

**Died.**

GEHLING

At her home in this city on Thursday, October 11, 1907, Mrs. Crezentia Gehling, aged 70 years, 7 months and 16 days.

A shade of gloom was cast over the city early Friday morning when the news was spread that Mrs. Gehling was dead. Although she had been ill for several months and her death was expected, when the end finally came, it was a sad shock to her many friends.

Crezentia Schmidt was born in Breitenbrunn, Germany, February 25, 1837. She came to America at the age of 20 years and three years later was married to Michael Gehling at Rock Island, Illinois. They moved to St. Joseph, Mo., in 1867, but only lived there a short time when they located in Arago and finally settled in Falls City, where the family have since resided. Ten children were born to this union, three dying in infancy and the remaining ones are all living in this city. Besides her children she leaves a niece, Mrs. Jake Vogle of this city, a sister, Mrs. Mary Kollman of Rapid City, Ills., and one brother in Germany, to mourn the loss of one whose place in their lives can never be filled.

In the death of Mrs. Gehling Falls City loses one of her oldest citizens. She with her husband came here about thirty-five years ago and watched Falls City grow from a modest little village to what we see it today, sharing alike in the hardships and pleasures incident to such a growth; ever ready and willing to give with a lavish hand to any enterprise that would promote the welfare of our people.

In their early days here they embarked in the brewery business, building for that purpose the old stone building on South Stone street, then a small affair, but by frugal habits and honest methods built up a fine and lucrative business.

At her husband's death, thirteen years ago, Mrs. Gehling took hold of the helm, never faltering in the arduous task, and managed the business, conducting it on the same principle she had learned from her husband, until now it is recognized as one of the leading breweries of the state.

Charity was one of her many virtues. No one appealed to her in vain, and many a heart has been made glad by the kind word and full purse she has given them. She was never so happy as when helping to bear some one's burden. She died as she had lived, a devout Catholic, and her love for her church was next to that for her home. Her friends were numbered by the circle of her acquaintances, as she had no enemies, and many a heart beats in sympathy with the bereaved ones, and while it is hard to realize that it is for the best, they have the comfort of knowing that her sufferings are over and she has gone to the reward of a true and noble Christian, where she will be united to those gone before, and together they will await the coming of the loved ones left. The one great wish of her life was gratified, that when the end came it might be with all her children around her, and all were there.

The funeral was conducted from the Catholic church Sunday morning at 10:30, when Father Bex paid a fitting tribute to the deceased, bringing before all her noble qualities and urging them to emulate her virtues in their daily life.

A large company of friends followed to Steele cemetery and laid to rest beside her husband.

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