

DEATH OF JUDGE BRYSON.

He Expires in New York From the Effects of a Cancer, and a Surgical Operation.

John R. Bryson is no more. The end came in a New York hospital at half past four o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the brief telegram that brought the unwelcome intelligence states that the transition from life to the Beyond was peaceful and painless. A few days previously Judge Bryson had submitted to a surgical operation, having received assurance from the attending surgeons that there was a fair prospect of restoration to health. While, however, in the midst of their work the surgeons discovered that the stomach, intestines and other vital organs were seriously affected with cancer, and that death could not long be delayed, though the first information given out was to the effect that Judge Bryson, after three weeks in the hospital, would be able to start west and reach his home and Corvallis friends perhaps weeks or months before the end. Shortly after came the news that Rock Bryson, a son attending the state University at Eugene had been wired to proceed at once to New York and shortly following that came another dispatch bidding his son "good-bye," and announcing that he could not possibly reach the bedside before the end. After that Corvallis friends knew that the family group on the other side of the continent—ailing husband, wife and son, were merely waiting for the life thread to snap, and when the fatal news arrived early yesterday afternoon, there was no surprise—nothing but regret and kindly words of sympathy.

The operation was the second that had been performed on Judge Bryson in the hope of affecting a cure of his malady. The first happened in Portland during February, and for a brief time promised relief. The desperate character of his ailment that had a firm hold on his vitality was not then understood.

The malady that ended in his death first made its appearance early last autumn. It was from the first painful and many weary days and nights the sufferer spent in a silent and uncomplaining struggle with his pain. The failure of the first operation to restore strength and health warned both the judge and his friends that his case was most serious in character. His last days in Corvallis before the departure on April 30th for New York were spent in winding up his business affairs preparatory to dropping them forever. The business of his clients was carefully gone over and such disposition made of them that no complications could arise in case of a fatal finale to his trip. His will was made, and property of which he was joint owner was deeded to his partner so that sale could be affected without going through the delay of the courts. With a few people he talked calmly of his condition and discussed in undismayed tones the chances of death. He knew when he left that the chances of a return to the home of his active years was as improbable as probable, but he met the awful reality with the fortitude of a philosopher. He arrived in New York May 8th, and the operation was undertaken two days later.—Corvallis Times.

About the cheekiest thing we know of is the way Dr. Paine is hanging on to the superintendency of the insane asylum. Dr Paine is from Lane county, and it does seem strange that he does not know enough to see that his holding the superintendency of that institution is keeping some good Salem man out of a job. Dr. Paine ought to be ashamed.

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