OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN HIRAM S. HOLLY.

Captain Hiram S. Holly of Otero county who died in this city early yesterday morning, as announced in yesterday's Chieftain, was one of the most prominent stockmen in Colorado in the paling day of the cattl ebusiness. His great "SS" ranch at Holly in Bent county brought him $875,000 when he sold it and at the time of his death he was still largely interested in cattle, being one of the heaviest owners in the Columbia company.

He was born in Stamford, Fairfield county, Connecticut, July 13, 1843, where he attended school and worked on a farm until he was fifteen years of age. After one year's experience in the army in the Twenty-Eighth Connecticut volunteer infantry, he was discharged and went to New York city where he remained a short time at the end of which he was employed in the quartermaster's department in Tennessee for one year.

After a short visit home he came to Colorado. He left the cars at St. Joseph, Mo., then the terminus of railroads in the west and came by boat to Nebraska City and them with ox teams up the Platte river valley. He found his employment in Colorado at North Empire as engineer in a quartz mill. For six months he took charge of it for others and then ran it for himself. During this time he had men out prospecting. In 1868 he started for Arizona with the intention of mining but remained only a brief period as the Indians were very troublesome.

He then went to Gilpin county and was mining in Nevada gulch until 1870 when he went to Black Hawk to continue mining and milling which he did until the spring of 1871. He then abandoned this business and sought other fields of employment. Unable to find in Colorado such a herd as he wanted he went to Texas and bought a bunch of 1,300 head of mixed cattle and drove them to his "SS" ranch which had a frontage of thirty miles on the Arkansas and the same on Sand creek. In 1881 his herd numbered not far from 15,000.

After selling his "SS" ranch Captain Holly removed to that part of Bent county that is now Otero and located some six miles east of Rocky Ford, where his home continued to be until his death. He came to Pueblo a short time since for medical waters and treatment for stomach troubles which caused his death.

The funeral will occur at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the First Methodist church under the auspices of the Masons, of which body he was a member. His family, consisting of Mrs. Holly, three sons and three daughters, will all be present. One of his sons was attending the state university at Boulder and the others were at his home near La Junta. Quite a large number are expected from La Junta to attend the funeral. Charles A. Reynolds, treasurer of Otero county, was in the city yesterday making the arrangements for the funeral.

MASONIC NOTICE.