

THE LATE J. EDWARD HAWKINS

Seattle, Washington



The late J. Edward Hawkins, who passed away in this city March 12, 1912, was born in Galesburg, Illinois in 1865, his parents were Hugh and Fannie Hawkins. He was educated in the public schools of his native city until he was twelve years of age. His parents moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he continued his studies. On reaching his maturity he visited Chicago, Illinois, and later Couer d'Alene, Idaho, where with the late J. B. Parker of Spokane, Washington, he engaged in the barber business. He next visited California and located in the city of San Francisco.

There he met and wedded Miss Etta Oliver in 1890. In 1891 with his wife he moved to the State of Washington, and selected Seattle for their future home. He opened a tonsorial parlor under the offices of the well known attorneys W. H. Morris and the Late Judges Hall and W. H. White. It was soon discovered by them that he had remarkable capacities, and they advised him to take up the study of law. After five years of strenuous application he was admitted to active practice in the courts of the State of Washington. He was an active, aggressive and successful practitioner at the state bar and the United States circuit court where he was respected by both judges and attorneys. He was a staunch Republican and was selected by the party as alternate delegate to the St. Louis Convention in 1896, which nominated the late William McKinley for president of the United States.

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