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Daniel J. Newell

Funeral services were held for the late Daniel J. Newell from St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Sturgis, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and were in charge of Dean E. C. Prosser. Miss Ina Hautala presided at the organ. Albert M. Anderson and Paul Caton each sang a solo. The choir sang one selection. John P. Everett spoke of Mr. Newell's military service with the old Seventh U.S. Cavalry in the early days of the Black Hills and at the Custer battle. Interment was in Bear Butte Cemetery, where Meade Post no. 33, American Legion, had charge of the military services. The pall bearers were F. E. Steele, John Kelly, F. S. Welch, Alton Caldwell, Wm. D. Hall, and John P. Everett.

Mr. Newell was born in County Rascommon, Ireland, March 17, 1847, one of a family of thirteen children. When fifteen years of age, he went to London, where he learned the blacksmith trade. He came to America in 1870 and on October 8, 1873, in the Seventh U. S. Cavalry. He served under General Custer in the Black hills in 1874 and was at Custer, when gold was discovered. He also was with Major Reno at the Custer Battle in 1876, where he was severely wounded, being later discharged from the army at Camp Rulen\*, where Fort Meade now stands. He was married to Mary M. Harlow at Fort Meade, July 9, 1882. He lived in Sturgis over fifty years, where many years he owned a blacksmith shop and built a large comfortable home. The last few years he had spent most of his time at the State Soldiers' Home, Hot Springs, where he passed away September 22, 1933\*\*, aged 86 years, 6 months, and 5 days, leaving to mourn his loss besides his wife, a nephew and several nieces in California and Philadelphia.

Mr. Newell was a member of the A. O. U. W. lodge and served on the city council and the school board here for two terms. During his many years of residence in Sturgis, Mr. Newell became universally liked and respected, counting his friends by his acquaintances. He possessed a kindly, genial nature and high principles, and his passing will be deeply regretted.

\*Also spelled Ruhlen

\*\* Other sources list his date of death as September 23, 1933