

# GEORGE BARRETT IS FOUND DEAD

Old Time El Pasoan Probably Suffered Stroke of Apoplexy.

## TO MAKE EXAMINATION

George Barrett, about 60 years old and a pioneer of El Paso, was found dead in his room at the rear of D. M. Payne and company's commission house last night shortly after 8 o'clock. Coroner Watson, who viewed the remains, said that Barrett had apparently died from an attack of apoplexy, but that he would ask City Physician Anderson to make an examination before the verdict was rendered.

### Had Room in Payne's Store.

Barrett has been occupying a small room in the rear of the Payne store for about 15 years. He was a well known character about town, having been on the local police force for a time and having been a deputy constable here. He was also an ex-ranger.

It is supposed he died early yesterday morning. He was last seen alive by Sam Leech, who was sitting in the doorway of the International Rooms, just north of the Payne store, at Second and South El Paso, when Barrett passed him at 10 o'clock Sunday night. They exchanged greetings and Barrett entered the store to go to his room.

Later Leech says he went out by the rear of the store and noticed that the window of Barrett's room was closed.

### Body Found by Bookkeeper.

The body was discovered by J. N. Hughes, bookkeeper for the Payne company. He walked up the steps leading to Barrett's room and saw the body just inside the door. The dead man, partially dressed, was lying face downward on the floor. His face was badly discolored and he had evidently been dead for several hours.

The window in the room was raised at the time the corpse was found.

D. M. Payne suggested that probably Barrett had been seized with an attack of apoplexy and toppled over on the floor before he could call for help.

Barrett leaves a widow and one son, living in Big Springs Texas, and two married daughters, Mrs. Ezell, who is now at Mountain Park, and Mrs. Smith, wife of a T. & P. engineer living at Toyah, Texas. They have been notified of Barrett's death.

Barrett was a member of the police force under the Magoffin administration. He was a member of the K. of P.