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FORMER BUTTE RESIDENT DIES

James C. Phillips, Dead in Long Beach, Cal., Well Known Here.

James C. Phillips, whose death in Long Beach, Calif., March 29, was reported in yesterday's Standard, was a former Butte resident who spent more than 27 years in this city. During his Butte residence his home was in Floral Park, where the Philips family is well remembered.

Mr. Phillips was a native of England. He and a brother who is now a resident of eastern Canada, came to the United States at an early age. Mr. Phillips located in Chicago where he took a course in auditing at one of the business colleges of that city. He removed to New York where his proficiency in his vocation attracted the attention of W. G. Cower, head of a prominent auditing company. When the Clark interests in Montana announced a need for an auditor Gower sent young Phillips, who arrived in Butte in 1902. He immediately entered the Clark employ. His work was so satisfactory that before he severed his connection with the Clark interests he was a general manager of Clark utility interests. He left Butte in 1929 to make his home in Missoula. He was 59 years of age. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Katherine and Elizabeth who, like their mother, have many warm friends and admirers in this city.

"Jim" Phillips was rated as one of the most clever auditors in that line of business and was frequently referred to as "Senator Clark's watch dog." The Senator, it is said, trusted him implicitly and relied on him to protect the Clark interests from careless or incompetent management or losses from other sources. He is said to have been at one time the highest salaried executive in Montana.

His favorite literature was detective stories. It is said of him that, equipped with a couple of pulp detective magazines, he would lie in bed reading until the small hours in the morning. It is alleged that his study of this type of literature increased his ability as an auditor. No word has been received regarding the time or place of burial but Butte friends believe that the funeral will be held in Missoula where Mr. Phillips was almost as well known as in Butte.

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