

Obituary – Legler

May 17, 1859 - June 12, 1917

George Legler, mention of whose death was made in The Messenger last week, was born on May 17, 1859, at New Glarus, Wis., and was baptized on Sept. 25th of the same year. The early years of his life were spent in that vicinity, where he was confirmed in the spring of 1876.

When a young man he came to Monticello and engaged in business, conducting a meat market for a time. He subsequently located at Luverne, Iowa, and remained there for a period of two years after which he again returned to Monticello and engaged in the livery business. He was successfully engaged in this venture for a number of years but finally disposed of the business and turned his attention to farming. In the fall of 1894 he purchased a farm near Argyle and it was here he spent the remainder of his life. He always took a great deal of pride in keeping his farm well improved and in a high state of cultivation, and at the time of his death was numbered among the most progressive and successful farmers in LaFayette county.

On March 3, 1892, Mr. Legler was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Baumgartner, a native of Washington township, and to this union were born three children – two sons and one daughter, all of whom survive him.

The deceased had always enjoyed good health until a year and a half ago when he became afflicted with diabetes. His ailment failed to yield to medical treatment with the passing of time, and other complications subsequently developed which hastened the end. About two weeks ago his condition became so serious that he was taken to a Freeport sanitarium, but even the skilled medical attention and care which he received at this institution proved unavailing. He quietly breathed his last at 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning June 12, 1917, at the age of 58 years and 25 days.

Mr. Legler was a man who enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow men to the fullest extent. He was always upright and honorable in his business dealings, and as a neighbor and friend he was ever spoken of in praiseworthy terms. He was closely devoted to his family, and was ever kind and considerate in his relations with those near and dear to him. The bereaved widow and children have the sincere sympathy of all in the great and crushing sorrow that has befallen them. Besides his immediate family he is survived by one grand child, six brothers and two sisters.

His remains were brought here from Freeport Tuesday evening and taken to the home of his brother-in-law, J. C. Steinman, from whence the funeral was held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with services at the German Reformed church one hour later. Rev. Muehlmeier officiated and burial was in Highland cemetery.

The services were largely attended, many friends and neighbors being present from Argyle as well as other neighboring places.