

J. E. C. Robinson Is Called; Father of the Sunday "Lid"

Former Mayor of St. Cloud and
State Senator Dies in Minne-
apolis, Aged 46 Years.

Impeachment Case Against Him
Drew Supreme Court Ruling
on Sabbath Closing.

J. E. C. Robinson, city attorney of St. Cloud, former mayor of that city and former member of the state senate, died Monday night in the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gagaeki, 2009 Fifth avenue south. He had been ill for six months with heart trouble.

While mayor of St. Cloud Mr. Robinson became responsible for the Sunday lid in Minnesota. Impeachment proceedings were brought against him by Rev. C. W. Stark, at that time pastor of a Methodist church of that city and now a field agent for the Minnesota Anti-Saloon league, for his failure to enforce the state law which forbade saloons being open on Sunday. He was found guilty in the district court and an appeal was taken to the supreme court by his attorney.

In the meantime Mr. Robinson's term as mayor expired and he went to the state senate. In 1907 the state supreme court rendered a decision upholding the law forbidding keeping saloons open on Sunday. Before that time the Sunday lid had been ignored in practically every city in the state. Immediately following, the mayors throughout the state put Sunday closing into effect.

Mr. Robinson was 46 years old. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Hedwig Robinson, and one child. Funeral services will be held Thursday morning in the St. Stephens church. Interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery.