The community was gravely shocked early today by the announcement of the death at 12:15 a.m. of A. J. Fawcett, 72, at his home at 1223 K avenue.

While it was known that Mr. Fawcett had been failing in health for some time, suffering

from a bone affliction, it was not until the latter part of the week that his condition was realized as critical. In fact he had been up and dressed as late as Friday.

The wife, Mrs. Huldah Fawcett, his daughters, Mrs. Glen R. Work of Chicago, Mrs. Harry T. Roberg of Ames and Mrs. Clayton F. Hansen of Nevada, as well as other members of the family, were at his bedside when he passed away.

Funeral arrangements are yet undetermined, so far as time is concerned, awaiting word from relatives in California. The body is now at the Lilly Funeral home.

Later he served about two years as deputy county treasurer under his brother, then returned to the banking business, organizing the Peoples State Bank of Maxwell of which he had charge for a number of years, before coming to Nevada.

Besides the wife, children and grandchildren, he leaves one brother Edgar A. Fawcett of Nevada and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Robertson of Los Angeles.

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Alfred J. Fawcett was born on a 1rm four miles south of Colo, a son of Sylvanus S. Fawcett and Hannah S. Gifford-Fawcett, October 23, 1869. The father died a number of years ago and the mother but two years ago at her home in Los Angeles.

Mr. Fawcett was married in 1892 to Huldah Hanson, a daughter of Hans Hanson, pioneer family of northern Jasper county, just south of Collins. Four children were born to this marriage, they being Genevieve, now Mrs. Glen Work of Chicago; Geraldine, now Mrs. Harry T. Roberg of Ames; Helene, now Mrs. Clayton F. Hansen of Nevada and Alfred H. Fawcett of Long Beach, California. Besides these he leaves five grandchildren, they being Max Hansen of Chicago, Jean Hansen of Los Angeles, Darlene and Roger Roberg of Ames and Shirley Fawcett of Long Beach.

He was reared on the old homestead and supplemented his preliminary education \mathbf{n} rural schools, by study in high school of Collins and later took a commercial course what was then known as Leander Clark college at Toledo. from which he graduated 1890. He learned telegraphy but gave this up to accept a position in a lumber yard at Collins where he worked for a couple of years and then entered the Exchange Bank of Collins, a private bank, as assistant cashier and bookkeeper, which position he remained in for ten years.

Following the death of the owner of the private bank he re-organized the institution and organized the Exchange State bank of which he was cashier and manager for nearly three

years.