

## **"SMELTER SCHNEIDER" ENTERS INTO REST**

**WELL KNOWN MINING EXPERT,  
ONCE A SOLDIER OF THE  
POPE, DIES HERE.**

Franz A. Schneider, Sr., died January 2, at 1 p. m. He was a German, having come to the United States from Rome in 1870, where he has resided ever since.

He leaves a family consisting of one married daughter, Mrs. Harry Cheery, who resides in this city at present, also two small girls and three grown sons, all being present at his bedside at the time of death, except his oldest son who is at the present in Sonora, Mexico, connected with some mining company as superintendent of a smelter.

Schneider served as a soldier under Pope Leo XIII. in Rome, Italy. He was master of eight different languages. He was known all over the western states as "Smelter Schneider."

Deceased followed the smelting business for the last 41 years. He was considered one of the highest ranking practical smelter men in the United States and Mexico. He returned two weeks ago from Batopilas, Mexico, where he went to make a test smelter run, which was pronounced a great success. He was to have returned there to erect a smelting plant on Feb. 1 had he lived. He died of pneumonia at 1209 Missouri street. "Smelter Schneider" was for a number of years employed by T. S. Austin, superintendent of the El Paso Smelting works. He was a man of the best habits and many companies will be surprised to hear of his sudden death. The funeral will be held upon his son's return from Sonora, Mex., interment in Concordia.

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