

ELECTION JUDGE, COURT HOUSE JANITOR, FOUND DEAD IN HIS BED TODAY

Anderson W. Moreland, janitor at the county courthouse and presiding judge of the Democratic primary election in precinct 4, 608 Overland, was found dead this morning about 7 o'clock in his room on the third floor of the courthouse.

The excitement of the election during the day and the returns last night, together with locomotor ataxia, from which the deceased had been suffering, is believed to have caused death. The coroner was summoned this morning and, after hearing the evidence of several people, returned the verdict that Moreland came to his death from locomotor ataxia.

Shortly before 7 o'clock Juan Elias, assistant janitor, went to Moreland's room on the third floor. He found him sitting in a chair with the blankets pulled tightly about him. His eyes and mouth were open, but when the assistant janitor could not awaken the man, whom he thought was sleeping, started to secure assistance.

Leaving the room of Moreland, Elias passed out of the building and met George Huffman in front of the courthouse. He told Huffman of the circumstances and the county tax assessor was the next to enter Moreland's room. He was found in the same position as stated by Elias, and at that time the body was still warm. It is believed Moreland died about 6 o'clock.

Effort was made to summon physicians, but when it was discovered there was no hope of reviving Moreland, acting coroner Marshall was summoned.

Had Been Ill for Some Time.

Moreland had been suffering from locomotor ataxia for some time and about two weeks ago had a severe attack.

Since that time he had been feeling considerably improved, but while nervous at time, he wanted to participate in the primary election. He was appointed as presiding judge in the fourth precinct when the regular appointee failed to appear, and he remained at the polling place all day and was interested in the returns as they came back to the Sweeney headquarters on San Antonio street.

The nervous strain proved too much for him, and he succumbed to an attack which he suffered during the night.

A. W. Moreland was well known in El Paso, having lived here for the past 20 years. For a number of years he was an express messenger and for the past two years had been serving in the capacity of janitor at the courthouse. The county commissioners provided a suitable room for him on the third floor of the courthouse and he made that his home.

The deceased had a wife and two children living at 512 North Kansas street.