

Services For Councilman Pitman Are To Be Held At 3:30 O'clock Tuesday At City Hall, Same Time At His Home

MEMORIAL services for councilman Park Pitman who died Saturday in Chicago will be held Tuesday at the city hall at 3:30 p. m. Funeral services for Mr. Pitman will be held at the same hour at Havana, Ill., his former home.

Mrs. Pitman telegraphed Rev. Floyd Poe, asking him to come to Havana to hold services for Mr. Pitman but he was unable to go. Mayor Charles Davis is arranging services to be held here.

Friends Offer Blood.

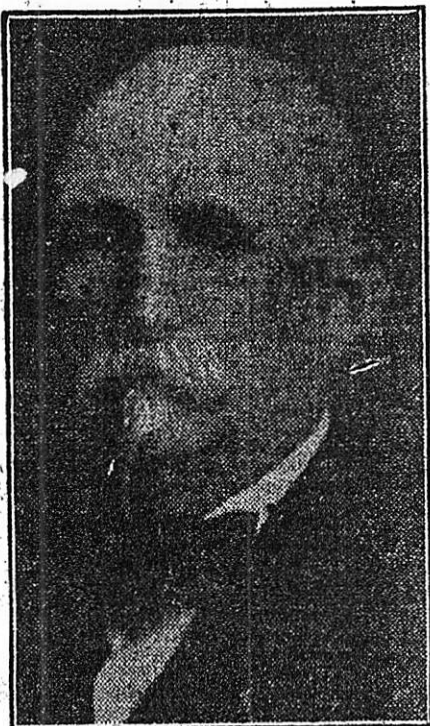
A year ago Mr. Pitman went to Mayo brothers' hospital at Rochester, Minn., expecting to have an operation made but was advised that little good would come of it.

He appeared in good health, however, until April 21 when he had a several nasal hemorrhage and was taken to Hotel Dieu. All efforts to check the hemorrhages were unsuccessful until an operation was performed and one of the arteries in his neck tied off. Loss of blood had made him very weak and 15 friends, among them mayor Davis and C. N. Bassett, volunteered in case blood transfusion should be necessary.

A Loss to El Paso.

Mr. Pitman gradually improved and was taken to his home. Shortly afterward he was taken to Chicago where it was believed the lower altitude would hasten his improvement.

Last Tuesday he suffered a relapse and was taken to Presbyterian hospital in Chicago and his daughters Misses Ann and Mary hastened to his bedside. At 7 p. m. Saturday Dr. Poe received a telegram stating that Mr. Pitman was very low and at 8 p. m.



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mayor Davis was notified of his death.

"El Paso has lost in Park Pitman one of its most valuable citizens," said mayor Davis. "Since he was in charge of the city's finances, I saw more of him than of the other councilmen, and knew him better. Our friendship extended over a period of 35 years and he was one of the best friends I ever had. I esteemed him greatly."

Suggested City Market.

"The city has lost a courageous, competent and upright official," said councilman R. C. Semple.

"He was one of El Paso's finest citizens and officials," councilman Martin Sweeney said.

It was at Mr. Pitman's suggestion that the council took a large granite boulder that had been used in drilling contests and set it up in city hall park as a memorial shaft to fallen heroes of the World war. He was interested in El Paso's rapid growth and presented the city with a number of pictures in his private collection showing the city in the early days.

Mr. Pitman's chair in the council chamber will be draped with an American flag.

Dr. Poe will offer prayer and short addresses will be made by mayor Davis for the council, by a member for Elks' lodge, Adolf Hoffman for El Paso county pioneers' association and C. N. Bassett as a friend.

"Through Park Pitman's death El Paso has lost one of its best citizens," said W. T. Griffith, "and the council one of its most conservative advisers."

Came Here In 1885.

Mr. Pitman was born in Galesburg, Ill., July 18, 1861. He was graduated from the Havana, Ill., high school and attended the Cumberland Presbyterian university at Lincoln, Ill., for two years. For five years he worked at Chicago for the Wabash railroad.

He was 24 years old when he came to El Paso in 1885. Mr. Pitman had started for California but said El Paso's possibilities appealed to him and he did not see California until 12 years later.

His first venture in El Paso was the brick business. With his partner, George Look, they established the first brick kiln in Juarez from which the Juarez postoffice in Juarez, burned by Francisco Madero's troops in May, 1911, was built. Later he was a bookkeeper for P. E. Kern, jeweler, a clerk for Charles Merrick, a dealer in men's clothing, and for B. Blumenthal & Brothers.

County Clerk For 18 Years.

With Mr. Look he entered into a contract for laying the track of the Rio Grande, Sierra Madre & Pacific railroad from Juarez to Casas Grandes in 1895-7. In 1896 Mr. Pitman was elected clerk of El Paso county, an office which he held continuously for 18 years. This earned him the tribute of "The best county clerk El Paso county ever had."

At the end of his 18 years' service as county clerk he entered the real estate business. In 1919 he was elected a member of the city council and was reelected in 1921.

Proud Of Kentucky.

Mr. Pitman said at one time if he had thought there was enough money in it he would have gone into the law business, as that was his boyhood ambition, to be followed up by being president of the United States. He is the son of John W. Pitman who came from Kentucky and was "proud of it." He said he had read Blackstone from cover to cover and found it dry reading but would have taken up other volumes if he had been convinced there was money in it.

In 1899 he was married to Miss Nancy Chick, of Bowling Green, Ky. Two daughters, Anne E. and Mary C. Pitman, and a son, Park Pitman, Jr., survive.

Mr. Pitman was an Elk, having been elected exalted ruler 20 years ago.

Pioneers Honor Mr. Pitman.

El Paso County Pioneers' association, of which Mr. Pitman was past president, wired the following telegram to Mrs. Pitman Monday:

"All our members join in sincerest sympathy you and your family in the death of our past president pioneer Pitman. We expect to participate in memorial services at city hall here tomorrow afternoon at time of funeral there."