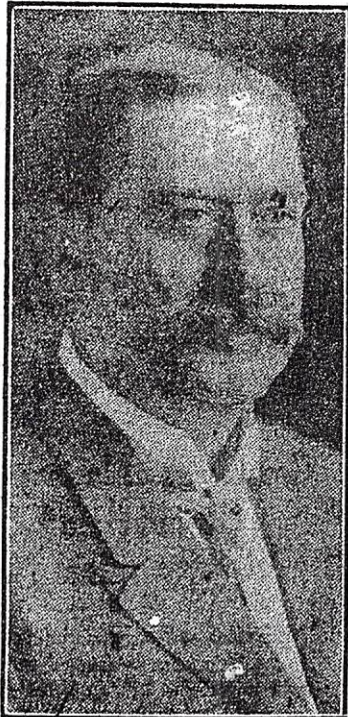


Pioneers To Conduct Funeral Services For D. W. Reckhart

Daniel W. Reckhart, 59, who died at his home, 305½ San Francisco street, Thursday night, will be buried in El Paso, where he had lived since 1888. Funeral services, which will be in charge of the El Paso County Pioneer's association, will be held at the Peak-Hagedorn chapel Sunday at 2 p.m.

He was one of El Paso's best known and loved pioneers, having been the "perpetual" president of the McGinty



D. W. RECKHART.

club, organized in 1892 and officially disbanded in 1902. He was captain of hose company No. 1, El Paso volunteer fire department, and active in all civic affairs in the early days.

Columbia Graduate.

Mr. Reckhart was born in New York city in 1864, where he attended public schools and later Columbia university, from which he was graduated a mining engineer in 1884. He took an active part in athletics and was a member of the university rowing team with R. E. Fishburn, engineer of the United States boundary commission here, which competed with the Harvard and other teams.

Utah and Colorado were having considerable mine development at the time of his graduation and he went to Salt Lake where he practiced his profession for some time, but later gave this up to become an instructor in rowing and other athletics. He came to El Paso in 1888 and opened an assay office opposite the site of the "Reckhart flatiron building" which he erected 15 years ago and in which he has had his offices and home since.

Worked In Mexico.

Before he came to El Paso, however, he was superintendent of the Bennett mines in the Organ mountains east of Las Cruces in 1884. He was also in Mexico as a mines superintendent for some time, Mrs. Reckhart said.

El Paso had little to offer in the way of amusement in the early part of the '90's and Mr. Reckhart and his friends organized the McGinty club. It first went in chiefly for music, but later had a number of branches which included a flambeau club, and "light artillery" drill teams. Prof. Carl Pitzer was hired to direct the band which was held together several years by Mr.

Reckhart after the club itself had ceased to exist.

A clubhouse was erected on the present site of the Odd Fellows hall. Everybody who could play a musical instrument or who could sing or possessed dramatic talent belonged to the club. Mr. Reckhart was elected the first president and continued to be its president until the club was superseded by other organizations. The McGinty cannon in San Jacinto plaza is a reminder of the organization, it having been used to fire a salute to presidents Harrison and McKinley on visits here.

Rode Cycles To Fires.

Mr. Reckhart was captain of company No. 1 in the volunteer fire department when the Grand Central hotel burned. Each fireman had an electric bell in his room which gave the alarm. He would jump on his bicycle and ride to the fire station. At first they pulled the hose cart through mud and sand, but later hooked it to the back of an express wagon.

Seven years ago Mr. Reckhart weighed 315 pounds, but illness since that time had reduced his weight to 230 at the time of his death. He was not handicapped greatly by his weight, however, and played on a baseball team from El Paso against Deming in the early days.

In 1895 Mr. Reckhart was married to Miss Eva Crawford, daughter of Capt. Jack Crawford, known as the scout poet of the southwest. Besides his widow he is survived by a son, Daniel Francis, and daughter, Miss Irene, who live here, and by two brothers, Frank and Henry, living in New York city. His son has been associated with him in the assay office.

Two years ago Mr. Reckhart underwent an operation which gave him temporary relief, but his health had been failing gradually since that time.

Services at the chapel will be conducted by Rev. G. H. Higgins and at the grave pioneers will have charge.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Harry Brokenbrak, Herbert Ward, Bri. T. F. Davis, U. S. A., retired, Llew H. Davis, R. E. Fishburn and mayor R. M. Dudley.

Active pallbearers will be: Ed Watts, U. S. Devore, Louis Behr, Gene Donaldson, I. A. Barnes and William McCoy.

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