

November 17, 1910

W. C. ALLEN

The mention of the death at Minneapolis last week of W. C. Allen, gave but brief details. His death occurred very suddenly in the Masonic Temple of that city, where he had been occupied for years, and where he had issued a Masonic publication and acted as secretary for many of the Masonic divisions. The night before his death he had rested well. During the forenoon of last week Wednesday he complained of feeling tired. Entering the office of a friend in the building, he dropped down upon a couch to rest. In a few moments thereafter came the end.

For many years he was the victim of weak heart action and Dr. Smith, who was his physician through several hard sieges of sickness, long ago, predicted that the final summons would come suddenly.

W. C. Allen was a native of Canada, coming to Wisconsin, and later to Minneapolis before settling in Groton at the inception of this town. It is difficult to think of any civic event of these early days in Groton, without recalling the commanding pres-

ence and directing hand of W. C. Allen. His prominence in local affairs extended farther in any statewide matter in which he took a hand. In Masonry he became Grand Master of the state. Politically he was secretary of the Republican state central committee, back in those early days when A. C. Mellette was governor of the state, and during a most memorable campaign.

His social life was a striking trait of his character. During those early days he created strong friendships among people in all walks of life, and news of his death brought a pang of deep regret to many a heart.

The funeral occurred on Friday, with Masonic honors, from the home and Masonic temple. Mr. J. Wilson was the only Grotonite present, owing to the brief notice, but the Groton colony now living at Minneapolis was out in force. E. T. Taubman and Gov. Herried, in addition to his sons were present from Aberdeen. The body was deposited in a vault, and the place of final interment has not as yet been decided upon.

In addition to being a charter member of Groton Masonic Lodge, he was likewise a charter member of the A. O. U. W., of this town and held his membership in those orders at the time of his death.

His son Walter, now engaged with the Dakota Farmer at Aberdeen, will remain in Minneapolis for several weeks to settle up his affairs.

November 10, 1910

W. C. ALLEN DIES

Last night's News reports the death of W. C. Allen at his home in Minneapolis. Very meagre particulars are given. No man was more prominent in the affairs of this locality in the early days than Mr. Allen. In masonic circles he held a foremost place, having served as grand master of this state. During the late summer he was out on a trip, and was at that time the picture of health.

Just as The Independent goes to press a message is received from Will Allen stating that his father's funeral will occur at Minneapolis tomorrow afternoon.