interment will be made by the side of her parents in the family burial ground.

More words are inadequate to express the loss suffered by this community in the death of Mrs. Sinclair. Her many virtues as a wife and mother are exemplified in the devoted and sterling qualities of

the bereaved family; her place in the community as a friend and neighbor find their real evidence in the sorrow stricken hearts of hosts of Kenmare citizens. A womanly woman in all the name implies, Mrs. Sinclair was ever ready to lend her thoughtful and able assistance to enterprises of a civic nature. Hers was a cheerful disposition that overrode obstacles and disappointments and lead the way to success. She was essentially a home builder but she also found time to give of her ability to the community in an affective way. As a neighbor and friend she so endeared herself to the immediate neighborhood in which she lived that her demise has left a sense of irreparable loss that even time can never wipe out. It is seldom indeed that The Journal is called upon to chronicle the death of one so loved, who apparently in the splendid health and in the fullness of life and service to her family and to the community has been called by death. To say that the sincerest sympathy of the people of Kenmare is extended to the bereaved ones is to put it in the commonplace the emotions of men and women to poignant for mere words."

Slightly Mixed

An editor went to church the other day and was called upon to lead in prayer, when he responded as follows: "Almighty and kind Father, who doth from Thy throne look down on the government of delinquent subscribers, most humbly we beseech Thee to draw near unto them and whisper a few things into their ears that statute forbids us to print. Thou knowest our wants but the subscriber knows them not and seldom stops to inquire. Let it be known to them that there are patches on the homestead on our pants, and that there is an aching void in the front of our back, and that we hunger and thirst and he asks us not to come and sup with him. Thou knowest, Lord, that our ink and print paper costs money, but the subscriber knoweth it not and careth not a great deal less. Thou knoweth we are cold and the subscriber bringeth not the wood he promised, and we are shivering and shaking and shaking while he roateth his shins before the red hot fires of his mother. Tell them all things, dear Lord, and if he faileth and bringeth no succor, banish him to the lower regions, to dwell among the Republicans and calamity howlers, and thine shall be the praise and glory throughout our newspaper career. Amen"

Valley City Patriot. Mrs. M. Messner, of Moore, Mont., who has been visiting in the city at the home of her father-in-law, Paul Messner, and also at the L. A. Wood farm, left Wednesday evening for a few days visit at Enderlin. Mrs. Messner will return to the city Friday evening and will leave Tuesday for Minot and points in Canada, where she will visit with relatives enroute to her home in Montana.

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