

TECUMSEH, NEBRASKA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, -1925.
WAS ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED
HUGH L. COOPER DIED VERY
SUDDENLY.

Expired at His Office in Lincoln
Wednesday Morning—Funeral
Here Sunday.

The people of this vicinity were shocked, Wednesday morning, to learn that Hugh L. Cooper had been found dead in his office in the state capitol building, in Lincoln, at 9:15 o'clock that morning. Mr. Cooper, who ordinarily had splendid health, had been feeling rather poorly for a few days, and his wife endeavored to have him remain at home, Wednesday. However, he went to his office at about the usual hour, stating he would return a little later if he did not feel better. Shortly thereafter he telephoned Mrs. Cooper from the office that he was feeling no better, whereupon she stated she would go to his office, but he prevailed upon her to remain at home, as it was stormy. He told her he would probably return home a little later. At 9:15 o'clock employees of other departments stepped into the office and noticed that Mr. Cooper's head was on the telephone desk, his arms about his head. They endeavored to arouse him, after he failed to speak to them, but he was dead. Dr. Phil H. Bartholomew of the department of public health was called to the office from another part of the building, and he stated the indications were Mr. Cooper had died of heart trouble and that he had been dead for about thirty minutes. The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of Henry Brown and Undertaker E. H. Bush was called from Tecumseh to take charge of same.

Hugh LaMaster Cooper was born at Lewiston, Ills., November 10, 1850, making his age seventy-four years, eleven months and eighteen days. He was reared on a farm near Clarinda, Iowa, and became a journeyman printer, and later a publisher. As early as, 1867 Mr. Cooper had worked at the printer's case in Omaha, Plattsmouth, Lincoln, St. Joseph, and other cities in this and adjoining states. He had worked under Edward Rosewater, founder of The Omaha Bee, and, at St. Joseph, Mo., was a compositor on The Daily Gazette and put into type copy furnished by Eugene Field. Mr. Cooper had been in newspaper work at Clarinda and other Iowa towns before coming to Tecumseh in 1887. Coming to this city at that time Mr. Cooper entered a partnership with C. W. Pool in the publication of The Johnson County Journal. Mr. Pool was out of the firm for a time and Grant Blausen, deceased a number of years ago, was a partner with Mr. Cooper, and later the original firm was reestablished. This newspaper partnership continued up to 1915, when Mr. Pool was elected to the position of secretary of state, the paper was sold and Mr. Cooper became deputy secretary of state upon Mr. Pool's appointment. He served during the four-year term and was reappointed to the position in 1923 when Mr. Pool was again elected secretary. Mr. Cooper served Tecumseh as postmaster for term during Cleveland's second administration, and, during his tenure of office, Emanuel Speich, former Tecumsehite and then in the postoffice department at Washington, D. C., caused Tecumseh to be a point from which to try out the free delivery of mail on rural routes, four routes originally being established here and at a time the proposition did not seem plausible at all.

Mr. Cooper is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mabel Cooper, and two daughters, Eva, wife of Charles C. Danforth of San Francisco, and Mabel, wife of Orville I. McReynolds of Oakland, Cal. There are three grand-daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper lost two daughters, Wilma dying at the age of ten

years and Mary at about four. A sister of Mr. Cooper lives at Clarinda. Hugh LaMaster and Mrs. W. A. Apperson, both formerly of Tecumseh and now of Lincoln, are cousins. Mr. Cooper had long been a member of the Tecumseh Presbyterian church and of the local lodge of Masons. He was a splendid gentleman, possessed of good mental and mechanical ability, a fair and considerate business competitor, and a man of wide acquaintance and many friends. Mrs. Cooper and the daughters have the deepest sympathy of all at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have always retained their home in Tecumseh, leaving the furniture in the house and fully expecting to occupy it when Mr. Cooper's term office should expire. In a recent visit to the "old home town" Mr. Cooper had stated that he wanted to spend the sunset days of life with his very best friends, right here.

The remains were brought to Tecumseh, Thursday evening. The daughters will arrive here, Saturday. The funeral will be held at the Presbyterian church at 2:00 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, and will be in charge, of the pastor, Dr. J. W. Turner. The interment will be in the family lot in the Tecumseh cemetery.