

SUNDAY MORNING

HENRY KLEINBERG, PROMINENT GRAIN DEALER, IS DEAD

Man Who Came From Prussia and Amassed Fortune in Central Washington Passes Away

Henry Kleinberg, who came from his native Prussia as an immigrant ship steerage passenger and became



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one of the wealthiest men in Central Washington, died yesterday at his home in the Roundcliff Apartments, one of his Seattle properties. The retired hay and grain dealer, who was 72 years old, was one of the state's most prominent Jewish citizens. He had lived in Washington fifty years.

Charitable, jovial, "a square shooter," their former patron is mourned by Kittitas County ranchers who trusted him and dealt with him during the years he built up a small mercantile business and dropped that to organize Henry Kleinberg, Inc., a large hay and grain business. At one time he owned between 1,500 and 2,000 acres of choice irrigated land near Ellensburg.

Always Remembered Caruso

One of his favorite jokes on himself was to tell of his introduction to grand opera. Mrs. Kleinberg importuned him, during one of their visits to New York, until he agreed to go to hear Caruso. En route to their seats, Mr. Kleinberg stepped upon and tore off the long train of a woman's skirt, much to his own and the woman's embarrassment. He did not care much for Caruso after that.

When he retired fifteen years ago and brought his family to Seattle, he left his Ellensburg business in charge of a nephew, Dan.

Entertained Soldiers

During the World War, after he had been appointed Central Washington Red Cross chairman and a member of the President's state commission, he went to New York with Mrs. Kleinberg and took time from his many personal duties to go out to Camp Mills, Long Island, round up all the soldiers from the Kittitas section he could find and take them in to the city for dinners and theatre parties.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Bonney-Watson Mortuary Chapel, with burial in the Jewish Cemetery.

Mr. Kleinberg, who is survived by his widow, Mrs. Amelia Kleinberg; two sons, Alfred and Lester of Seattle, and a daughter, Mrs. Jerome Holz of Portland, was a member of the B'nai B'rith and of the Temple de Hirsch.

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