

**H. F. MILLER,  
ONCE POLITICAL  
POWER IN N. D.,  
DIES SUNDAY**

Member Constitutional  
Convention of 1889  
Succumbs Here

**WAS CANDIDATE  
FOR U. S. SENATE**

Funeral To Be Held At 2  
P. M. Tuesday From  
Moore's Chapel

H. F. Miller, member of the 1889 constitutional convention of North Dakota and at one time within two votes of election to the United States senatorship from this state, died at his home in Fargo, 917 North Broadway, at 4:30 p. m. Sunday.

An illness of 22 days, pneumonia as the primary cause, resulted in his death.

Mr. Miller, justice of the peace in Fargo for many years, and prior to that police magistrate, once was a political power and business leader in the state, prominently known during the latter territorial days and the early days of statehood because of the position of leadership he occupied in banking and in his profession, that of law.

It was in the famous Roach senatorial election of 1893 that Mr. Miller, Republican candidate, was once within two votes of the coveted honor of being named United States senator. The legislature balloted day after day and Mr. Miller was in the center of the big battle that has gone down in the history of the state as one of its most picturesque and bitter.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow from the Moore chapel, and the body will be placed in the Riverside cemetery. Rev. Harold G. Jones, pastor of Plymouth Congregational church, will officiate.

**Settled Here in 1879**

Mr. Miller, born Sept. 13, 1845, in Rock county, Wisconsin, was a graduate of Milton college at Milton, Wis., and in 1871 he began the practice of law at West Mitchell, Iowa. He made his first trip to Fargo in the latter part of 1878, and the year following removed to the city and established himself in the law business. A month after arrival he, with Charles Sweatt, organized the Bank of Fargo which was opened on March 1, 1879. At a later date he purchased his partner's banking interests and

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organized the Citizens National bank which continued in operation until 1895.

It was immediately after the disastrous fire of 1893 that Mr. Miller was responsible for the organization of the Fargo Clearing House association and it was largely because of his insistence that the Fargo banks, faced with the tragedy of a leveled city and the certainty that there would be a tremendous demand for money the following day, adopted a certificate plan that was effective for some time under which certificates, rather than money, were used in business transactions. The fact that the east was at the time in the throes of a financial panic increased the difficulties faced by Mr. Miller and other bankers of the community, insurance money not being available for some time.

### In Constitutional Convention

In the constitutional convention of 1879 Mr. Miller was an important factor in shaping many of the policies that were written into the basic law of the state.

Following the fire and his defeat for the United States senatorship, Mr. Miller ceased to take an active interest in affairs as he formerly had, though he was a big force in the rebuilding era following the fire.

One of the early Cass county farm show places, Glendale farm, located on the Maple river about 10 miles distant from Fargo, was builded very largely by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller was married twice, his first wife dying in 1872. He was subsequently married to Lois Wells, at Osage, Iowa, and she died only two years ago.

Children surviving are Mrs. L. D. Gilbert, Sydney, Australia; Mrs. C. C. (Florence) Nugent, Minneapolis; Mrs. Maie Richardson, Fargo; H. F. Miller, jr., residing at San Pedro, Cal., and Burt S. Miller, Bandette, Minn.

Two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Frisbie and Mrs. Jane Watson, of Los Angeles, and two brothers, Malcom of McMinville, Wash., and Charles of Los Angeles, survive.

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