

January 18, 1932

WM. BLAIR, PIONEER, EXPIRES TUESDAY

END COMES TO GROTONITE AF-
TER YEAR'S ILLNESS; FUN-
ERAL FRIDAY

Wm. Blair, one of the county's early pioneers and a highly respected citizen of this community, died at his home a short distance east of Groton, Tuesday night at 11:00 o'clock, following an illness from which he has been suffering patiently for the past year or more. He was 77 years of age at the time of his death.

Mr. Blair was one of the first settlers to locate in this section of Brown county. Together with his two brothers and a sister, he came to Brown county in the spring of 1881 and proved up on land west of Groton. Later he moved to his present home, having been a resident of Groton for the past 50 years.

He was born in New York City, September 30, 1854, and later removed with his parents to Chicago, where they remained for about a year. The family then went to Wisconsin, and in the spring of the above mentioned year, three Blair boys and their sister joined the great army of home seekers who were searching for new lands in a new country. They migrat-

ed to South Dakota, established their homes and have since been leading citizens of this community.

His wife died about 17 years ago, and no children are left to mourn his loss.

He is survived by two brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Tom and John, of Groton, while the sisters are Mrs. William Larson, of Westby, Wis., and Mrs. Jack Harris, of Oakeaton, S. D. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. They will be conducted by Rev. Luther Benson, pastor of the congregation and the remains will be laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved relatives in their hour of sorrow.