

# I. M. Goodman Hit By "Customers"

Police Without Clues In Search For Men Who  
Escaped From Store Without Loot After  
Slugging Veteran Merchant.

ROBBERY was the motive for the killing of their father, I. M. Goodman, El Paso pioneer, his children declared Wednesday. Mr. Goodman, 63, who lived at 701 Upton avenue, was attacked Saturday noon in the Lone Star Furniture company store, 508 South El Paso street, which he owned, by two unidentified Mexicans. Four wounds were inflicted on the back of his head. He died in his home Wednesday morning.

#### Had No Enemies.

"My father was always giving generously to charity," said Isadore Goodman, a son. "He never refused to help poor people who came to him. I don't know of a single enemy he had."

Mr. Goodman was found unconscious in his store Saturday noon by a Mexican employe. He was rushed



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to Hotel Dieu and had been in an unconscious or delirious state most of the time until his death.

In a moment of consciousness he said two Mexicans had bought some wire and he had turned his back to wrap it up when he lost consciousness. Police have found no clue by which to trace his assailants. Nothing of value was missing from the store. Officers believe the motive was robbery and the men were frightened away when the Mexican employe entered.

#### Came Here in 1880.

Mr. Goodman came to El Paso in 1880 in a stage coach. The railroads were then building toward the border towns. He opened a grocery store on St. Louis street, now Mills, near the old Central hotel which was on the site of the present Mills building.

"My father has told us many stories of the Indian attacks near El Paso, of the gun fights in the city streets and the stage holdups," said Isadore Goodman. "He never got into any of them himself, however."

Mr. Goodman ran the Goodman hotel awhile and was in the dry-goods business later. He has been 19 years in the furniture business.

#### Married in El Paso.

He was born in Poland, September 7, 1861, and was married in El Paso in 1896 to Miss Bertha Alvillar. They have two sons, Isadore and Ralph, and three daughters, Misses Rose and Pauline Goodman, and Mrs. H. K. Misenhimer. Five brothers and a sister also live in El Paso. They are J. H., Harry, Sam, Jacob and Herbert, and Mrs. M. Favel. These and Mr. Goodman's widow survive. Funeral services were held this afternoon in the Peak-Hagedorn funeral home.