

EL PASO'S MAYOR IS CLAIMED; COURAGEOUS BATTLE IS CLOSED

Funeral Services On Saturday; Will Rest In the City He Ruled

End Comes Quietly As Bedside Surrounded By
Relatives Of Stricken Official; Mrs. Dudley
Bears Up Bravely In Bereavement.

City Executive Realized Chances Were Great He
Would Not Survive; Will Was Left With His
Friend, City Clerk Ed Anderson.



THE LATE MAYOR

THE long watch kept by the relatives and close friends of mayor R. M. Dudley is ended. At 7:45 Friday morning he passed to his eternal rest. The body was taken to the Peak-Hagedorn funeral home, but will be removed during the day to Mr. Dudley's late home, at 711 Cincinnati street. Whether it will later lie in state or only close friends will be permitted to call at the residence was yet to be determined.

Family Exhausted.
Worn by the long watch which began last Saturday and in which it was believed death was constantly near, members of the family went to

THAT mayor R. M. Dudley realized the chances were great that he would not survive the operation he underwent Saturday is disclosed in the fact that on the day before he asked city clerk Ed Anderson to witness his last will.

He enclosed the will and letters to Mrs. Dudley, J. M. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dudley and Mr. Anderson in a large sealed envelope which was left with Mr. Anderson. On the outside was written: "To be opened as directed."

Gave Directions.

"He told me to open the letter if things went wrong," said Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson opened it Friday morning following the mayor's death.

The letter to Mrs. Dudley was marked "to be delivered"; the one to Mr. and Mrs. Will Dudley, "to be delivered or mailed"; his will, "for Mrs. Dudley"; the letter to J. M. Dudley, "deliver immediately."

The letter to his El Paso brother asked that he be buried in El Paso and gave other personal details and expressions of affection. J. M. Dudley said after opening it.

Trustee For Children.

In the letter to Mr. Anderson were several pages of penciled note paper. One showed that he was a trustee for the children of his widowed sister, Mrs. Sally Wagers. The children are William and Robert, living in Chicago. Mrs. Wagers came here during Mr. Dudley's illness. He has invested trust funds for the children here and asked Mr. Anderson to see after them.

Another note showed he owned mining property, with Mrs. W. D. Ryan, in Measco. Mrs. Ryan is the daughter of Thomas F. Ryan, the labor leader, who was associated with Mr. Dudley during the time he was building railroads in Mexico.

Leaves Estate To Wife.

The will was not read by Mr. Anderson, but it is believed the entire property was left to his wife. He owned upland lands in Mexico, a residence and lots in Alexander addition and Horn Place, Hotel Benson and stock in the Mortgage investment company, People Loan & Building association, and other stocks and property.

JUST AWAY

I CANNOT say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there.

And you—oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—

Think of him fading on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here.

Think of him still as the same, I say—
He is not dead—he is just away.

—James Whitcomb Riker.

(Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dudley send the poem to The Herald, saying "This is the way the family feels." It is a sentiment that finds sympathetic response in every heart today.)