

Death of Chas. W. Getchell.

The following account of the death of Charles W. Getchell is from the Bismarck Tribune of Friday.

Charles W. Getchell, private secretary to Governor Frank White, died at the executive mansion in this city at 12:40 o'clock Christmas morning. For several weeks Mr. Getchell had been in a critical condition, and several days ago the physicians in attendance held out no hope for his recovery. He suffered from heart weakness, following a long attack of rheumatism, and the heart was so enfeebled that it was unable to afford sufficient blood nourishment to the other organs of the body. Although weak and kept alive by the use of powerful stimulents, the sufferer's determination to overcome his weakness and throw off his illness kept him aliye for several days beyond what was believed to be the limit of his endurance. While realizing that his condition was grave, he held an apparently earnest hope of recovery, and never surrendered in the face of the grim enemy—Death. Christmas eve, however, exhausted nature demanded its rest, and he sank into unconsciousness which was followed by death just as Christmas day was ushered in.

Christmas day brief funeral services were held at the house, Rev. Jass of the Knights Templar reciting the Masonic prayer for the dead, in the presence of the members of that order, who gathered at the executive mansion in the afternoon. With them were the members of Company A of the state militia, members of the Knights of Pythias and the fellows of the deceased in the offices of the state capitol. All were visibly affected at the sad ceremony, at the close of which the coffin, draped in the American flag, was placed in the hearse and conducted to the depot for transportation to Valley City, where the funeral services were to be held, and the body interred. The hearse was escorted by the Knights Templar in uniform, Company A of the state militia, and the Knights of Pythias. The pall bearers were W. A. Brown, W. G. Matchan, E. H. Walker, G. A. Rawlings, R. L. Best and A. L. Woods. As the coffin was borne from the hearse into the depot four trumpeters of Company A sounded taps.

The remains were taken to Valley City on the afternoon train, accompanied by an escort of Knights Templar consisting of W. F. Cochrane, A. T. Patterson, M. J. McKenzie, J. H. Marshall, Joseph Hare and N. F. Boucher. Governor White also went to Valley City with the mother of the deceased young man, who has been here in attendance upon him.