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M. M. MCCONNELL DIES IN OREGON

Former Adams County Sheriff Dies Monday At Age Of 82 Years

Mark Mills McConnell, 82, former sheriff of Adams county and years ago a leader in politics and public affairs, died yesterday morning at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ben T. Pillars, of Dalles, Oregon, from dropsy and complications due to his age.

Mr. McConnell was a brother of Frank McConnell, the well-known wholesale merchant of this city,

and was born south of this city in April 1845. When a boy, he came to this city with his parents and, when a young man, became interested in politics. He served as deputy sheriff under Michael McGriff and Perry Lewton and was then elected sheriff, serving one term. He left here about thirty-five years ago, moving to Cardwell, Mo., where he was employed for a number of years by the late John T. Vail. He accumulated considerable property there, which grew into value. Mrs. McConnell died in 1912, and immediately afterward Mr. McConnell went to The Dalles, where he has since made his home with his only daughter. His health has been failing for several months and announcement of his death came this morning in a night letter to Frank McConnell, dated last evening and which read: "Father McConnell passed away at 7:30 this morning. Will lay him away

here for the present. Funeral Wednesday afternoon. Rest of family well. B. T. Pillars."

Besides the daughter, surviving close relatives are two brothers, Frank of this city, and Lane, of Los Angeles, California.