

Obituary - Central Missouri Republican, 27 Jan 1898

WILLIAM P. BACK

Death has again invaded our community and this time chose for his mark a young man, who but a week or so before was the picture of health. William P. Back died at his home about seven miles from Boonville on Thursday, January 20, 1898, after a short illness of pneumonia. His condition was not thought to be serious until the day before he died and his sudden taking away was a great shock to his many friends. He was born in Boonville July 4, 1863, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Back. January 10, 1892, he was married to Miss Emma Garthoffer, who, with three little children, survives him. The funeral services were held in Boonville at the Evangelical church at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the pastor, Rev. Kamphausen, officiating. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the church was crowded with relatives and friends of the deceased, many of whom followed the remains to Walnut Grove cemetery. The services were under the auspices of the Boonville lodge of the Woodmen of the World of which the deceased was a member. He also belonged to Boonville lodge No. 23, Royal Tribe of Joseph, the members of which attended the funeral in a body. In both of these orders he carried insurance to the amount of \$3,500. Mr. Back was universally esteemed as a good citizen and, in his death, the community has suffered a severe loss. To the bereaved widow, parents and children, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.