

# PIONEER WESTERNER IS DEAD

## NICHOLAS GALLES DIES IN LAS CRUCES

Was One of New Mexico's  
Prominent Pioneer  
Citizens

Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 5.—Nicholas Galles, banker, merchant and big owner of valley land, one of the wealthiest citizens of Las Cruces, died at his home in this city last night, aged 56. Death was due to cancer of the face, from which deceased had been suffering for the past five months.

For several weeks he had been at Hotel Dieu, in El Paso, and at Mineral Wells, Tex., and only returned to his home here a few days ago. Death came between midnight and daylight this morning.

Deceased was one of the best known men in New Mexico, having come to this territory in 1878. He was one of the discoverers of the rich Hillsboro mining camp and in the days when Hillsboro was one of the leading mining towns of the country, he was very prominent in all affairs in that section. He served the district in the territorial council and was identified with the crusade against cattle "rustlers" in that region in the early 80s. The "rustlers" were very strong and the men who fought them risked their lives many times over.

Mr. Galles commanded a company of volunteers in the campaign against Victorio, the Apache raider, in 1884, following the noted indian warrior from Kingston down into Mexico, and being close upon his trail when the old chief was killed in his last battle.

Mr. Galles moved to Las Cruces 10 years ago and, here, as in Hillsboro, he was prominently identified with all affairs for the advancement of the community.

He served this county in the lower months ago, and was for some time register for the United States land office here for a term, was president of the chamber of commerce until his sickness compelled him to resign a few months ago, and was for some time president of the First National bank, in which institution he was still interested at the time of his death. He was also vice president of the Mesilla Valley Water Users' association when he died, owning much land in the Mesilla valley.

Deceased leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mark B. Thompson and Miss Gertrude Galles.

The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under auspices of Las Cruces lodge of Elks, of which deceased was a member.