

## "Bill" Barnick Dies of Heart Attack

The people of Sandstone and Pine county were stunned Tuesday, Feb. 11, when it became known that William H. Barnick, the jovial auctioneer of Sandstone, had passed away that morning at 8:15. The cause of his death was given as heart trouble. He did not feel well Saturday and was ordered to bed by the doctor. The family was informed that he had a bad heart, but that undoubtedly he would recover, after a much-needed rest. About five o'clock Tuesday morning he began to suffer considerable discomfort in breathing and passed away quietly a few hours later.

William H. Barnick was born at Minnesota Lake, June 7, 1881, a son of William and Caroline Barnick. He came to Pine county in 1902 with his parents and settled on a farm north of Groningen. He assisted his father in the auctioneering business and cried his first sale at the age of 14 years. The Barnicks became well known in this profession as William Barnick, Sr., obtained the first license to auctioneer in Minnesota and William, Jr., followed in his father's footsteps. Mr. Barnick was very active in community affairs as he was town and school clerk, justice of the peace and one of the directors of the Finlayson district school while he resided in that section.

On December 1, 1904, Mr. Barnick was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Splinter. They lived on their farm and also carried

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on the auctioneering work. About 1920 they moved to Sandstone, where Mr. Barnick also carried on an extensive business in second hand and new merchandise.

Mr. Barnick was a member of IOOF, WOW and MWA lodges. He was Past Noble Grand of the Odd Fellow Lodge and at the time of his passing was a trustee in this order.

He was as jovial a person as one could ever find. His business associates were always pleased to have him enter their place and hear him call out joyfully "Everybody Happy?" If he found his friends discouraged and gloomy he always tried to raise their spirits with a new joke or a pat on the back.

Funeral services will be held at the Congregational church, Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., Rev. H. T. Owen officiating. The remains will be laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery at Finlayson. The service at the grave will be in charge of the Sandstone I.O.O.F. lodge No. 228. The active palbearers will be members of the Oddfellow Lodge: Gust Gjertson, Arne Hokstad, Oscar Carlson, Sigfred Johnson, E. B. Greenwald, and Vernon Colby. The honorary palbearers will be Martin Zieler, Svend Andersen and Chester Greenly of Sandstone, Victor Shafer of Finlayson, W. M. Englund of