

# JOHN W. ZOLLARS DIES IN THE EAST

## First Cashier of First National Bank and Pioneer Passes Away Friday.

John W. Zollars died Friday at the Cramer hotel at Atlantic City, N. J., where Mr. and Mrs. Zollars had been residing for the past six months. Mr. Zollars had been in bad health for two years and during this time underwent several operations. For the past several months his life had been despaired of. The funeral will be held Monday, Nov. 22, in Canton, O., the Zollars family home.

The news was received in El Paso in a telegram Friday evening to James G. McNary, vice president of the First National bank, from Mrs. Zollars.

### Came in Early Eighties.

John W. Zollars came to El Paso during the early eighties and shortly after coming to the city became cashier of the first National bank. He left El Paso in 1884 to become cashier of the Percha bank at Kingston, N. M., and from Kingston went to Las Vegas, N. M., where for many years he was cashier and manager of the Las Vegas First National bank.

While connected with the First National bank here, he acquired stock in the institution and always retained an interest in the bank, of which he was a faithful and valued director. He was a first cousin to Joshua Reynolds, the president of the First National bank, and during his banking life was closely associated with U. S. Stewart, now president of the City National bank; and Charles R. Morehead, now president of the State National bank.

### Traveled For Health.

During the last five years Mr. Zollars and his wife have traveled considerably, and while they were only frequent visitors in El Paso, Mr. Zollars always looked upon this city as his home. He was a member of the First Baptist church and the local Masonic order; as well as being identified with the chamber of commerce and the Toltec club.

U. S. Stewart said today: "Mr. Zollars was a man of sterling character and great business ability, and had a host of friends in the southwest."

Judge Frank E. Hunter said that he found Mr. Zollars strongly entrenched as a developer of the southwest when he arrived in El Paso during the early eighties and that he had done much in a quiet and sober way to bring El Paso to the industrial front.

### Held in High Esteem.

At the First National bank all the officers and directors expressed the highest esteem and personal regard for Mr. Zollars, who had become a fixture in the institution and in whom every one who knew him had the fullest confidence as to his sound judgment, ability, and unflinching optimism. He was a good friend and a loyal El Pasoan always.

### Was Wealthy.

Mr. Zollars was a man of considerable fortune and had many interests in west Texas and New Mexico. He is survived by one brother, David Zollars, of Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Zollars is a sister to Mrs. C. Hoppell of Albuquerque; and Mrs. W. H. Booker, of Hillsboro, N. M. When Mr. Zollars lived in El Paso his residence was on

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Magoffin avenue. His home was the scene of many interesting social gatherings.

### Intensely Patriotic.

Mr. Zollars was intensely patriotic and he always resented any slurring references to the United States and its flag. On one of his last trips to El Paso Mr. Zollars was a passenger on the Golden State limited in the smoking compartment talking about the Mexican situation with some El Paso friends he had met on the train. A young American, well dressed and with a know-it-all air, undertook to tell the smoking room party what Mexico would do to the United States in the event of a war and how our army would fall in the field.

### Refuted Detractor of Army.

Always tolerant of others' views, Mr. Zollars could not tolerate this patronizing talk long and in a mild but firm way, told the young man that he should be ashamed of himself and that he was making a fool of himself. The young man, finding that he had been talking to a man who knew Mexican conditions from intimate association, and not an eastern tourist, left the smoking compartment in embarrassment.