

OBITUARY

Theodore J. Sprague

Theodore Joseph Sprague, the oldest son of Joseph Sprague and Ann Elizabeth Bovee, was born on the Edwin Ely farm, in the town of Eagle, Waukesha county, Wis., Dec. 23, 1848. His death came on Dec. 17, 1924, making his age 75 years, 11 months and 24 days.

The first two or three years of his life were spent near Minnehaha Springs. Then his father bought the farm where he has lived ever since, save for an extended visit to California, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

He was a conscientious and painstaking worker. Truth and honor were sacred words to him, which his daily life indicated to all. He could not tolerate intemperance in any form. He was well read on many and varied subjects. Farming, his life work, was also to him his most interesting topic. Many books on agriculture and farm papers found their places on his desk. At one time he wrote "Surprise Farm Notes" for The Eagle Quill, which were timely comments on farm work. For the past few years he has seldom been away from home, though he was always interested in the news of the day; glad, too, to hear of old friends or to make new ones from those who came to his home. Most of all, his heart was filled with his children and their work. He was ever a kind, loving husband and father, as well as a good neighbor.

On Nov. 23, 1885, he married Fannie King of Genesee, Wis., who preceded him in death eight years ago. To them were born five children—Alice, Jesse, Sidney, Oren and Delia. The home circle was broken when Oren was taken, over ten years ago. Seven small grandchildren, too, will sorely miss him. Many other relatives and friends also mourn his departure.

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