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Death of Marvin H. Bovee.

A dispatch from Whitewater says Marvin H. Bovee, well-known throughout this state and the United States as a lecturer against capital punishment, on which subject he had written a book which has run through several editions, died at his residence in that city Monday night after long suffering from a complicated disease of the liver and stomach. Mr. Bovee was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., in 1827, and at the age of 16 he came to Wisconsin with his parents, settling at Eagle. After teaching school for several years he was elected senator for Waukesha county. While at Madison he introduced a joint resolution instructing the senators in Congress to support the homestead bill, which was passed and forwarded to the national capital. Twenty years ago he established at Waukesha the state reformatory for boys upon a new idea. He became convinced that that the only way to effect a reform was to surround the youthful criminal with good influences, treat him kindly, and teach him to be industrious. During the last thirty years he delivered over 1,200 public addresses to the legislatures and the people of nearly one-half of the states of the union.

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