

Death of Frank LaRue.

The death of Frank L. LaRue under such sad and tragic circumstances was a shock such as seldom comes to any community. That he was a man of numerous and strong friendships was abundantly proved by the feeling of depression and sadness which existed. Mr. LaRue had lived so long in this county, had been prominent for so many years in the business affairs of the town and county, so helpful in all cases calling for public or private charity and so unostentatious in bestowing it, so ready to grant favors and so highly esteemed as a friend and companion, that his death brings a keen sense of loss to hundreds and is a deep personal grief to them. Generous in the extreme, liberal and public-spirited, a friend to every man in need and helpful in his friendships, there are hundreds of people who will always remember him in kindness and whose sorrow for his troubles and their terrible end will be deep and genuine. Although a comparatively young man himself scores of young men owe their start in life to him and he was always ready to assist them with advice and in more substantial ways. Few men received so many requests for favors of all kinds and fewer still had such a habit of granting them. A genial and pleasant companion, a likable and popular man, with personal and social qualities such as attracted others to him, his death is sincerely mourned. For the family which was so dear to him, to the wife and son, the aged father and the sisters, the utmost sympathy is felt.

Frank Lander LaRue was born in Lansing, Mich., February 27, 1862, and was the youngest son of Franklin and Amelia Chapin LaRue. He came west with his parents in childhood, their home being for a time at Creston. He was a member of the high school class of 1881 in that city and left school three months before graduation to assist his father in business in this county. He also took a six months' business course while in Creston [of J. N. Mehan, afterwards founder of the Capital City Commercial College of Des Moines. In 1882 he entered the office of county treasurer of Adams county under J. M. Frederick. After six years' service as deputy he was elected county treasurer, serving one term.] He declined a re-nomination to accept a position as cashier of the Corning State Savings Bank, in whose organization he was prominent and whose doors were opened for business in 1890. About four years ago upon the retirement of A. F. Okey from the bank he was elected president of the institution.

The funeral, which was in charge of the masonic order, was held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A brief service was held at the house by Dr. Ewing and Rev. M. V. Higbee and the remains were then taken to the cemetery under the escort of the Masons and the Knights Templar, a large delegation of the latter being present from Creston. At the grave Rev. Ira P. Clark conducted the masonic services, which were very impressive.