

Death of Ex-Gov. Geo. L. Curry.

Gov. Geo. L. Curry died at his residence in this city last Sunday evening, after a long and painful illness. He came to Oregon in 1846, and has occupied many positions of honor and trust. He edited the first paper that was ever published in the Territory, the Oregon Spectator, soon after he arrived in the State. He was appointed Governor of the Territory by President Pierce, and always took an active part in the advancement of our Territory. During his administration as Governor, the Indian war of 1855-56 occurred, and his prompt action in supplying relief to the sparsely settled portions of the Territory, endeared him to the pioneers. After he retired from office, he resided on his farm near Oregon City for a short time, and subsequently came to this city, where he engaged in the publication of the Portland Advertiser, the first Democratic daily paper ever started in the State. The enterprise was much in advance of the country, and at a time when Democratic papers had a hard struggle for existence. The venture proved unprofitable, after he retired from this business he visited Washington where he remained for a few years, returning in 1858, and again taking up his residence on his farm. In 1871 or 1872 he came to Portland to reside, and engaged in the real estate business. Afterwards he had editorial charge of the Evening Journal, a paper which was succeeded by the Standard. He has been confined to his residence for over five months, and his death was not unexpected. Gov. Curry was a man of excellent literary attainments and as a conversationalist, had but few equals in the State. He was a gentleman under all circumstances and in every place, affable and genial in his manners and generous to a fault. During his public life, no one ever insinuated a dishonest act against him, and a gentleman informed us yesterday that he was so precise in his dealings with the General Government while he was Secretary of the Territory that he credited the Government with the premium realized by him from the drafts sent out here for the Territorial expenses, the exchange being one or two per cent. He has raised a family of children, four boys and one girl, the latter being married and residing in California, while his sons are all here and were around the bedside in his last hours. They are all young men who reflect the greatest credit upon their respected father. The wife and family have the sympathy of the people of Oregon, with many of whom the Governor was familiar and beloved. A good and indulgent father, a loving husband and an honest, enterprising citizen has gone to his final home. Let his honored remains rest in peace.—Standard.

The Milwaukee Sentinel, Radical says: The old Grant, the Grant who made the Senate ring his own counsel, the Grant who invited political wire-pullers, personal friends and relatives to deal in spoils, would be a burden too heavy for the Republican party to carry.

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