

# DEATH CLAIMS ED- ITOR LOWE AS HE SLEEPS IN PEACE

Finishing a Day's Work He  
Leaned Back and Closed  
His Eyes Forever.- Was  
One of Jeff Davis' Captors.

E. P. Lowe, editor and publisher of the Pass City Independent, and one of the most highly respected citizens of El Paso, was found dead in a chair in his office on St. Louis street early this morning. Death seemed to have visited him gently. His body reposed peacefully and naturally in an easy chair in which he was wont to sit of evenings after his day's work was over, and his features bore not the slightest evidence of a death struggle.

Mr. Lowe's world was in his office. He lived as well as worked there and passed to his long rest just after he had finished getting out his last paper, which is issued every Monday. He died some time during the night, but at what hour is not known. The employes of the office left him sitting at his desk at 7 o'clock Sunday night just finishing going over his mail. As the task was completed he drew back from the desk, laid back comfortably in his chair and this was the last act of his life.

When an employe of the paper came down to the office this morning he found the editor in the attitude above described. Mr. Lowe had thrown a shawl over his shoulders, after partially disrobing and pulled a chair back against a door where he had evidently fallen asleep. Death was evidently due to heart failure.

E. P. Lowe came to this city in the year 1886 from Deming, where he had been in the newspaper business, and started the Evening Tribune. He conducted the paper with ability until about seven years ago when he sold it to A. B. McKie, who consolidated it with the Telegraph, a paper which Mr. McKie, was at the time running. Some time ago he bought the Pass City Independent, which he was running up to the time of his demise.

Mr. Lowe was about sixty-five years of age. He was born in Allegany, Michigan. When the civil war broke out he enlisted in a Michigan regiment and served through the war with distinction. He was one of the men who captured Jefferson Davis and often related the experience to his friends. The story has often been told that the famous Confederate president was dressed in women's clothing at the time of his capture. Mr. Lowe took great pains to discredit this part of the story, saying that General Davis only had a shawl over his shoulders, which gave him the appearance of having on feminine attire.

City Jailer A. B. McKie, who knew Mr. Lowe better than any man in El Paso, says that he was thoroughly conscientious man and simply wedded to his work. He comes of a good family and Mr. McKie has wired them to know what disposition to make of the body. About four years ago some of the members of the dead man's family came through here en route to California to locate and offered to take him with them, but he did not like the idea of being dependent on anyone and so declined the invitation.

Justice Spencer held an inquest over the remains this morning and pronounced death due to heart failure. Nagley and Carr took charge of the remains and have prepared them for burial. It is probable that they will be shipped either to Michigan or California for burial, but this matter will not be determined until Mr. McKie gets an answer to his telegram.

Mr. McKie was this morning appointed temporary administrator of the estate of the deceased by Judge Sweeney, in order that the affairs of the paper might be looked after.

### E. P. Lowe.

The remains of the late E. P. Lowe, who was found dead in his newspaper office on St. Louis street yesterday morning, will be shipped by the Wells Fargo Express company this evening to Allegan, Mich. A. B. McKie, who has taken charge of the body, received a telegram this morning from Miss Ida Lowe, a sister of the deceased, instructing him as above.

## VALUABLE PAPER OF LATE E. P. LOWE

SHOWS THAT HE HELPED TO  
CAPTURE JEFFERSON DAVIS.

A Document That He Never Exhibited  
and Was Not Known to Be in  
Existence, Unearthed Among  
Effects of Deceased.

Among the papers of the late E. P. Lowe, who died suddenly in this city Sunday night, A. B. McKie, administrator, last evening discovered a document of historic value which has evidently been kept by the dead editor as a treasure. The paper referred to is an old letter, bearing official testimony to Mr. Lowe's participation in the capture of Jeff. Davis, a matter about which the deceased, with characteristic modesty and reserve, spoke occasionally, but never boasted.

It is characteristic of the man, however, that he never showed the letter to prove beyond doubt his connection with this event in history, and there are indeed few men who, if possessed of such a paper, would not have exhibited it on many occasions.

The letter is dated January 13, 1873, is written on the official letter paper of the treasury department in purple ink, and is in a good state of preservation, showing that it has been handled very little. Following is an exact copy of the letter:

"Treasury Department, Third Auditor's Office, January 13, 1873.

"Sir: As requested of the 8th instant, I transmit your discharge which was filed with your claim for a share of the reward as captor of Jefferson Davis. I am, sir,

"Your obedient servant,

"ALLEN RUTHERFORD,

"Third Auditor."

In the left hand lower corner of the letter is the following: "To E. P. Lowe, Detroit, Michigan."

The letter was found with a lot of old papers, and its existence was never before known to a single person in El Paso. Mr. McKie, who perhaps knew Mr. Lowe better and more intimately than any person in this city, says that he never heard the dead editor once refer to having such a document among his possessions. The letter will, of course, be turned over to the relatives of the deceased in the rest of his effects, but its value as an historical document will doubtless make it a coveted piece of paper.