

## FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED

JACK KNEALE OF EL PASO IS NO MORE.

Well Known Contractor and a Pioneer of This City Suddenly Expires At Pecos, Where He Was Remodeling the Court House.

Jack Kneale, one of El Paso's most prominent contractors, was found dead in his bed at a hotel in Pecos yesterday morning. A physician pronounced the cause of the death to be heart disease and gave it as his opinion that life had left the body several hours before he was discovered.

Kneale was engaged in the work of remodeling the court house in Pecos at the time of his death and had been in the very best of health. He was a robust, healthy appearing man and his death was therefore a great shock to his friends in this city.

The news of his death was received here yesterday morning in a telegram to J. G. Lackland. Later Exalted Ruler Ed Kneezel of the Elks received a telegram.

The remains were shipped from Pecos last evening and will arrive here this morning over the Texas and Pacific. A committee of Elks, of which order the deceased was a member, will meet the remains at the depot.

The deceased was a bachelor and roomed at 512 Mesa avenue. One brother, William Kneale, resides in this city. He is in the employ of W. T. Ponsford. Another brother, Tom Kneale, and a sister, Mrs. Maggie Abbey, live at San Diego, Cal. They will arrive here this evening, and the funeral arrangements will not be made until they reach El Paso.

Jack Kneale was born in the Isle of Man 55 years ago and came to this country in the year 1869. He located in El Paso in 1883 and since that time, by thrift and industry, he accumulated a small fortune. It is estimated that he was worth about \$75,000 at the time of his death.

For ten years he was a partner of John Sorenson in the contracting business and this firm built the Myar opera house and several other business houses, as well as private residences, in El Paso. For the past few years he had been contracting alone and secured some of the best contracts in the city.

He was a jovial, whole-souled man and was liked by everybody. In addition to being an enthusiastic Elk he was also a member of the Masons.

\* MYARS' BUILT BY STEWARD  
CARPENTER - SORENSON  
WOULD HAVE BEEN A SUB-CONTRACTOR,  
BUT NOT MENTIONED IN STORIES  
OF THE TIME