

PIONEER SETTLER PASSES AWAY

C. E. RANEY SUCCUMBS TO OPERATION FOR REMOVAL OF TUBERCULAR GLANDS.

Saturday evening at nine o'clock at the Platou hospital in Valley City occurred the death of Charles E. Raney, one of the pioneers of Courtenay, from tubercular glands with which he has been suffering for a number of years.

Mr. Raney's trouble was of long standing, and was caused indirectly by an operation fourteen years ago after an attack of pleurisy when he had a portion of two ribs removed. At first only one gland on his right side was infected but as years passed on the disease spread until the whole chain of glands were in bad condition and at the time of the operation his system was in such a shape that he had not the vitality to withstand the shock and quickly succumbed to the disease. He had only been in the hospital a short time, leaving here May 11th.

Mr. Raney was born in Ottawa, Minn., Sept. 17, 1869, and was 40 years of age at the time of his death. He had only a common school education and took a business course in St. Paul where he worked with one of the large wholesale houses of that city for three or four years. Leaving St. Paul he went to Melville, N. D., where he was employed on a farm for a year, and later came to Courtenay where he has been running a pool hall since that time. He has always been a quiet, peaceable man, charitable in all cases, well liked by everyone and leaves a host of friends to mourn his loss.

His domestic affairs did not turn out very satisfactory, and he was divorced from his wife in 1906. A boy, now nearly 17 years of age, was the result of their union and it is expected that his estate will pass into his son's hands as soon as he can be notified of his father's death. The boy is supposed to be living somewhere in the coast country with his mother but so far friends have not been able to get word to him.

He leaves, besides his son Chase, two brothers and eight sisters, most of whom are married and widely scattered. The remains were shipped to his old home in Minnesota for interment.