

# Adams County Historical Museum 1937 Scrapbook

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## W A LOWER DIES SUDDENLY AT DECATUR

Business Leader, G.O.P. Worker, Dies While Listening to Radio

W.A. "Bert" Lower, aged 65, prominent Decatur business man and active in Republican politics for many years, died suddenly at his home in Decatur at 10:30 o'clock Saturday evening. Mr. Lower was listening to the radio when he suffered the attack and death came almost immediately.

Mr. Lower was engaged in the insurance business at present, but he was active in banking circles for many years. He was former assistant state superintendent of public instruction, former Decatur postmaster, former director and secretary of the Peoples Loan and Trust Co., and otherwise engaged in many business activities. He was also a school teacher for many years, both at Decatur and in the Adams county schools.

Mr. Lower was a leader in Republican politics for many years, and well known throughout this side of the state.

He was born Jan. 26, 1872. Surviving are the widow, formerly Dora Peterson, and one brother, Homer Lower, of Decatur. One sister, Mrs. Fred Linn is deceased. Mr. Lower was a member of the Decatur Presbyterian church. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home, burial in the Decatur cemetery.

**Transcribed by Danielle Warmuth**

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Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning for W. A. ("Bert") Lower, 65, prominent Decatur resident, who died suddenly at his home in this city Saturday night. Mr. Lower was appointed Decatur Postmaster by the late President William Howard Taft in 1910, serving four years. January 1, 1915, he was named secretary and director of the Peoples Loan and Trust company of this city.

Survivors besides the widow are one brother, Homer D. Lower of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning with Rev. George O. Walten, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating.

Burial will be in the Decatur Cemetery, where the Knights of Pythias will conduct short service.