

LEVI P. GRAHAM DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

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ADVANCED PLANTER

**Prominent Politically—
Mayoralty Possibility**

Hopelessly ill since Christmas, Levi Patrick Graham, patent attorney and inventor, died at his home, 705 South Broadway, Saturday morning at 7:17 o'clock. Death was most peaceful. In his last moments Mr. Graham was surrounded by all the members of his family.

For several days it had been evident that Mr. Graham was dying. For two days he had been unconscious most of the time. Saturday morning he seemed to regain consciousness so that he could recognise his wife. Then he sank into a quiet sleep from which he never wakened. Shortly after 7 o'clock he died, apparently without suffering.

ADVANCED CORN PLANTER.

Few men in Decatur have lived more useful lives. All over the country L. P. Graham was known, principally for his inventions of corn planter devices. He attained wide fame through his edge-drop planter and his corn sorter. His improvements were the most marked since the introduction of the check rower. It is safe to say that L. P. Graham advanced the corn planter business as much as any other man.

Politically L. P. Graham was also prominent in Decatur. He was not a partisan, however, though his political affiliation was with the Democratic party as a rule. Elected to the city council Mr. Graham served most ably for four years. He was one of the few men who came out of his aldermanic office with a very materially increased reputation. By his service in the city council,



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MENTIONED FOR MAYOR.

Often Mr. Graham has been mentioned for mayor. It is probable that he would have been pushed forward in the present campaign had his health permitted. Committees of citizens have waited on Mr. Graham in other campaigns in the hope of getting him to run for the office. In one campaign he had the endorsement of the Municipal Reform League for the office. Political honors did not appeal to Mr. Graham, however, and his single office was that of alderman. During his term he made a study of filtration systems and the present waterworks system was largely a result of his active interest.

In his home Mr. Graham was most beautiful. His family remember him as always kind, loving and gentle. His children can remember no harsh words and his wife has always had the loving protection of a loving husband. Since last fall Mr. Graham's death has been expected, and his family has become reconciled to leaving. A trip to Chicago in the hope of assistance was useless, and the Decatur physicians have been unable to aid him materially. His death was due to a tumorous growth, possibly a cancer.

Up to the last days Mr. Graham has been strong mentally. He has known

that his days were numbered and few. He planned carefully for his death and arranged all his business affairs so there should be no trouble after he had gone. The attendant physicians say his mind has been remarkably clear. In spite of his suffering his last days have been happy.

TO DECATUR IN 1861.

L. P. Graham was born near Terre Haute, Ind., November 19, 1851. He moved to Decatur with his mother in 1861, and has lived here ever since. He was a stone cutter when a young man, but has been a patent attorney for twenty years.

Dying, he leaves his wife, Mrs Helen Graham, and five children, William S. Graham, of Canton, Ill.; Miss Nora Graham, Miss Ina Graham, Fay and Ralph Graham. W. S. came from Canton Friday. His wife comes Sunday.

The funeral has been arranged for 3 o'clock Monday afternoon from the family residence, 705 South Broadway. Rev. W. J. Davidson, will have charge of the services and the interment will be in Greenwood.

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