

COL. R. F. CAMP- BELL IS DEAD OF APOPLEXY

After Suffering Almost a Month From the Stroke, He Finally Succumbs and Passes Away.

Col. R. F. Campbell, for 24 years one of the prominent men of El Paso, died at 3 o'clock this morning, after an illness of 24 days. The beginning of the end came at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when a cerebral hemorrhage occurred. Following the previous hemorrhages, Col. Campbell was so enfeebled that he passed into a coma from which he did not emerge.

When the end came, at 3 o'clock this morning, Col. Campbell was still unconscious. Those members of his family who are in the city were at his bedside.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made. The funeral may not be held before Saturday. The city will do honor to its former mayor, by a solemn procession of the fire department and police force. The public buildings are draped in black.

"Every respect will be shown to Col. Campbell," said mayor Davis this morning. Mayor Davis was one of the most intimate friends of Col. Campbell, and he has relieved the members of the family of the responsibility of making many of the arrangements for the funeral and burial.

"I shall order the fire department and the police force to turn out in memory of the ex-mayor of the city, and shall have the city hall draped in mourning colors," continued captain Davis. "Every honor will be done for this prominent citizen of El Paso. It is only fitting that it should be so."

As honorary pallbearers, mayor Charles Davis, Sr., ex-mayor C. R. Morehead, ex-mayor Richard Caples, ex-mayor B. F. Hammett, J. W. Magoffin, J. A. Buckler, judge Wyndham Kemp and Capt. T. J. Beall have been named.

Col. Campbell's Career.

Captain Charles Davis, a warm personal friend of the deceased and mayor of the city, this morning prepared this sketch of Col. Campbell's life:

"Col. Robertulton Campbell was born at Summerville, Tenn., May 16, 1836, and moved to Texas in 1850 and settled in Bastrop county, where he held the offices of district clerk, county clerk and county treasurer of that county, subsequently moving to Austin, where he held the office of collector of internal revenue of that district under president Hayes.

"In 1861 he was married to Phebe Irene Wallace, daughter of James P. Wallace, a Texas pioneer and officer in the Indian wars, and a granddaughter of major George Wallace of revolutionary fame. In 1883 he moved with his family to El Paso, which has been his home ever since. Here he has held the offices of county commissioner, mayor of the city of El Paso and postmaster.

"Besides his widow, he leaves the following children: L. M. Campbell, of Denver; Mrs. Parry L. Wright, of Chicago; Mrs. Alfred Aloe, now with her husband in the Philippines; Stafford and Edgar Campbell of El Paso.

Espoused the Union Cause.

"Col. Campbell, though southern born and reared, when the war broke out espoused the union cause, and was ever afterward a Republican in politics. Notwithstanding this, there was no bitterness in his heart toward the southern people or toward those opposed to him politically. In fact, his most intimate and devoted friends and associates have, for many years, been men who were his political opponents. It may be truthfully said of him that, while he had decided opinions on the questions at issue in the late war, when it was over, no man counseled more earnestly than he the absolute obliteration of all harsh or unkind feeling toward, or treatment of, those who had so long and so valiantly fought against what he believed to be the right.

A Large Acquaintance.

"His acquaintance throughout the state, as well as beyond its borders,

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was very extensive, and wherever he was known he was regarded as a warm, faithful and devoted friend, and among his most intimate and devoted friends are many men still prominent in public life as well as elsewhere.

To his own family no man was more devoted, and while his loss to his numerous friends and acquaintances is great, his loss to his family is irreparable.

Col. Campbell was stricken on Sunday, April 30, and was never able to leave his bed after that, and, realization from the advice of his physicians, that if he should survive the stroke at all he would be at best an invalid, expressed the wish that the end might hasten on, preferring to depart now rather than to linger on yet a while a helpless paralytic.

He realized that 'the drama was over, and that the actors and the auditors were gone, and that throughout the house a hand he knew was putting out the light and that it would soon be dark.'



COL. ROBERT F. CAMPBELL.