HON. GEORGE J. BARRETT, OF GRANITE, DEAD

Hon. George J. Barrett, of Granite, died at his home in that town at 9 o'clock last evening. He had been ill but a short time. Saturday night heavy telegrams were received in Stumpeter, saying that the patient was in a critical condition. Hospital officers, it is understood, yesterday evening that the crisis had been successfully passed, but the end came this morning.

Mr. Barrett was one of the best known men in the eastern Oregon mining district. Since he came to eastern Oregon and located in Granite he has been a prominent member in the mining industry in this camp, but in interior Oregon politics he has been a leader in the Democratic party.

The election of 1896 and 1898 were the two most important elections in which Mr. Barrett took a prominent part. In the former he was successful in getting a bill introduced providing for the extension of the railroad from the city of Portland to Baker to the Wallula river, and the latter he was successful in getting the bill for the completion of the Portland-Seattle railroad.

Mr. Barrett was a man of broad views and was deeply interested in the political and social life of the state. 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