

March 8, 1926

O. H. Miller, Pioneer Business Man, Dies From Effects Pneumonia

O. H. Miller, a pioneer business man of this city, and long identified with the progress of Groton, died at his home here Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock following a several weeks' illness of pneumonia. His end came shortly after he had partaken of a bowl of broth, and at a time when he was apparently showing more rapid recovery than he had shown since his illness. Doctors, hastily summoned, pronounced his death to a gradual weakening of the heart, coupled with his illness.

Mr. Miller attended the automobile show held in Minneapolis a month ago, and it was while there he contracted the fatal illness which ended his life. Upon his return home he had been confined to his bed, but at times there had been great hopes that his recovery was not far distant. Relapses, however, and the intense suffering which afflicted him, proved too much for his constitution, and his end came peacefully as he smiled at the nurse bending over him.

Mr. Miller was one of the oldest business men in point of actual participation in Groton. He came to this section in the year of 1882 and taught school around Groton for a time. Later he entered the employ of Kempter and Iberg. His services were eagerly sought and he had at times been identified with several business concerns in Groton and with the Olwin-Angel company in Aberdeen. In about 1896 he and his brothers started the store now known as Miller Bros., and about 1900 the Miller Mercantile company. Both of these concerns are recognized as some of the leading business enterprises in Groton.

This long line of business brains is being gradually weakened through the inroads death has made upon it. A. A. Miller, one of the senior partners of the firm died some time ago. Albert Miller, who had made his home in California for years, expired last summer, and Henry Mueller, the only man of this long line of brilliant and noteworthy people, still lives to carry on while the others have dropped off.

Mr. Miller's death came as a blow to this community which has learned to rely upon his sober judgment and unfailing integrity in business mat-



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ters, and upon his Christianity and genteel attitude towards all classes of humanity in his every day life.

Mr. Miller was born at Marquette, Green Lake county, Wis., April 3, 1868 and was almost 58 years old at the time of his death.

On May 19, 1897, he was married to Miss Carrie Yaukey, and to this union two children were born—Vance E. Miller, who is now living in this city and Carrie Lalie Miller, who died when she was about six months of age.

On June 26, 1912, he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Ingelse, his present wife, and to this union two children were born, Gale and Norman Miller, both of whom are living.

Mr. Miller was also a Mason, belonging to the local chapter of Free and Accepted Masons. He was raised to an E. A., on November 2, 1911, and F. C. Feb. 22, 1912, and took his final degree on March 2, 1912.

Mr. Miller leaves surviving him his wife and three children, Vance, the eldest, and Norman and Gale, a brother and sister, Henry Mueller and Mrs. E. G. Rehfsuss, of this city.

At the time of going to press no arrangements had been made for the funeral.

March 25, 1926

MILLER FUNERAL HELD SATURDAY

SORROWING FRIENDS FOLLOW
REMAINS TO THEIR LAST
RESTING PLACE

The funeral of O. H. Miller, public spirited citizen, pioneer business man and active church worker, was held from the Methodist church Saturday afternoon, with Rev. C. B. Harrold, of Huron, for seven years pastor of this body and a very close friend of the deceased, in charge, and assisted by Rev. Zech and Rev. Ray, present pastor of the church.

All business houses in Groton closed during the hour of the funeral and townspeople by the hundreds gathered at the church to pay their respects to the departed. The church was unable to hold the monster crowd and some unable to gain admittance, gathered in the streets and waited until the funeral rites were held, and then followed the remains of their esteemed fellow citizen to their last resting place in Groton cemetery.

The interior of the church was literally banked with flowers, friends and competitors alike of the departed had sent to pay their last mark of respect and esteem. The pulpit held many beautiful floral offerings, and the casket which held the remains was showered with beautiful bouquets.

Hymns were sung by a quartet, composed of Miss Blader, Mrs. J. J. Warkentin, R. W. Bradshaw and R. F. Reynolds, with Mrs. R. W. Bradshaw at the organ and Mrs. T. E. Gage at the piano. Mrs. Warkentin sang a solo.

Rev. Harrold, who conducted the sad rites, spoke feeling of the goodness of the departed, and told of many little incidents which brought out in a vivid portrayal the strength and character of the deceased and his unassuming, modest, yet active work in behalf of humanity as a whole.

At the conclusion of the funeral services those who were inside the church passed sadly by the funeral bier for a last look at a friend upon whom they had learned to lean and trust, after which the body was taken to Groton cemetery and laid to rest. Pall bearers were A. Clay Darling, T. E. Gage, W. B. Miller, H. W. Cassels, O. I. Bierman and Charles E. Adams, while honorary pall bearers were J. D. Feller, John Townsend and R. N. Von Tobel.