

DIED.

July 9. *1/12.*
Otto Belk, who for the past three and a half years had been confined to his bed as a result of a stroke of paralysis, died last Wednesday night at 9:25 o'clock. The primary cause, no doubt, dates back to the early days of the Spanish-American war, when Otto, with nearly a score of other Stockton young men, responded to their country's call, and went to the front to avenge a national insult. His long sickness was a severe trial for his parents, who patiently and kindly nursed and cared for him through his years of suffering. The funeral was held Friday at the German Lutheran church, Rev. Salzwedel of Warren, preaching the funeral discourse in German and English. A quartette from the Methodist church furnished music during the English discourse. A large concourse of friends paid their last respects to a departed hero. The remains were laid at rest in the Ladies Union cemetery.

OTTO ROBERT BELK.

Born October 2, 1877 in Doeletz, Province of Pommerania, Kingdom of Prussia. Baptised into Christ in the Lutheran Church at the place of his birth. Came to United States with his parents, settling in the vicinity of Stockton. Enlisted in Co. M, 6th Ill. Infantry April 26 1898. Mustered into U. S. service May 11 1898. Shipped for Porto Rico from Charleston, July 21. Returned to U. S. Sept. 7, mustered out of service receiving an honorable discharge, Nov. 25 1898. Shortly after his return the disease which caused his death came upon him, spent 5 months in hospital at Freeport, returned home where he lingered for three long years, unable to stir, lovingly and tenderly cared for by father and mother.

Died, Wednesday, July 9th at about 9 p. m. Mourners: parents, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Pallbearers: veterans of Civil and Spanish-American wars. Funeral: Friday July 11 at 1 o'clock from house, at 1:30 at Lutheran church.