

H. CLARENCE BERG

IS CALLED TO LAY DOWN THE DUTIES OF THIS LIFE BEFORE HE IS WELL BEGUN.

One of the saddest deaths which it has been the duty of this paper to chronicle for some time is that of H. Clarence Berg which occurred on Thursday, March 26th, at the home of his parents in Courtenay. It is unusually sad because of the fact that he was a young man of exemplary habits, one whom we could point out as a model young man in the community, one whose example was felt for good and an uplift to those who came in contact with him; such a young man as is needed in this age of the world when there is so much to be done in the way of reformation and elevation of the younger generation in this as well as every other community. It is hard to understand why a young man of this type should be called away just as he stood at the threshold of life with all its possibilities for good and achievements along various lines; but he is gone and those who are left to mourn his loss can find comfort in the fact that while his was a short life it was a useful one, and who knows but that by his death at this time he has accomplished more than though he had lived. In this thought there is consolation for his parents and friends who knew him best.

H. Clarence Berg was born at Cooperstown on September 25, 1886, where he lived until the spring of 1897 when he removed with his parents to Courtenay where he has since resided and where he was educated in the common schools, receiving his common school diploma on March 21, 1902, from County Superintendent Lyon. He afterwards attended the Courtenay high school for two years and later spent one year at St. Olaf college at Northfield, Minn. In the fall of 1905 and the winter of 1906 he attended Aakers business college at Fargo where he received his diploma. In the summer of 1906 and the year of 1907 he assisted his father in the machinery business, except a short time during the fall when he was engaged by the Stutsman County Bank. He again entered school during the winter of 1908 when he took an advanced course in banking at the Aakers Business college, and in March of the same year took a position with the First National Bank at Turtle Lake, N. D. which position he held until he was taken down with the sickness which caused his death.

On Washington's birthday he contracted a severe cold while out skating and this settled on his lungs. On March 12th his brother George went to Carrington to meet him and bring him home. Upon his arrival a physician was called and from that time until the time of his death everything that medical skill and care could do was done for him, but it was all of no avail, he had to go, and on March 26th as above stated he succumbed to typhoid pneumonia.

The funeral was held from the Luthern church in Courtenay on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Boyd of the Presbyterian church and Rev. Dybvek, pastor of the Luthern church, officiating. Out of respect for the family and the high esteem in which the deceased was held both of the banks of Courtenay

were closed during the entire day and the balance of the business houses were closed from 1:30 to 4 o'clock, during the funeral. Rev. Boyd made some appropriate remarks regarding the life of the deceased that were comforting to the bereaved parents and helpful to the young people of the community especially. Rev. Dybvek delivered a very touching sermon and also drew some practical lessons from the pure and noble life of the departed.

The floral tributes were exceedingly lovely, large and beautiful wreaths being presented by the young men of Courtenay, the young ladies of Courtenay, one by his cousins at Cooperstown and Hannaford, one from the school teachers of Courtenay, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Stoddard, Dr. and Mrs. C. Sanning, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Aaker, one from the temperance lodge of which he was secretary at Turtle Lake, also one from the president of the bank in which he was employed at Turtle Lake and the lady with whom he boarded and a large number of others which we are unable to mention.

A choir of young people, assisted by Mrs. Dybvek, rendered some appropriate and beautiful music. The occasion was a solemn one indeed and there were many wet eyes during the services and as the father and mother viewed the remains of their dear boy for the last time the scene was pathetic in the extreme.

The services were concluded at the grave side in the Courtenay cemetery where the remains were laid to rest.

Card Of Thanks

To the many friends who devoted their services so cordially and bountifully during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved son and brother, and for the beautiful tributes of respect for our departed one before and at his burial, we desire to express our keenest appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollef Berg.
George E. Berg.
Wallace Berg.

Oat Crop Neglected

The raising of oats in this state is a crop that it would pay farmers to give more attention to, in the matter of quality. Last fall receipts of oats at Omaha, were noted and it was seen that there was no No. 1 grade received. Of the receipts for the months of September, October and November, only 3 per cent went No. 2 grade and only 54 per cent graded No. 3 while the greater part of receipts went No. 4 and no grade. Oats are a profitable crop but has been neglected. Commenting on this fact the Homestead says:

We have been paying a good deal of attention to the breeding of live stock, but we have almost neglected one of the most profitable lines of development in agriculture. It is probably true that today, in the state of North Dakota, the oat crop returns more net profit per acre to the farmer than does the raising of wheat or flax, and yet of the cultivated crops it receives the least consideration. It is sown late, the seed often going into the ground without cleaning. It is put upon the poorer soil. In short, oats gets the short end of the deal, so far as the farmer is concerned. And yet, because of the almost ideal climate and soil of the Northwest, North Dakota produces a quality and average yield of grain almost unexcelled.

"What returns might we get if we paid proper attention to the cleaning of our seed, its proper sowing on well tilled land, and proper selection of seed."