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The Death Angel again spread his ghostly wings over our little city on Saturday when Mr. J. H. Hill, one of our most respected citizens, answered the summons. Mr. Hill had been in poor health for some time but his death came after an illness of only three days of really desperate sickness.

John Henry Hill, son of Alfred and Mary Hill, was born August 6th, 1856, in Illinois and departed this life April 19th, 1930, at his home in Wheatland, Wyoming, at the age of 73 years, 8 months and 13 days.

He came with his parents to Iowa at the age of ten years. He was born of Quaker parents and kept his membership in this church until they moved to Decatur, Iowa, at which place he united with the Methodist church.

In 1898 he was initiated into the membership of the I. O. O. F. lodge No. 102, Decatur, Iowa, and held his membership in this lodge at the time of his death.

On September 23rd, 1880, he was united in marriage with Josephine Wheeler and to this union four children were born, two sons and two daughters, three dying in infancy.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Jno. Clark and granddaughter Ariel, of Wheatland; one brother and one sister in Iowa, and two brothers in California.

He came to Wheatland in December 1917 and has made his home here since. He transferred his letter to the Methodist church here and when the Methodist people found it necessary to build a larger place of worship, Mr. Hill took an active part in the project from the beginning, serving for a number of years as treasurer of the building fund, rendering much valuable service to his church, both by his painstaking care in keeping the accounts strictly accurate and by his wise council and interesting efforts to the end that no detail should be overlooked in the construction.

In his passing the community loses not only a man of sterling worth but a friend and counselor of unusual ability who was never to busy to render aid whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Funeral services were conducted from the M. E. church on Tuesday, with Rev. Chas. F. Thomas, pastor of the First Baptist church, preaching the sermon, being assisted by Rev. Cecil Smith of the Christian church. Interment was in the local cemetery.