

DEATH OF GORHAM E. HUBBARD.

One of El Paso's Most Prominent Citizens Passes to the Great Beyond—A Sketch of His Life.

At 1:30 this morning the spirit of Gorham E. Hubbard left the body and took its flight to the unseen world. This event has been expected to occur at almost any time for several days, but although expected, it fell with full force on the friends and loved ones who had cared for him so gently during the past months of serious illness.

The deceased was born in Boston, Oct. 17, 1836. At the early age of twelve years he went to sea where he remained for several years. He finally settled at Port Au Prince, where in 1856 he was appointed U. S. consul. Here his fortunes varied, but he continued his home in the West Indies until 1886, when he gave up his adopted home and returned to his native country. The last five years of his residence on the Islands he served as U. S. consular agent.

Soon after returning to Boston he was offered and accepted a position as chief clerk of Commissioner Leet, of the New Mexico and Arizona Pool Association, which was just being formed. This position brought him to El Paso, and on the dissolution of the pool in 1887 he formed a partnership with D. M. Payne in the wholesale produce business, under the firm name of Hubbard & Payne. In 1888 this firm consolidated with Smith & Thompson, under the firm name of Smith, Hubbard & Co., and on January 1, 1890, G. E. Hubbard & Co. succeeded to the business, Mr. Payne forming the company and Messrs. Smith and Thompson retiring.

During the notorious political troubles of 1889 R. C. Lightbody refused to act as mayor, claiming that A. Krakauer was elected. This resulted in the members of the old council, who had been sustained by the court, electing a mayor, and Mr. Hubbard was chosen. During his term of office, which was brief, he proved a strong partisan, but when, at the end of the contested election, a trick was brought up to make an illegal count and thus elect the Democratic candidate for mayor, Mr. Hubbard showed that if he was a partisan he was honest, and read the participants a lecture which they will likely always remember.

The deceased was in every respect a public spirited citizen. He was foremost in numerous public enterprises, and accepted any position where he felt he could benefit mankind. In the church, the Y. M. C. A., the different social orders to which he belonged, and in primary politics he was always called upon to take a leading part, and what he undertook to do he did so well that all his associates were ready to heap upon him honors as well as duties.

He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Elks, the Knights of Labor and the Woodmen of the World. He was also at the time of his death a member of the school board and a vestryman in St. Clement's church.

The deceased leaves a wife and four children, the latter ranging in age from 8 to 14 years, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will take place from St. Clement's church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, to which all friends of the family are invited. After the services at the church the Order of Elks will take charge of the funeral and the remains will be taken to Concordia for interment.