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Ray E. Reeves

Following was taken from the Journal, Salem, Ore., dated 1954:

Edward Reeves, who since 1938 was a linotype operator with the Journal died suddenly Wednesday morning while at work at the Journal plant.

He collapsed at his machine and was called, but he died en route to the hospital. He had had a heart ailment for several years.

Ray was born at Groton, South Dakota, May 18, 1888. Reeves made his home in Groton until moving to California in 1910.

He remained there two years and then came to Oregon working at the logging trade in Coos Bay for six years after which he purchased the Coos Bay, Oregon, paper. He then moved to the Grants Pass weekly paper.

Reeves first worked for the Journal in Salem from Grants Pass and then for the state newspaper department. It was from the Journal that he came to the Capital

as a printer and newspaper man. For most of his life, Reeves also had an interest in politics. In 1918 he was elected state senator for South Dakota and was the youngest senator in that state. After that he served two terms as auditor. Reeves also held a law degree from the University of South Dakota and had passed the bar in that state.

Reeves was a member of the Presbyterian church and an elder in that church.

Survivors include his wife the former Myrtle Geib to whom he was married in Groton, October 6, 1915; two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie Schaff of Pocatello, Idaho, and Mrs. Joyce Reeves of San Bernardino, Cali.; two sons, Robert Reeves of Salem and Ray Reeves of Eugene; and four grandchildren, Kathryn, Roger and Marjorie Schaff of Pocatello and Marsha Reeves of Eugene.