

# J. H. BOONE, EX-SHERIFF, PASSES AWAY

**Dies In California As a Result of Ptomaine Poisoning—Wife Reaches His Bedside Before His Death.**

(By Associated Press.)

Eureka, Cal., July 27.—James H. Boone, a prominent resident of El Paso, Tex., where he formerly was sheriff, died yesterday in the Sequoyia hospital, here of ptomaine poisoning.

Mr. Boone started from San Francisco for Eureka by overland trail because the sailors' strike had caused a tieup of steamers.

Reaching Dyersville, about 50 miles from here, he bought some canned sausage and ate of it heartily. Upon arrival here he became very ill and lingered several weeks. An autopsy confirmed the diagnosis that death was caused by ptomaine poisoning.

The body will be shipped to El Paso, Tex., accompanied by the wife of deceased, who reached here from El Paso several days ago.

James H. Boone, former sheriff of El Paso county and a resident of the city for 20 years, died Thursday afternoon at Eureka, on the northern coast of California, where he had gone for his health.

The news of his death was received here in telegrams sent to the relatives of the deceased by the latter's wife, who was at his bedside at the time of his death. The remains will be brought, it is said, back to El Paso for interment.

Mr. Boone left this city for Eureka about six weeks ago, partially for his health and partially on a pleasure trip. Shortly after arriving in Eureka he was attacked by ptomaine poisoning and telegrams to this city stated that his condition was grave. Mrs. Boone immediately left for her husband's bedside and had been with him for some time when death occurred. Reports several days ago stated that Mr. Boone was improving and the news of his death was a sad shock to his relatives and many friends here.

Mr. Boone was 47 years old. He was born in Raleigh, N. C.; and came to Texas when a young man, settling in El Paso about 20 years ago.

He served consecutively as policeman, deputy sheriff and chief customs inspector under judge Jos. Magoffin and Capt. Davis while they were collectors of customs at this port.

Later Mr. Boone was elected sheriff of El Paso county and succeeded himself in that office. In 1905 Mr. Campbell street. Mrs. R. P. Conant, Boone resigned to devote his entire time to Washington park, a part of which he leased from the city. He was succeeded as sheriff by J. H. Comstock.

Due to his careful attention, Washington park was converted into what is regarded as the beauty spot of El Paso, although the park was never a financial success. Mr. Boone early this summer leased the park to the street car company.

Mr. Boone leaves a wife and two daughters by a former marriage. They are Mrs. C. R. Howe, 1219 Boulevard and Mrs. Benjamin McLendon, 815 North Campbell street. Mrs. R. P. Conant, wife of the county jailer, is a sister of the deceased. No information has been received here as to when the body will arrive and no funeral arrangements have been made.

Out of respect to the deceased the flag on the courthouse is flying at half mast today.