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Biographical Information Sheet

Heimberger & Oppenheim

Dr. David, born February 26, 1845, died January 27, 1911, age 65 (Block D, Lot 19, Grave 1).

Mina, died March 22, 1919, age 57 (Block D, Lot 19, Grave 1). (Mrs. A?)

Rose

Erna

Carl, born 1898(?)

From the Leadville Carbonate Weekly Chronicle, January 30, 1911:

Death of Dr. Heimberger

After an illness of only a few days, Dr. Heimberger yesterday morning succumbed to an attack of pneumonia at his apartments in the Adington Block on Harrison Avenue. The aged man proved an easy prey to the dreaded disease and slowly his constitution, weakened by old age, gave way before the mighty enemy and death quietly and peacefully threw her dark pall over him and closed his eyelids to this world.

The deceased was born in Baden, Germany, in 1845 and at an early age came to America with his parents, brothers and sisters. The family settled in New York City and David entered Bellvue college where he took up the study of medicine. He was graduated from the institution and immediately began the practice of his profession.

Mr. Heimberger came to Colorado in 1868, arriving in Leadville in 1886. Here he continued in his profession for many years and had succeeded by his efficient services in building up a good practice.

Previous to his arrival in this city, Mr. Heimberger was located on a ranch near Saguache. He entertained General U. S. Grant at the ranch for two or three days, the time being spent by the distinguished visitor in hunting and fishing.

About four years ago, Dr. Heimberger left this city for Denver, where he has since lived on a chicken

ranch near that city. Four months ago he again returned to Leadville with his family and it was his intention to remain here permanently.

The deceased is survived by a widow, two daughters, Mrs. Rose Kahn and Miss. Erna Heimberger, and a son, Carl, the latter 12 years of age.

Dr. Heimberger was the uncle of J. O. Heimberger, formerly owner of the Herald Democrat, whom he had raised from childhood.

Jacob, born June 2, 1867 in New York, married 1892, parents in Germany, Newspaper, owned home free and clear (died June 1, 1904, age 37 (Block D, Lot 17).

Hattie, born April, 1868 in Illinois, parents in Germany, 2 born, 2 alive, Housekeeper.

Lucille, born July, 1893 in Colorado.

Sylvia, Born August, 1899 in Colorado.

From the Leadville Herald Democrat, June 2, 1904:

J. O. HEIMBERGER DEAD CUT DOWN IN HIS PRIME

After Brief Illness the Owner and Editor of the Herald Democrat Passes Into Rest---Promising Career of One of the City's Lead-in Business Men Cut Short.

AND LEADVILLE SORROWS FOR HER OWN



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Jacob Oppenheim Heimberger sank into the sleep that knows no waking at 5:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Heimberger had been ill for two weeks, but his condition was not considered critical until yesterday afternoon. His illness was attributed to la grippe until last Sunday when the symptoms of typhoid fever developed rather alarmingly. The immediate cause of death was an obstruction of the bowels.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. Heimberger began to sink rapidly. The physicians were hastily summoned and upon their arrival saw at once that the end was very near. Two hours later, surrounded by his family and a few intimate business associates and close personal friends, Mr. Heimberger closed his eyes upon earthly scenes.

Mr. Heimberger would have been thirty-seven years old had he lived twenty-four hours longer. He was born June 2, 1867 in New York City.

His father, Max Oppenheim, died in New York in December, 1870, leaving young Jacob to the care of an invalid mother. Mrs. Oppenheim came to Denver at the invitation of her brother Dr. David Heimberger.

In 1873 Dr. Heimberger moved to Saguache. He had accepted the office of surgeon to the Indian agency at Los Pinos. When he moved south Mrs. Oppenheim and her son went with him. Mrs. Oppenheim died at Saguache in September, 1874. Before she died she called her brother to her and gave her son into his keeping, asking him to adopt the boy.

Dr. Heimberger complied with his sister's request and adopted the lad, giving him his own name. Jacob lived at Saguache with Dr. Heimberger until he was thirteen years old. During that time the boy attended the schools at Saguache and had every advantage

that could be offered in the little frontier town which Mr. Heimberger had laid out and of which he was the first mayor and president of the town corporation.

Bishop Spalding was a frequent visitor at the Heimberger home in those days, the Bishop being called to that region in the pursuit of his Episcopal duties. He took a deep interest in the young boy and readily agreed to entering the lad in Jarvis Hall when the subject was broached by Dr. Heimberger. The lad had pursued his studies so well in Saguache that he was qualified to enter the Denver school without further preparation. Accordingly he was sent to Bishop Spalding's institution where he advanced rapidly in his studies.

Dr. Heimberger had established the Saguache Chronicle and during the vacations Jacob would return to Saguache from Denver and work in the office of the Chronicle. Here he learned the printer's trade and became intimate with all the details of the business. It was here that under the direction and instruction of his uncle and adopted father, he laid the foundation for the brilliant success of his Leadville career.

Finishing the course at Jarvis Hall, Mr. Heimberger was sent to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Dr. Heimberger moved from Saguache to Leadville and established the Journal. At that time C. C. Davis was conducting the old Leadville Herald and Democrat. Mr. Davis' attention was called to young Mr. Heimberger and a position was offered to him as advertising solicitor on Mr. Davis' publications. Mr. Heimberger gave up his university course almost on the eve of his graduation and took the position on the newspaper.

That was in 1888 when Mr. Heimberger was twenty-one years of age.



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Since that time he advanced from the subordinate position in the office to the sole ownership of the Leadville Herald Democrat. His life has been so intimately identified with the advancement of Leadville during these past sixteen years that his progress is known to every one here.

When C. C. Davis left Leadville and his daughter took the management of the newspaper, Mr. Heimberger was practically business manager and was the main factor in the success of the institution during a period when the Leadville press was in danger of dissolution.

In 1899 the Herald Democrat changed hands and was controlled by the Leadville Publishing and Printing Co., Mr. Heimberger as business manager and Mr. H. Mac Lennan as editor, conducted the business.

On November 26, 1902, little more than a year and a half ago, Mr. Heimberger bought the plant and business of the Leadville Publishing and Printing company and assumed absolute control and the management of the business which included besides the extensive job department, the publication of the Herald Democrat, the Evening Chronicle and the Weekly Carbonate Chronicle.

Under his management the publishing and printing business became profitable. He had the faculty of making a success of everything he undertook, which faculty largely consisted in his case of intense application to business, straight-forwardness and sterling honesty in all dealings with his fellow men and strict adherence to those principles which he believed to be right.

Mr. Heimberger was married twelve years ago to Miss Hattie Leon. Mrs. Heimberger and two children survive him. The children are Lucille, who is in her eleventh year and Sylvia in her sixth year. Mr. Heimberger is also survived by his adopted

father, Dr. David Heimberger and by his brother-in-law, Julius Leon.

Mr. Heimberger had the fraternal instinct highly developed. He was not a "joiner", but he did have high regard for the principles which are exemplified in the great fraternal orders. He was a member of Leadville Lodge No. 216, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Silver Camp No. 12, Woodmen of the World, Violet Circle No. 1, Women of Woodcraft, and had just started on the journey along the lofty pathway of Masonry.

The death of Mr. Heimberger was noted with expressions of deepest regret throughout the city yesterday evening. The news of his demise spread very rapidly and many heard of the sad ending of his illness who had not known that he was dangerously sick. Everyone who heard the sorrowful tidings gave expression to sympathy with the bereaved family and appreciation of the manhood of Mr. Heimberger.

The universal opinion expressed was that Leadville had lost a good citizen and a business man whose place could not easily be filled.

Mr. Heimberger always had the welfare of Leadville at heart. He was loyal to Leadville when others were complaining; he upheld the business and mining interests of Leadville in his publications when others were crying failure and hard times; no matter what the gloom or foreboding that settled down over the commercial and mining interests of Leadville in her darkest hours, Mr. Heimberger was optimistic and voiced his high hopes for Leadville when it required an effort to do so.

Leadville, said many of her prominent men yesterday, has lost one of her staunchest and best friends.

Mr. Heimberger was a man of friends. He had a sunny, happy disposition which drew friends to him. Strictly business in his material relations, there was



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yet nothing harsh or repellent and his best friends were those who were most intimately associated with him in business affairs. There was that in the glance of his clear dark eyes which went to one's heart and told one that back of those eyes vibrated the soul of a man and the heart of a brother.

Mr. Heimberger's success in business was due largely to his own efforts. Starting at the lowest rung in the ladder he mounted to the top. There was a reason. Mr. Heimberger's life was exemplary. He had no bad habits. His life was clean. He started out in life with a high ideal of manhood and lived as near to his ideal as a human being could.

He was honest. Business success is very frequently attained by methods which will not bear the light, which can only be followed at the sacrifice of conscience and principle. This was not Mr. Heimberger's success. He dealt honorably with all men, even when there was strong temptation to relax a little of principle. His word was good.

He was a veritable dynamo of business energy. That was not the least factor in his success. He was always busy doing something toward a definite object. His manner on the street was frequently noted, the distinguishing feature being that he was always in a hurry. There was no time to waste, and he wasted none. At the same time he always had time to be pleasant and courteous. He never was too busy to be kind.

These elements probably contributed to his success. Judging from his life such elements will contribute to anyone's success. But another factor in his success which probably comes from and includes all these elements and many more, was the man's personality. A man's personality is hard to define; it cannot be analyzed as can his honesty or his energy, it is the man himself. Mr. Heimberger was a man of strong personality; there was a magnetism about him, about his actions, his voice and his appearance which attracted men to him. In social life he was

admirable. His home life was happier than the average. He was loved in his home and admired in his social circle. Is there any higher tribute to his personality?

1887:

A PLEASANT COFFEE KLATCH

The event of the week was an afternoon coffee party given by Mrs. Sam Mayer at her residence on East Fourth street, Thursday [August 14], honoring her mother, Mrs. J. H. Frank of Dennison, Texas. The house was beautifully decorated, and the table was arranged most artistically, being lighted by fairy lamps of variegated colors. The menu consisted of refreshments, which were perfect in every detail.

Those present were:

Mrs. J. H. Frank, Mrs. J. Schloss,
Mrs. H. H. Hirsch, Mrs. S. Shoenberg,
Mrs. A. Rosenstock, Mrs. A. Heimberger,
Mrs. J. Dennein, Mrs. H. Angerman,
Mrs. E. Keppler, Mrs. I. Kahn,
Mrs. J. Kahn, Mrs. S. Cohen,
Mrs. J. Cohn, Mrs. D. Warner,
Mrs. Mike Mayer, Mrs. A. Schayer,
Mrs. I. Baer, Mrs. M. Kahn,
Mrs. S. Berry, Mrs. M. Goldenberg,
Miss Eva Schloss, Miss Lottie Schloss.

Circa 1900:

A number of other business changes took place during the early 1900s, one of which was the sale and resale of the Morning Herald Democrat, Evening Chronicle and Carbonate Weekly Chronicle. Not long after the Leadville Publishing and Printing Company had purchased the C. C. Davis publications, offices and job department, located at 125-127 East Fifth Street in 1897, Jacob O. Heimberger had become the business manager. In late November of 1902, he bought the entire business and operated it until his death in June of 1904. In October of that year, Mrs. Heimberger sold the business to James Knight and Henry C. Butler. (When Knight retired a dozen years later Frank E. Vaughn took his interests.)