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## L. O. NELSON FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Veteran Newspaper Editor Suecumbs After Several Month's IIIness—To Be Burled at Bunceton

Funeral services for L. O. Nelson, who had been ill at the home of his brother, Edgar C. Nelson, 901 Main St., Boonville, for several months and who 'died at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday morning, will be held at the Nelson residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. T.-M. Macdonnell, a Baptist minister of California, Mo., and burial will be in the Masonic cemetery at Bunceton.

Louis Obanion Nelson, son of Thomas Alpheus and Sarah Ann Tucker Nelson, was born on a farm three miles northeast of Bunceton, on August 22, 1872, and spent his entire life in Cooper county. He attended the public schools and graduated from Hooper Institute at Clarksburg.

In 1893 Mr. Nelson began his life work as a country editor by buying the Bunceton Weekly Eagle, and in association with his brother, W. L. Nelson, developed it into an outstanding publication of its class. It was widely read and quoted, and Mr. Nelson was regarded as one of the able, rural editors in Missouri. Editing a newspaper was a labor of love with him, every issue of his paper receiving his most conscientious effort and attention.

President Woodrow Wilson appointed Nelson postmaster at Bunceton in 1914, and he continued in that capacity until 1918, when failing health forced his retirement. He never regained his health and had since been a semi-invalid.

Mr. Nelson was married on August 16, 1900, to Miss Nancy Lacy Jones, who died December 9, 1930. Surviving is one son, Louis O. Nelson, Jr., of Kansas City, and a daughter, Miss Nacy Lee Nelson, of Columbia. Preceding him to the grave was an infant daughter and a son, William A. Nelson, who lost his life in an automobile accident near Jefferson City, December 24, 1935. Mr. Nelson is also survived by five brothers, Congressman Nelson. of Columbia; A. J. Nelson, of Syracuse; T. A. Nelson and Edgar C. Nelson, of Boonville, and Clyde T. Nelson, of near Bunceton.

Mr. Nelson united with the Concord Baptist church on August 30, 1884, later moving his membership to the Bunceton Baptist church, where he served as a deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a man of deeply religious character and gentle disposition, always thoughtful and considerate of those around him. To know Mr. Nelson intimately was to esteen him highly.