

(Waukesha Freeman)

The death of B. A. Hoffman, "Ben" to nearly everyone in the city, causes general sorrow. Still young, full of energy and enterprise as long as his health permitted, a firstclass "booster" by temperament and training, father of a large family of young children, a genial friend, a good citizen, his death is sadly premature and pathetic.

Mr. Hoffman came to Waukesha as editor of the Waukesha Herald. He remained with The Freeman, after the consolidation of The Freeman and The Herald for several years. Then he went to Delavan to become editor of The Delavan Republican and later returned to Waukesha to accept the position of secretary of the Association of Commerce. He made an excellent officer of that organization, giving it a force and influence in the city that it had not had before. Incidentally he served as promotion officer for many worthy public undertakings of various kinds and was especially helpful in the playground movement.

He had many admirable qualities as a newspaper man, had done newspaper work in many capacities, and loved the newspaper. He was full of the zest of life, of activity, of progress. Of him it might be said, as it was said long ago of another, who died prematurely, in one of the most famous funeral orations ever written: "He had not passed on life's highway the stone that marks the highest point, but being weary for a moment lay down by the wayside and using his burden for a pillow, fell into that dreamless sleep that kisses down his eyelids still. While yet in love with life and raptured with the world, he passed to silence and pathetic dust."

(Antigo Daily Journal)

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The death of Bernard A. Hoffman, who grew to manhood in Stevens Point, is a sad example of the uncertainty of human life. Mr. Hoffman, although never exceptionally robust, was aggressive, full of ambition and had, up to recently, every prospect of enjoying at least the average span of existence. During his many years of service as a newspaperman, in which he was at times quite closely associated with the present publishers of the Daily Journal, he displayed marked ability and upheld the best traditions of the craft. His death will be keenly regretted, not only by his friends in Stevens Point, but also by scores of newspaper workers throughout the state, among whom he was well known and highly regarded.

Waukesha Editor and Business Man Dies

Feb 15-27
Waukesha, Wis., Feb. 14.—[Special.]—B. A. Hoffman, 38, secretary of the Waukesha Association of Commerce and city editor of the Waukesha Freeman for several years, died at his home here early today after a short illness. He is survived by his wife and seven children. Mr. Hoffman was forced to resign the office of city treasurer a short time ago because of ill health. *Daily Tribune Chicago*

Brother Hoffman Succumbs

Our Council was deeply grieved during the past month to learn of the death of B. A. Hoffman, of Waukesha. The members will recall that he was a very faithful and loyal worker for our Order, and held the office of lecturer of this Council for sometime while in Delavan. Brother Hoffman was a member of this Council for some four years, and his untimely passing brings a great shock to our local brothers.



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