

OLD TIME RAIL- ROAD MAN DIES

WILLIAM M'PIKE IS DEAD IN HIS
HOME IN THIS CITY.

Is Known to All Railroaders in This
Section, As Well As to a Great
Many Others—Lost Foot
in Accident.

William McPike, a veteran local railroad man, died in his home, 216 West Franklin street, about 10:30 Wednesday night.

The Order of Railway Conductors will conduct a funeral service in the house at 8:30 Friday morning. A high mass funeral service will take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 9 o'clock. This service will be under the joint auspices of the Knights of Columbus and the Order of Railway Conductors. The interment will be in Evergreen cemetery. The Ladies' Auxillary of the Order of Railway Conductors will conduct the services at the grave.

Mr. McPike was in railroad service, locally, about 15 years. Before that he was a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Central. Later he was a brakeman on the S. P. in California. On coming to El Paso he secured a position as brakeman on the G. H. and was soon promoted to be freight conductor. About seven years ago he resigned from the G. H. service and entered the employ of the Mexican Central as a freight conductor.

He suffered the loss of his right foot in an accident near Chihuahua about three and one half years ago. After a lay off of nearly a year he returned to his duties, wearing an artificial foot, but crippled as he was he found it very difficult to perform his work and a year and a half ago he retired.

He filed suit against the Central shortly thereafter, declaring that the officials had failed to keep their agreement with him to furnish him with permanent employment for the rest of his life at a salary equal to that which he was drawing at the time he lost his foot.

Just after leaving the Mexican Central and upon the death of the late A. B. McKie, Mr. McPike was appointed city jailer, but only served a few days and resigned, declaring that he was no politician.

Mr. McPike became affected with paralysis last July and since then his health has failed steadily. He leaves a widow and three children, Madeline 12 years old, John 7 years old, and Catherine 15 months old. Mrs. McPike is a sister of Mrs. John Donchue, of El Paso, wife of the Santa Fe passenger conductor of that name.