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Mr. Lins returned to Eagle and engaged in the stock business with his brother on his father's farm until 1867, when he formed a co-partnership with S. E. Newstadt, at Eagle. In 1869 the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Lins built the brick store now occupied by the Partridge company. In 1878 he built the brick store now occupied by M. S. Bovee and acquired large real estate interests at Eagle. Among them the Eagle lake property and the celebrated Minnehaha Springs. His abilities and qualifications were soon recognized and in 1872 he was chosen chairman of the town board on the Republican ticket, although the town was a Democratic stronghold, and again elected to that office in 1887, 1888, 1889. Was county treasurer in 1877-8, member of the Wisconsin assembly in 1881, state senator in 1884. Mr. Lins did much to improve the village of Eagle and its surroundings, gave liberally to the poor. About six years ago he was appointed to a position in the capitol building at Madison under Gov. Scofield and remained there until appointed to a position in the U. S. revenue office in Milwaukee. Mr. Lins was married in 1872 to Miss Mary Witte of Eagle, daughter of the late Carl and Sophia Witte.

The funeral took place from the residence of his brother, Edmund Lins, in Eagle, Thursday forenoon; interment in Oak Ridge cemetery. Eagle Picket Post and Joseph Baily Post, G. A. R., of Palmyra, attended in a body.

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Mr. Lins leaves surviving him, besides his widow, one brother, Edmund, and one sister, Miss Louise Lins, two of his sisters, Anna Thiele, and Elizabeth, and two brothers, Carl and Martin, having preceded him in death. We all extend our sympathy.