

# A. Krakauer, Pioneer Merchant, Dies

Was Identified With the Growth of El Paso For 42 Years.

Adolph Krakauer, president of Krakauer, Zork & Moye's, Sucrs., inc. and subsidiary companies, president of the Two Republics Life Insurance company, president of the Mountainside Realty company, director in the First National bank and Rio Grande Valley Bank & Trust company, and pioneer business man of El Paso, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Krakauer home, 1101 Mesa avenue.

Mr. Krakauer had an attack of heart trouble at midnight. He had been afflicted with this disease for several years. His condition did not improve and his death followed at 1 o'clock, with his family at his bedside. Mr. Krakauer went abroad recently for a vacation trip and had been home only a few weeks. He would have been 68 years old, if he had lived until May 23, as he was born in Furth, Bavaria, on May 23, 1846.

In 1865 Mr. Krakauer came to America alone and was employed as a clerk in New York City, where he gained his first business experience. In 1869 he removed to San Antonio, Texas, where he worked for Louis Zork, whose daughter, Miss Ada Zork, he married in San Antonio before coming to El Paso to make his permanent home.

**Came Here 42 Years Ago.**  
Forty-two years ago Mr. and Mrs. A. Krakauer arrived in El Paso as bride and groom. Mr. Krakauer first worked for Joseph Schutz at his store on San Francisco street, near the present location of the big plant of Krakauer, Zork & Moye's, Sucrs. He then went

with the Ketelsen & Degetau wholesale hardware dealers. It was in this store that Mr. Krakauer learned the heavy hardware business which afterward made him his fortune.

Realizing the importance of El Paso's trade territory, he organized the Krakauer, Zork & Moye Hardware company, together with Gus Zork, who has been identified with the Chihuahua branch of the company in recent years, and Ed Moye, now a local banker.

## Relinquishes Control to Sons.

Mr. Krakauer had gradually retired from the active control of his hardware business here, relinquishing details to his two sons, Julius and Robert Krakauer. However, he continued to take a keen interest and was at his desk every day.

The Two Republics Life Insurance company was one of his pet projects and he devoted much time to its building up. He has been president of the Two Republics since it was organized. He was also president of the Krakauer-Zork Investment company and the Mountainside Realty company. He always attended the directors' meetings of the First and Rio Grande banks and was active in their directorates.

## Was Alderman Years Ago.

He was alderman for a number of terms in the old days and the old timers recall when he presided at the mayor's court as acting mayor in the days when the recorder's court was conducted by the mayor. He was a member of the Country club, the Progress club and of the chamber of commerce. He always took an active interest in civic welfare, and was a member of the council committee which arranged for the sewers, also of the courthouse committee and other public enterprises. The flag on the chamber

of commerce was at half mast Wednesday in honor of the deceased merchant whose son, Robert, is a director of the chamber.

Mr. Krakauer is survived by his widow, two sons, Julius and Robert, and his daughter, Addie. The funeral will be held from Temple Mt. Sinai this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The burial will take place in the Mt. Sinai section of Concordia cemetery. Rev. Martin Zielonka will preside at the service. The honorary pallbearers are I. Haas, A. A. Klein, A. Silberberg, M. Solomon, J. Callisher, W. H. Burgess, Joseph Magoffin, W. B. Gillaspie, P. C. March, M. B. Davis, J. W. Fisher and H. Nordwald, of Chihuahua. The active pallbearers are Edgar W. Kayser, L. St. J. Thomas, S. C. McCurdy, F. M. Beall, Frank Elmendorf, G. B. Davis, Winchester Cooley and Ben Levy.

The flags in San Jacinto plaza and on the city hall were at half mast Wednesday in honor of the memory of Mr. Krakauer. The banks closed at 2 o'clock for the funeral.