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Mr. Willis Rease died Monday, March 9th at his residence, 2358 Curtis street, at the age of fifty-two years, eleven months and twenty-four days. He was born in Weston, Missouri, Platte county, April 2, 1861. In 1894 he married Miss Amanda Phynix in Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Rease then returned back to Weston, where he lived until 1901, when he moved with his wife and eight children to Great Falls, Montana. He was loved by all who knew him both colored and white. He was spoken of as a nice, quiet gentleman by both colored and white. In 1904 he moved his family to Denver, Colorado, where they have resided ever since. He was employed as a porter at the Daniels & Fishers Store Co., until six months ago, he was taken ill and was confined to his home and bed until death came.

Mr. Rease leaves a wife, eight children, three grandchildren, two son-in-laws and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

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