

**DEATH OF AN OLD EL
PASOAN IN NEW YORK.**

**Charles W. Greene, Former Business
Partner of Pat F. Garrett, Passes
Away.—His Career.**

The Carlsbad Argus tells of the death in New York of Charles W. Greene, formerly publisher of the Tribune, of this city. The news was received at Carlsbad by A. D. Greene, local editor of the Argus, and son of deceased. The aged publisher is supposed to have died of apoplexy.

Mr. Greene was well known personally to all the pioneers of the Pecos valley, and by reputation all over the union. It was his genius for organization which made possible the reclamation by irrigation of the Pecos valley.

In 1888 he went from Santa Fe to Roswell. At Roswell he met Pat F. Garrett, at present collector of customs here, and was by him interested in the matter of raising money to irrigate a small tract by means of the Hondo river.

Upon riding over the country with Mr. Garrett Mr. Greene at once grasped the immense possibilities for irrigation on the grandest scale ever attempted in America. In company with Mr. Garrett he went down to the old Eddy ranch—now La Huerta—and interested C. B. Eddy in the enlarged scheme.

Money was provided for Mr. Greene to go to Chicago to raise the necessary capital, and in less than three months he had pledged the entire \$600,000 for which the original Pecos Irrigation and Investment company was organized.

Mr. Greene secured Robert W. Tansill's interest in the country, and piloted a large party of Chicago people through the country in September, 1888. From the reports of the party, the stock of the Irrigation company was eagerly taken by Chicago capitalists, and active work began at once on construction of dams and canals both at Eddy and Roswell.

A few months after starting the works Mr. Greene decided there was more money for him in irrigation promotion in eastern money centers, and accordingly resigned the management of the Pecos Valley company (being succeeded by C. B. Eddy) and opened offices in Chicago and New York. Great success followed his efforts in these lines, and until the panic days of 1893 he turned loose many millions of eastern and English capital into western irrigation schemes.

He invested his entire private fortune in the Pecos valley, and up to his failure in 1894, owing to general financial panic, he had spent nearly half a million of dollars in developing his 7,000 acres in this valley.

Since leaving the valley in 1895, Mr. Greene has tried many different lines of business, spending most of his time in Salt Lake City, dealing in irrigation lands and mines. About a year ago he again went to New York, and with a partner opened an office at 65 Wall street.

At the time of death he was engaged in capitalizing a rice land scheme in east Texas, with \$1,500,000 capital.