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Death of Max Goetze

It will be a great surprise to many of the readers of the Record to learn of the death of Max Goetze, death coming early Wednesday morning. Pneumonia was the cause.

Deceased was about 54 years of age. He joined the 7th Cavalry at St. Louis in 1871, and was in G Troop. He was with Custer in the Black Hills in 1874. After his discharge in the 80s he took up a ranch a few miles from Sturgis, and farmed continuously until a few months ago, when he was given a job as driver of ambulance at the post. He held it faithfully and well until a few days ago, when he caught a cold and pneumonia followed. He was a good musician, having been in the 7th Cavalry band, and also with local bands.

Funeral will be held today and his remains will be interred at Fort Meade with military honors, he being a member of the Regular Army and Navy Union.