

DAVID B. HILL DEAD; INTENDED TO AID DIX

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Succumbs to Dilation of
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FAILED IN GREAT AMBITION

Raised Himself to Governorship and
Senatorship, but Could Not
Get the Presidency.

ALBANY, Oct. 20.—David Bennett Hill died at 3:45 o'clock this morning and his body lies to-night at Wolfert's Roost, his country home, near Albany, while his next of kin, Dr. A. D. Hill, a brother, is speeding to Albany from his home in Dexter, Mo. Dr. Hill expects to reach Albany Saturday, when the funeral arrangements will be completed. The interment will take place at Montour Falls, Schuyler County, where the former Governor and United States Senator was born sixty-seven years ago.

Mr. Hill had been ill nearly three weeks with a cold and bilious attack, but his condition had not been considered serious. He was sitting up in bed to take a drink of water when he was seized with an acute dilation of the heart. Death quickly followed. Only a nurse was at his bedside. He had long been a sufferer from Bright's disease, which primarily brought upon him the condition that ended in his death.

Although he retired from active participation in politics following the Presidential election of 1904, Senator Hill was deeply interested in the progress of the present campaign. As late as last Friday he discussed the situation with Judge Parker, who was then preparing to make a tour of the State in the interest of the Democratic ticket. Mr. Parker at that time said he was surprised to find his old friend and former political associate in such excellent spirits. When John A. Dix was officially notified of his nomination for Governor Mr. Hill was expected to attend the ceremonies. He sent word at the last minute that he did not think it advisable to make the trip.

Gov. White to-night issued a proclamation requiring that the flags upon all the public buildings of the State be displayed at half mast until sundown of the day of Senator Hill's funeral, and that the citizens of the State unite in appropriate marks of respect for his memory. The proclamation said:

It is with sincere sorrow that I announce the death of David Bennett Hill, former Governor of the State of New York, at Albany, on this twentieth day of October, 1910.

This sad event marks the close of a remarkable career. For more than thirty years David Bennett Hill was a prominent figure in the public life of the State. As Alderman, attorney, and Mayor of the City of Elmira, he became conspicuous for his strength of character and native ability. As a member of the Legislature he was active and forceful. As Lieutenant Governor he made a deep and far-reaching impression by his talents for leadership and the skill with which he performed the duties of presiding officer. As Governor from 1885 to 1892 he gained a commanding influence in his party and won its devoted affection, while the field of his labors gave opportunity for the display of his unusual intellectual and legal attainments.

The force of his personality impressed itself not only upon people of New York, but upon the whole country, and at the expiration of his final term as Governor he became the candidate of his party in the State of New York for the Presidential nomination before the Democratic National Convention. As United States Senator from 1891 to 1897 he found an ample opportunity for the exercise of his skill as a parliamentarian, his brilliant powers as an orator, and his uncommon gifts as a leader of men.

In recognition of his standing and achievements as a lawyer, he was chosen President of the New York State Bar Association for the years 1886 and 1887.

It is fitting that the State of New York, in recognition of his private character and of his public services shall pay to his memory a tribute of honor and gratitude.

Scores of telegrams of sympathy have been received by Peter J. Manwiller, who has been associated with Senator Hill for eighteen years.

David B. Hill's death forestalled his plan to lend personal aid to the present Democratic State campaign and participate publicly in politics for the first time since his retirement from political life six years ago. Chairman Huppuch of the Democratic State Committee said yesterday that Mr. Hill had promised to preside at a big political rally to be held at Albany on the night of November 2.

"While Senator Hill had retired from politics," added Mr. Huppuch, "he still manifested marked interest, and when critical conditions arose in the Democratic Party he was ready to render advice and help. He was deeply interested in the success of the State ticket at this election, particularly because of his great admiration for Mr. Dix. They were warm friends. Senator Hill's death is a great loss, not only to the State, but to the National Democracy as well. Mr. Hill recently said he had one ambition, and that was to see a Democratic Governor in New York State."