

## Ray L. Riley, Former State Aide, Dies in N. Y.

Ray L. Riley, State controller from 1921 to 1938 and a national authority on governmental finance and administration, died late Tuesday in a New York City hospital, it was learned here yesterday. He was 79.

A prominent figure in California politics for many years, Mr. Riley also served as State railroad commissioner from 1938 to 1944 and was the State's first real estate commissioner.

### SERVED LIONS CLUB.

In 1938 he was an unsuccessful candidate for senator from California, losing a see-saw Republican primary contest.

A native of Colton in southern California, Mr. Riley was for many years a member of the San Bernardino County board of supervisors.

Mr. Riley represented California on the National Tax Commission and was influential in obtaining inheritance taxation.

### MOVED TO N. Y.

Prior to his appointment as real estate commissioner in 1919, he served as a member of the State water commission.

He also was active in the Lions Club, and was interna-

tional president of the organization in 1929 and 1930.

Mr. Riley also once served as chairman of the State board of equalization and favored a plan of local police enforcement of liquor laws. He was ousted in 1935 during a factional feud on the board.

Mr. Riley had been a resident of New York City for about five years.

He is survived by his widow, Winifred Jebb Riley; a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. McKim, of New York, and a great-granddaughter, Charlotte Winifred McKim, of New York.