

The Passing Of Dr. Hill.

(From the Albany Democrat)

Dr. J. L. Hill, probably the most widely known man of Albany, was found dead in his office here Sunday night. His relatives, of Albany, thought that he had been at Breitenbush Hot Springs for over a week, he having planned to leave Thursday, July 24, and not having been seen since that day. It is now believed that he died on the day he was to have left.

Late Sunday, District Attorney Gale S. Hill, son of Dr. Hill, and Fred Ward, son-in-law of Dr. Hill, heard that the doctor had not arrived at Breitenbush they immediately went to Dr. Hill's office and after opening the locked door found the body lying face down, indicating that the doctor had fallen dead of heart disease.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward and two children left for Newport Wednesday, July 23, and returned to Albany Sunday. Before leaving, Mr. Ward took Dr. Hill's baggage to the depot, preparatory to his leaving for Breitenbush. Sunday evening when Mr. Ward arrived back in Albany he met Dr. C. C. Cleek, of Albany, on the street and learned from Dr. Cleek, who had just returned from Breitenbush, that Dr. Hill had not arrived there. He told Mr. Ward that Dr. Hill's mail was arriving at Detroit, near Breitenbush, but that the doctor had not arrived. Mr. Ward immediately notified District Attorney Gale S. Hill and they went to Dr. Hill's office and forced the door open.

Dr. Hill lived in the building at Washington and Third streets part of which was his office. He ate his meals at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward, about a block away. His sister, Mrs. Rufus Thompson, had been to the country and thought the doctor had gone to Breitenbush. District Attorney Gale S. Hill had been in the city all the time since his father was to have left, but was sure that the father had gone. Dr. Hill called at the office of his son Wednesday, July 23, and Gale S. Hill visited his father Wednesday evening, leaving him at home and apparently well and making plans to

leave Thursday morning just before noon on the Detroit train. Later in the week an acquaintance of the Hill family arrived from Detroit and told Attorney Hill that his father had not arrived and Mr. Hill walked to his father's office but found the door locked, the shades down, except in his bedroom, and assured himself that the father had departed. He looked thru the window in the bedroom but saw that the bed was not occupied. He also noticed that the father had not put a card on the door telling where he had gone, but thought as the doctor had practically retired from practice that he had thought it unnecessary to leave the card at the door as he had formerly done. Dr. Hill had planned to stay at Breitenbush for a month or more for his health. He owned an interest in the Breitenbush Springs property and had frequented the springs in the summer, going there to attend to business and bathe for rheumatism which had bothered him for years.

Dr. Hill had apparently left his bed Thursday morning, raised the shades in the bedroom and entered the office adjoining to raise the shades and unlock the door. He was partially dressed and had fallen to the floor between the bedroom door and the front door of the office.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church under the Masonic ritual.

The surviving members of Dr. Hill's immediate family are two sons and a daughter. The elder son, Clyde L. Hill, lives in Sidney, Australia; the next, Gale S. Hill, is a resident of Albany, being a well known attorney and for several years district attorney in this county. The daughter is Mrs. Fred Ward, of Albany. His wife died suddenly in 1895. He is survived by three brothers and a sister. The brothers are Attorney W. Laire Hill, Oakland, Calif., Attorney G. A. Hill and H. Taylor Hill of Portland; his sister is Mrs. Rufus Thompson, of Albany.

He was born in McNairy county, Tennessee, Feb. 28, 1845, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1853. He graduated from the medical department of William-

ette University in 1871, and after practicing medicine in Buena Vista for one year, began his career as a physician and surgeon in Albany, practicing here 47 years, having lived here 66 years.

The passing of Dr. Hill, takes away one of the most genial, liberal minded, and intellectual men of the state.

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