

NOTED ATTORNEY OF COUNTY DIED OF WEAK HEART

W. E. Wheelan of Wisconsin
Rapids Taken Suddenly At
West Bend While Travel-
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Rapids.

Marshfield residents, attorneys, and business men generally regret to hear of the death of Attorney W. E. Wheelan of Wisconsin Rapids, which occurred at 12:20 o'clock Wednesday morning in the C. and N. W. railroad station at West Bend, where he had been removed after suffering a fatal attack of heart trouble, while enroute on the train from Milwaukee to Wisconsin Rapids.

Mr. Wheelan was scheduled to appear before the Condemnation Commission in Wisconsin Rapids early Wednesday morning and was evidently returning for that date where he was to argue the drainage case of Rocheleau vs the Consolidated company. He was 49 years of age.

Had Medical Aid.

When it became evident to the train crew that Mr. Wheelan was seriously ill, the authorities at West Bend were called and a physician rushed to his side. The end came at 12:30 o'clock. The only means of identification Mr. Wheelan had with him was his Elks membership card which gave the name of the local secretary, S. W. Howard, secretary of the Rapids lodge, he was notified by long distance phone of the serious illness and he got into communication with the members of the Wheelan family. At an early hour Mr. Howard received the news of his death. Frank Wheelan, brother of the deceased, went to West Bend Wednesday morning and returned in the evening with the remains. The attending physician pronounced death due to heart failure.

Was Prominent Lawyer.

William E. Wheelan was regarded from early in his career as a leader in the legal profession. He won laurels early in his practice, as a very able lawyer and a brilliant orator. He has taken an active interest in politics, being one of the staunchest Democrats in this part of the state. During his active part in the Democratic affairs he was for many years county and congressional committee chairman and his consistent work won him the distinction of being one of the ablest and most successful campaign managers in the party.

Mayor Seven Years.

Mr. Wheelan served many years in public office discharging his duties ably and efficiently. He first came into public office when he became deputy clerk of the circuit court in 1892, serving under Atty. D. D. Conway who was then clerk of the court. He entered the University of Wisconsin in 1890 for two years. He returned to the law school at the

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University in 1896 remaining there until 1897 when he was graduated. He entered the law practice in Wisconsin Rapids in Nov. 1897. In 1900 he was appointed city attorney for one term and was elected Mayor of the city in the spring of 1901 for his first term, serving in all seven years during different terms as the head of the city government. In 1910 he was elected to the state assembly serving one term. He was chosen by a large majority.

William E. Wheelan was born in Wisconsin Rapids Dec. 30, 1872. He always made his home in that city and was graduated from the grade and high school, receiving his diploma with the class of 1889. He is survived by his father, Edmund V. Wheelan, Sr., and two brothers, Edmund W. Wheelan, an attorney of Sandpoint, Idaho and Frank Wheelan, of Wisconsin Rapids.

He was a charter member of the Rapids lodge of Elks and has taken a keen interest in the affairs of the order.

Funeral Saturday.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 Saturday morning from the Elks Club in Wisconsin Rapids and the Elks ritual will be used, conducted either by O. R. Roenius or W. H. Carey. Members of the Wood County Bar association will act as active and honorary pall-bearers. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery at the Rapids. Most of the members of the bar association from Marshfield will attend the funeral. They are, from Marshfield; P. A. and R. R. Williams, E. M. and W. E. Deming, E. C. and C. M. Pors, Judge R. E. Andrews, C. B. Edwards, John F. Cole. From Wisconsin Rapids; C. E. Briere, F. W. Calkins, W. J. Conway, D. D. Conway, also a member, is out of the city.) T. W. Brazeau, B. R. Goggins, H. W. Goggins, J. J. Jeffrey, John Roberts, B. M. Vaughn. From Nekoosa; H. E. Fitch and A. J. Crowns. From Pitts-ville, F. W. Woolworth.