

Peer Stromme

Died Thursday

Peer Stromme died at his home in Madison, Wis., last Thursday. Mr. Stromme is known to many of our readers, as he has lectured in Hammond on different occasions, and through his connection with "Normanden" at Grand Forks.

Mr. Stromme was born September 15, 1856, at Winchester, Wis. His parents came to this country from Telemarken, Norway, in 1848, and were among the first settlers in Wisconsin.

In 1869, when the boy was thirteen years of age, he was sent to the Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, graduating in 1876. Later, in 1879, he was a student in theology at Convent Seminary, St. Louis. Following this he was ordained and served in the ministry at Hendram and Ada, Minn., until February, 1886, when he moved to Buffalo county, Wis.

In that year he accepted the professorship of mathematics, Latin, English and history at St. Olaf's college, Northfield, Minn.

In 1888 he became editor of the Norden in Chicago, removing from there several years later to assume the editorship of Superior Posten at Superior, Wis. In 1895 the presidency of the academy at Mt. Horeb, Wis., was offered him, which he accepted. From then on he was engaged exclusively in newspaper work, especially as editor of Amerika at Madison, Wis., with which he was connected until 1898.

He became editorial writer for the Minneapolis Times and later editor of Politiken of Minneapolis. Later still he was made editor of the magazine Vor Tid.

Mr. Stromme was also known as an author, having written and published two novels, and also throughout the northwest and west coast as a lecturer.

It was in October, 1910, that Mr. Stromme became connected with Normanden at Grand Forks, reporting the session of 1911 for that paper and also the Cowan case in the same year. On June 5, 1911, he began a series of trips, visiting all the principal countries of the globe and writing in this connection for Normanden.

Since 1916 Mr. Stromme has been actively and has traveled less, but kept his articles for Normanden until a few months ago. A number of his manuscripts are on hand at the Nor-