

### **Ben Small Dead.**

After a long and sad illness Mr. Ben Small died at his home on El Paso street Christmas night. He was a man respected and liked by everybody who knew him. His always sunshiny nature and gentle, benevolent disposition won the hearts of even the most selfish. The deceased was one of El Paso's successful business men for years. He was born in Mexico and was 40 years old at his death and leaves a loving wife and two fond daughters to mourn his loss.

Mr. Small was an Odd Fellow, being a member of Eureka Lodge No. 22, located at Eureka, Nevada. He was also a Patriarch of Mount Franklin Encampment No. 106, and a Chevalier, being a charter member of Canton del Paso No. 4, Patriarchs Militant. The body will be taken to Odd Fellows' hall at 10 a. m. today, and from that time until 2 p. m. will be exposed to public view. At 2 p. m. the regular Odd Fellows' service for the dead will be performed, after which the remains will be interred at Odd Fellows' cemetery, Concordia, under the auspices of Canton del Paso No. 4, Patriarchs Militant.

The services at 2 o'clock will be conducted by El Paso Lodge No. 284, I. O. O. F., and the services at the grave will be conducted by Canton El Paso No. 4, Patriarch Militant. The public is invited to attend the services at the hall.

## BURYING THEIR DEAD

### The Funeral of Ben Small The Tribute of Loyal Brothers.

The funeral services of Mr. Ben Small were conducted from Odd Fellows hall Sunday afternoon, and the immense concourse of people who attended the services and followed the remains to the cemetery, was a touching evidence of the high esteem in which the dead man was held. Ben Small had no enemies. Everybody liked him and his intimate friends loved him as a brother.

Sunday morning the remains were removed to the Odd Fellows hall where they lay in state near the station of the Noble Grand, and the Patriarchs Militant of Canton del Paso, in full uniform, acted as a guard of honor. The hall was appropriately draped with emblems of sorrow, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Upon the casket rested a white collar trimmed in scarlet, representing the subordinate lodge; one of purple for the Encampment, while the Chavalier trappings of the deceased, consisting of Chapau, sword and belt occupied a prominent place. At the foot of the stair, landing and at the door, were stationed sentinels of Patriarchs, Militants, the same body furnishing ushers. The officers of El Paso Lodge 284, in regalia, occupied the official chairs.

At 2 o'clock p. m., when the funeral services commenced the hall was crowded. The beautiful and impressive funeral services of the I. O. O. F. were conducted by Noble Grand Sharp and Chaplain Robinson. Noble Grand Sharp truthfully and feelingly said: "Brother Small was a faithful Odd Fellow. He had fallen amid life's struggles at his post of duty, full of honors. Let the record of his virtues and worth be indelibly inscribed upon our hearts and his memory cherished forever. God of the universe, into Thy hands we commit the departed spirit."

At the close of the services the Canton took up a position at the foot of the stairs on El Paso street and came to a present as the remains were borne through their ranks to the hearse by Odd Fellows Thomas O'Keefe, W. L. Price, John Sarrensen, J. L. Campbell, J. Sidebotham and J. Scannell. The sad procession then commenced the march to the cemetery, where the remains were laid to rest with the pretty and eloquent ceremonies of the Patriarchs Militant. God rest thee, noble soul.