

# Pioneer Attorney Passes Away.

Attorney E. J. McMahon passed away at the home of his brother, W. F. McMahon, in Minneapolis, Saturday morning, May 9th after an illness of a few weeks duration. "We know not in what hour or moment the summons will come." It was but a few short weeks ago when Mr. McMahon was the picture of health and little would we think that he would be the next to be taken from our community.

Mr. McMahon accompanied his sister, who came up to visit him a couple of weeks ago, to Minneapolis, thinking perhaps he might be able to find help from some of the specialists of the Twin Cities, but it was of no avail, the dread disease of diabetes, from which there is little hope of recovery, was too firmly seated.

Mrs. McMahon received a telegram Friday p. m. to come to Minneapolis at once. She was driven to Hillsboro that same evening where she boarded the G. N. flyer arriving in Minneapolis about thirty minutes before the summons came.

The remains were brought to Hope Monday and the funeral services were held from the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon and were conducted by the pastor. Interment was made in Hope cemetery.

Occidental Lodge A. F. and A. M. at the request of Kurum lodge of Minneapolis, of which Mr. McMahon was a member, attended the funeral in a body and performed the usual Masonic ceremonies at the grave.

The floral offering was a profusion of beauty.

The relatives present from a distance were Misses Theresa and Julia McMahon, of Faribault, Minn., Mrs. Margaret Allen and Mrs. O. A. Blethen, of Aitkin, Minn., Mr. and Mr. Keayser, of Duluth, Minn., Mrs. Vedder, of Rochester, Minn., and Mr. W. F. McMahon, of Minneapolis.

Edward J. McMahon was born at Faribault, Minnesota, January 10th 1850. There he spent his boyhood days and attended school. Later he attended Shattuck Military School and on his return home was chosen 1st Lieut. of the Faribault National Guards.

Here he began to read law and was admitted to the bar at the age of 21.

In 1882 he came to Hope, and began the practice of law being the first lawyer in Steele county and the first county attorney. He was also register of deeds.

He helped plat the site of Hope and resided here until 1885 when he moved to Minneapolis where he practiced law until 1899.

On Nov. 1st 1897 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Vedder. In 1898 he enlisted for the war with Spain and was appointed 1st Lieutenant of the 15 Minnesota. They were at once taken South but the war was over before they were ready for the transfer to Cuba.

In '99 he again came to Hope and has since resided here.

He is survived by his wife, four sisters, Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. C. A. Blethen, Aitkin, Minn.; Miss Theresa McMahon and Miss Julia McMahon, Faribault, Minn., and two brothers, J. P. and W. F. McMahon, Faribault, Minn.

He affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, being a life member of the Kurum lodge of Minneapolis of which he had been Master for six years; with the I. O. O. F., the M. B. A., was Past Patron of the Loraine chapter of the O. E. S. and at the time of his decease, was master of the local branch of the A. O. U. W.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

TO ALL PATRONS OF THE HOPE LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

As fire entirely destroyed our exchange last Sunday night it will be impossible to re-establish local service in Hope city until about May 25th. A new switch-board has been ordered shipped by express from Chicago and will be installed as soon as the Telephone Exchange office can be repaired and put in order for installation of new equipment. We have installed a temporary switch board in the basement of the 1st Nat'l. Bank building, where all long distance lines are connected. Also the doctor's offices, drug stores, livery barns, machine houses, banks and all rural lines leading into Hope and service between these parties can be given in the usual manner. Local messenger service has been installed and your telephone business will be attended to promptly and carefully. Our temporary exchange will be open from 8 a. m. till 11 p. m. Owing to not having a night bell circuit in our present equipment we respectfully ask that you finish up your telephoning before 11 p. m.

N. D. IND. TEL. CO.,  
L. A. Jacobson,  
Dist. Supt.