

MRS. P. E. AHEARN DEAD

She Passed Away Monday Evening after an Illness of only a Few Days

It becomes the sad duty of the Gazette to chronicle this week the death of Mrs. P. E. Ahearn on Monday evening after a very brief illness. She was in unusually good cheer on Christmas eve and bought presents for the children, remaining up after they had all retired to arrange the surprises for Christmas morning, retiring at a late hour. Christmas morning she did not feel as well as usual and did not arise but her condition was not regarded as serious, and it was not until Sunday that medical attention was given her. In spite of all that could be done she continued to fail rapidly and passed away on Monday evening. The cause of death was uraemic poisoning.

Clara Richardson was born in Madison, Wisconsin, on December 20th, 1856, being forty-six years and nine days old at the time of her death. On May 28th, 1876, at the age of twenty years, she was married to P. E. Ahearn at Freeport, Minnesota, and to them have been born twelve children, eleven of whom are still living. She was a devoted wife and mother and was held in the highest esteem by those who knew her best.

Prior to coming to Courtenay they lived on a farm in the vicinity of Glenfield and moved to Courtenay last March, when Mr. Ahearn engaged in the jewelry business. She was of a quiet and reserved disposition and spent most of her time attending to her household duties and the rearing of her large family of children, most of them being yet quite young. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved husband and children.

The funeral was held on Wednesday forenoon and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Wimbledon.