

### **Mrs. Henry Wagner Dead.**

After an illness extending over three years, Mrs. Henry Wagner passed away at her home here last Friday morning, Nov. 27th, 1925, at 7 o'clock.

Elizabeth Beitchel was born June 10, 1856, at Wunderthausen, Westphalia, Germany. She was baptized and confirmed during her childhood, and raised and educated in her home town, where she was united in marriage to Henry Wagner on Dec. 18, 1875.

Six years later, in 1881, with her husband and two children, she came to America, settling first at St. Louis, Mo., where they lived until 1886, when they moved to Wheatland. Here they lived for several years on the farm now owned by the Riedesel Bros., then retired to the town residence which has since been their home.

She was the mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters, all of whom survive her. She possessed that true mother nature that made her "Mother Wagner" to the youngsters who grew up with her own children, and her home was always "open house" to them all. She was a good neighbor, ever thoughtful of the welfare of her many friends, ready to help in any way and at all times.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, four sons, Albert, of Wheatland; William, of Hartley; Louis, of Ocheydan; Otto, of Everly; three daughters, Mrs. P. A. Schneider, Mrs. Hugo Ballhorn and Mrs. Walter Morgan, all of Wheatland; also eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at 1:30, and at St. Paul's Reformed church at 2:00, with burial in St. Paul's cemetery. Rev. Wm. Bollmann, who officiated, gave an excellent sermon and paid fine tribute to the departed who had all her life been a most ardent Christian woman.

Besides the three sons, William, Louis and Otto, from the western part of the state, others from out of town who attended the funeral were Dr. W. C. Moravek and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moravek, of Davenport.

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Her birth name was Anna Elisabeth Beitzel.

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