

# Death of V. M. Babbitt.

At his home in this city, Saturday morning, December 15, 1906, V. M. Babbitt, aged 64 years, 3 months and 12 days.

Vernon Marion Babbitt was born in Allegany county, N. Y., Sept 3d, 1842, and lived with his parents on a farm and attended the country school till he entered Alfred university which he attended till the call for volunteers. He was with the 1st N. Y. dragoons, Co H. cavalry, and was in several battles and wounded in the left temple and carried a bullet in his back the remainder of his life. After he was honorably discharged at the close of the war he returned to Alfred university, where he graduated, then began teaching in that state. In 1873 he was married to Sabra E. Rogers and they came to Rockport, Mo., where he had charge of the schools of that place. In 1875 he moved to this city, where he had charge of the school for 2 years; then 2 years at North Platte; then came here again to the school and during that time he, with Mr. J. Burdick, bought out the grocery business of D. C. Stratton, which they ran till the big fire in 1881. Afterward, with W. W. Price, he opened a hardware store in the building now occupied by A. B. Edee, till he sold out and went to Wichita county, Kas., and located a soldier's claim which he proved up on and returned to Pawnee and began teaching again. He carried \$2,000 life insurance in the A. O. U. W., of which order he was a member. The three children born to him, Jessie M., Lila E. and Lucy O. were all at home to help their mother care for him during his last illness.

The funeral was held from the family home Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. Whitman. Interment was had in Pawnee City cemetery.

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We wish to express our thanks to the many kind friends and especially the A. O. U. W. lodge, G. A. R. and W. R. C., for their words and deeds and beautiful flowers, during the sickness and death of our loved husband and father.

Mrs. S. E. Babbitt and Daughters.