

Judge Hague Dead.

The telegraph wires brought from San Antonio this morning to the family and friends of Judge Hague here the sad news of his death.

Mr. Hague had been sick for the past two years, but his untiring energy kept him from taking his bed until about six months ago. Once confined to the house he never sufficiently recovered to appear upon the streets. A couple of weeks ago the attending physicians decided that the only hope for the patient's recovery was in his removal to a lower altitude and the family at once arranged to have the change made, Mrs. Hague and her mother Mrs. Brink accompanying him to San Antonio. At San Antonio Mrs. Hague's brother, Philip Brink, of Houston, joined the ladies to assist in nursing Mr. Hague and while his condition was varying from day to day on Monday last Mrs. Brink felt no immediate danger and returned to El Paso. While the news of his death could not be said to have been unexpected, it nevertheless was a severe shock to the family and friends when it did come.

Judge Hague was born in Cass County, Missouri, March 8, 1848, making him within three months of forty-eight years old. He came with his parents four years later to Jefferson Texas, and after receiving a good education studied law at Austin with E. J. Davis, father of Britton and Water Davis, of this city. After completing his law course Mr. Hague returned to Jefferson to practice and in May, 1869, was married to Miss Flora Brink, of that place. Early in 1871 Mr. Davis, who was then Governor of Texas, had the duty to fulfil of appointing a district attorney for the district in which El Paso was situated and recognizing the ability of young Hague tendered him the appointment which was accepted and the appointee reached here in April or May of that year. Among the passengers of the same coach were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mills, of this place, and Judge Newcomb, of Las Cruces. Mr. Hague served the commonwealth faithfully for a couple of terms as district attorney and was afterwards elected county judge. When the city was re-established in 1880 Judge Hague was its first attorney and was upon the expiration of his term of office elected an alderman from his ward in which position he served the most of the time until 1889, always being the recognized leader in the Council and much of El Paso's legislation was due to his work in that body. In the fall of 1888 he was the candidate of the republican party of this district for congress, but owing to his business fully claiming his time he made no canvass. In 1890 he received the nomination for attorney general on the ticket headed by Governor Flanagan, but he again found business too urgent to make canvass.

Judge Hague's ability as a lawyer ranked equal with the best in the state. He was a keen observer of human nature and his sagacity in picking a jury was of the rarest type. No better testimony of his ability can be brought forward than the fact that he secured and held, until his health failed, at a large salary the business of the most powerful corporations doing business here. His library is extensive, likely the most complete in western Texas. Mr. Hague shared with his partner at the time, Judge W. M. Caldwell, the credit of conducting the legal proceedings which disclosed the famous "court house steal" in this county. He was noted in criminal practice and in noted criminal cases was sure to be retained by the defense if not engaged in the prosecution.

In addition to the great loss to the bereaved wife and grown children Miss Katie and Lillie and Philip there are left fatherless Miss Callie, aged 15 years, Master James, aged 13 years, Aileen, aged 8 years, and two younger children.

The family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement, many sorrowing friends

having called during the day to offer condolences and any needed assistance.

The arrangements for the funeral will be published in tomorrow's HERALD the details not having yet been decided upon. The body will not arrive in El Paso before Friday morning if that soon.