

MCDONALD, JOHN

July 4, 1866-December 7, 1950

At one time John McDonald was a respected businessman of this community, then passing out of the business world, he well nigh passed out of the memory of the people and was little known by the younger class who grew up to look upon him merely as an old-man-about-town and of no interest to them.

But John McDonald had more quality than many gave him credit for having, and this was to be learned by those who took time to visit with him and brush away his outer surface of hardness and apparent ill will. It was ever a worry to him to have a littered town and almost to his last trip up town several weeks ago, he used the stick he always carried to brush off papers from the walk into the gutter.

He told the editor that at one time he had been married but "it didn't click" and as far as he knew, or wanted to know, he had no relatives "especially any that would give a hang if I'd die", he remarked.

Age, and no particular desire to exist any longer, had it's effect on Mr. McDonald, and his career of thirty years residence in Wheatland, came to an end December 7 at the Wheatland General hospital, followed by services at the Schrader chapel at 2:30 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Rice of the Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery.

John McDonald was born July 4, 1866 at Junctionville, Nebraska, of pioneer parents who weathered the prairie storms and Indian threats to establish their new home near the muddy Missouri.