

Edward J. Rea

(- 11 Feb 1896)

Rea. On February 11, 1896 at his residence, 629 F street northwest of pneumonia, Edward J. beloved husband of Susan Rea, aged 39 years.

The Evening Star, February 11, 1896

Death of E.J. Rea

Edward J. Rea, a prominent and popular member of the Association of Eccentric Engineers died this morning of pneumonia. He was active and well known in the Knights of Labor and had held every office in Eccentric Engineers' Assembly 4806, at his death was recording secretary of that organization. He lived at 629 F street northwest and for years had been engineer of the Baltic building. He was widely known in labor circles and will be greatly missed.

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Honors to the Late Mr. Rea

A special meeting of the Eccentric Engineers' Association was held last evening to take action in reference to the death of Mr. E.J. Rea, who was one of the most active members of that body. Many persons not connected with the Eccentric Engineers, but prominent in the labor cause, were also present. Appropriate resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The resolutions were seconded by President James F. McHugh of the Federation of Labor. Speeches were also made by W.G.H. Simmons, master workman of District Assembly No. 66, K. of L.; Secretary Arthur Keep of the Federation of Labor Messrs. Trainor, Worden, Lawson, Holmes, Cuff and Dougherty.

Arrangements for the Funeral

The funeral arrangements, in which are also included those for the burial of Mrs. Rea, who died a few hours after her husband, are that the members of the Eccentric Engineers' Association shall assemble at Speare's undertaking establishment and escort the remains of the deceased engineer and his wife to Typographical Temple, where the services will be conducted by Rev. Alexander Kent, pastor of the People's Church.

The pallbearers will be selected from among prominent members of the Federation of Labor and D.A. 66, K. of L.

Many handsome floral tributes have been sent by different societies of organized labor as mementos of respect, and will be placed on the graves.

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The Rea Obsequies

The funeral of E.J. Rea, a well-known Knight of Labor, and his wife, who died within a few hours of each other Tuesday, took place yesterday afternoon from Typographical Temple. Services were conducted by Rev. Alexander Kent of the People's Church, who preached from the text, "They were lovely in life, and in death they were not divided."

Representatives from many labor organizations were present. The remains were placed in adjoining graves in Congressional cemetery. It is now thought that the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rea, who, it was feared a couple of days ago would die, is somewhat better and may recover.

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Rea Monument Dedicated

Meeting of Committee on Mass Meeting--

Assembly Elects Officers

The monument lately erected in Congressional cemetery to the memory of the late E.J. Rea, a member of the Eccentric Association of Engineers, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies yesterday afternoon. Speeches were made by Master Workman A.M. Lawson of District Assembly No. 66, Knights of Labor; Rev. Dr. Kent of the People's Church, and Paul T. Owen. Music for the occasion was furnished by a choir composed of the Misses L. Cheek and M. Rich, Messrs. F. Rich and J. Adams.

The committee of arrangements was composed of Messrs. William Stickels, William Volkes and William Lawson.