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ELMER COLE

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Elmer Leander Cole was born Sept. 6, 1864, in Eureka Township, Montcalm County, Michigan, where he grew to manhood. In 1885 he came to Brown County, South Dakota, settling on a farm north of Groton, later moving to a homestead near Putney, where he resided until 1909.

On January 15, 1896, he was united in marriage with Florence E. Stitt of Gary, S. D. To this union were born twin sons, Kenneth E., who survives, and his brother who died in infancy. His wife preceded him in death on May 8, 1928.

In 1909 he moved to Claremont, where he was engaged in the general mercantile business until his retirement in 1932. From 1936 until the time of his death he made his home with his son and daughter-in-law, at Hillsboro, Oregon.

He passed away March 17, 1953, at the age of 88 years, six months and eleven days.

Mr. Cole was active in civic affairs, serving several terms in the South Dakota state legislature and holding numerous local offices. He was a life member of Cement Lodge No. 103, A. F. & A. M., Claremont, S. D., and a member of the Methodist church for over half a century. He was a devoted christian, giving freely of his