

### **Obituary Notice.**

WESTERN METHODIST:

Isaac G. Rhine, was born in Blackford Co., Indiana, July 18, 1850. He removed with his parents to Falls City, Neb., in 1865; was married to Miss Mary Martin, August 18, 1870. He was cruelly assaulted and murdered in his own home at Welston, Okla., about 1 o'clock A. M., Feb. 2, 1898. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in August, 1868, since then he had been a consistent and faithful christian until his tragic death. His life was such that no evidence was needed to prove his readiness to meet God; yet it pleased the God to give opportunity for testimony, as in the few hours he lingered after the fatal shot, he gave many strong assurances of peace with God and of implicit trust. He had obeyed the command, "Be ye also ready," and was ready to depart and be with Christ.

It now appears that he was killed for his honorable efforts to defeat criminals and uphold law and order. His death, though sudden and unexpected, was as truly that of a martyr for truth as was the death of Geo. C. Haddock; and as much for his country as if he had fallen in battle for its defence. We still believe "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord," and say in this case "servant of God, well done." Brother Rhine leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss; also an aged mother, sister and two brothers. He was a friend and neighbor of rare merit, a kind and loving husband and father. In his death the family and friends suffer an irreparable loss, the church loses a faithful son, and society and the country, a man of rare ability and helpfulness. The funeral was held at Welston where he had been postmaster for some time before his death, and a large crowd of people evidenced the high esteem in which he was held. The body was taken to Falls City, Neb. for burial.

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