

Pioneer Business Man Dies In El Paso Home After Three-Day Illness

Oscar H. Baum, 63 years old, a pioneer El Pasoan, died at his home 333 West Missouri street at 1 o'clock Sunday morning after three days' illness. He was president of the Troy Laundry company and vice president of the Fort Bliss post laundry.

Mr. Baum has been a resident of El Paso for about 33 years, coming here from Topeka, Kansas. He was born in Palmyra, Missouri.

He was a conductor on the Mexican Central for many years after coming here.

Organized Laundry In 1898.

In 1898 Mr. Baum and W. E. Lowe organized the Troy Steam Laundry on



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West Overland street, and for a number of years Mr. Baum gave it most of his time.

He was elected an alderman in the Hammett administration in 1901 and was nominated for assessor and collector on the White ticket in 1903, but was defeated along with the entire ticket.

Mr. Baum later went into the real estate business and helped to develop several of the northeastern suburbs of the city.

Three Times Married.

He was always active in the Republican party affairs of the state and was several times honored by the party with district chairmanships or complimentary nomination for office.

He had been three times married. His first and second wives died in El Paso. He is survived by his third.

Funeral services are to be held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at St. Clement's Episcopal church, Rev. B. T. Kemerer officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen under direction of Peak-Hagedorn Undertaking company. Pall bearers will be W. E. Lowe, W. L. Nicholson, J. E. Clark, Maury Kemp, Kemper Lucas and F. G. Wasmer.

The deceased is survived by his wife; his mother, Mrs. L. L. Baum of Chicago; three sisters, Mrs. Josephine Forbes, of El Paso, Mrs. E. E. Baker, Chicago, and Mrs. E. E. Roudebush, of Topeka; and one brother, Harold A. Baum, Chicago.

Friend Of Daugherty.

Mr. Baum was a close friend of attorney general H. M. Daugherty.

"He had good clear advice to give on many propositions," said Charles B. Stevens, being associated with Mr. Baum in Republican party activities. "He was always ready to help in civic enterprise and gave both of his time and money."

Mr. Baum's death came following an attack of ptomaine poisoning. He was taken ill Thursday. He was thought to be recovering, but suffered a relapse about 2 o'clock Saturday.