

## **John Richards**

**February 8, 1849 - Aug. 30, 1899**

### **IN MEMORIAM**

The funeral of the late John Richards, of Monticello, who died Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, was held last Friday afternoon, at the residence. Rev. R. W. Nichols conducted the services. The Odd Fellows and Modern Woodmen lodges had charge and attended in considerable numbers. The business houses of Monticello were closed in respect to the deceased, who was so lately among them. A large concourse of other friends was also present to evince their sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved ones. A wife and four children survive a kind father and dutiful husband, an exemplary, upright man; a law abiding citizen. John Richards was the son of James and Elizabeth Bartle-Richards, born in Cornwall, England, February 8th, 1849. He was brought by his parents to this country when 3 years old. The family resided in Iowa County until 1866 then removed to Mt Pleasant. In 1870 Mr. Richards married Martha J. Lewis, and engaged in farming. In 1877 he began a mercantile career, which closed with his life, and in which he was fairly successful. Part of the time he was engaged in the store at Monticello and also traveled for a wholesale Chicago house. He also engaged in the printing business and founded the Monticello Messenger. Mr. Richards was a contributor to this paper for several years, and acquired a taste for the work. He had opinions, which he expressed without fear, yet with a due regard for those who held contrary views. We had known him well for many years, and were always

glad to meet him, and converse with him. We heard of his death with sincere sorrow, and his family has our sympathy in their greater loss. C. A. B.