

July 27, 1933

ANOTHER PIONEER EXPIRES SUDDENLY

**R. N. VON TOBEL, 76, DIES OF
HEART FAILURE MONDAY
AFTERNOON**

R. N. Von Tobel, a highly respected pioneer of Groton, died at his home here Monday afternoon from the effects of a heart attack, his death occurring at about half past five.

Mr. Von Tobel had apparently been in the best of health until a short time before his death. Sunday evening he came down town for a short period and upon his return home, stopped for a chat with cronies at the Richards Service Station. When he started to resume his walk home he felt weak and members of the family came for him in the family car. Upon arriving home a doctor was called and he confined Mr. Von Tobel to his room for a period of rest. No one thought his condition was as serious, and on Monday afternoon, shortly after he was attended by his wife and daughter and they had left the room, he breathed his last.

And thus another one of the hardy pioneers of this community hit the long, long trail and went exploring into another land. Perhaps the journey will not be as difficult as that he experienced back in 1882 when youth's fire and ambition placed him in the vanguard of those who settled our boundless prairies, nevertheless the trip "back home" is attended with all the sorrow the death of one of our first citizens inspire.

Deceased was born in Paris, Can., Dec. 16, 1856, but his home was at Buffalo, N. Y., having seen the light of day in the Dominion while his parents were there on a visit. He came to South Dakota in 1882, settling on a homestead in Rondell township, but along in 1883 moved to Spink County, where he lived until 1904 when he came to Groton. He has since made this city his home. In 1882 he was married to Miss Amy Gilles, the ceremony taking place in Aberdeen. Three children were born to this union, all of whom are living and together with their mother, and a brother and sister of the deceased are left to mourn his loss. The children are Rudolf and Frank of Verdon, and Miss Maude of Groton, while Mrs. Jane Dodge, of Portland, Ore., and Rudolf Von Tobel, of Lewistown, Mont., are his other immediate relatives.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30, at the Presbyterian church. Rev. E. W. Spence will conduct the obsequies, and the remains will be laid to rest in Groton cemetery.