

LOUIS HAMMER IS DEAD; OLD TIMER

One of City's Best Known Contractors and Prop- erty Owners

Louis Hammer, one of the oldest residents of this city and a well known contractor, died at four o'clock this morning at a local hospital after having undergone an operation Saturday for peritonitis. Mr. Hammer was brought here from his home in the valley, where he had been ailing but was not able to rally from the operation.

The deceased came to this country from Germany and went to Chicago where he helped build the Palmer house. From there he went to California and from California he came to this city, where he has resided for the last 27 years. After coming to this city he was associated with Richard Caples in the firm of Caples and Hammer for 20 years. He was generally respected by all with whom he had any connections and one business man of the city stated this morning that Mr. Hammer was one of the squarest and biggest hearted men that he ever knew.

Mr. Hammer is survived by a wife, three daughters, Mrs. Frieda Pickel, of Lake Zurich, Ill.; Mrs. Richard Keays, who resides about five miles down the valley from Juntura, and one other daughter, two sons, Joe of Fort Bayard, New Mexico, and Will, of Alhambra, Arizona. Mrs. Hammer is at present ill at the home of Mrs. Bowlder on the corner of Wyoming and North Oregon streets.

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made on account of the delay necessary in hearing from the out of town relatives. It is probable that the Pioneers and the Elks will turn out in a body for the services as the deceased was a member of both organizations.