

J. H. RUSSELL DIES IN CHAIR

Planning Evening of Pleasure.
He Expires Before His Wife
Dresses.—Afflicted with
Paralysis

LIVED HERE 22 YEARS

After finishing a hearty meal and planning an excursion down town with his wife to one of the places of amusement, and while his wife was putting on her hat preparatory to the trip, J. H. Russell, assistant cashier of the State National bank, died yesterday evening at 8:45 seated in his chair on the front porch of his residence at 491 West Rio Grande street.

tered her mind, and she spoke to her husband, only to find that he was speechless and unable forever to answer.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mr. Russell was stricken with partial paralysis several months ago, but had apparently recovered and was at his place in the bank yesterday until closing hours. Going home he ate a hearty supper and was in the very best of spirits throughout the meal and afterward. He and his wife sat on the porch in front of their home for a few minutes and then a trip to one of the show houses was proposed.

Mrs. Russell left her husband sitting in a chair on the porch while she went into her room to put on her hat. Returning in five minutes she walked up to her husband and told him that she was ready. He made no reply, and she laid her hand upon his shoulder, only to find it limp in death.

Death Due to Heart Failure.

Her screams attracted Dr. F. H. Brown, who was passing in his rig, and the doctor carried the limp figure of the dead man into the house. Friends of the dead man were sum-

ner of the death of Mr. Russell is furnished in the fact that his father died in almost an identical manner less than two weeks ago at his home in Parmelee, Missouri, where J. H. Russell was born and reared. The elder Russell walked out of his door and sank dead upon the step.

22 Years El Paso Resident.

J. H. Russell came to El Paso 22 years ago. He was first connected with the State National bank as bookkeeper. By his close attention to duty and native ability he has held the position of assistant cashier of this, one of the oldest banking institutions in the city, and was recognized by his associates as well as the patrons of the institution as one of the most conservative and able business men of the city.

Born in Missouri.

He was born in Parmelee, Missouri, about 36 years ago and had had nearly twenty years' experience in the banking business, being connected with banking institutions in both Leadville and Pueblo, Colorado, coming from the latter place to El Paso, where he became connected with the local institution.

He married Miss Leaves Gist in El Paso, and to this union was born a son, J. H., Jr., who is about 16 years of age and is at present attending the Harvard military academy in Los Angeles. Relatives of the young man were wired last night of the death of Mr. Russell, with instructions to tell him of it.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made, but he will probably be buried under the auspices of several of the local fraternal organizations to which he belonged, including the Masons.



From a photograph of Mr. Russell taken several years ago before he shaved his mustache.

SUDDEN DEATH OF J. H. RUSSELL AT HIS HOME

**Assistant Cashier of the
State National Bank Dies
of Heart Disease While
Seated in a Chair.**

J. H. Russell, assistant cashier of the State National bank, died suddenly at his home, 401 West Rio Grande street, at 8:45 o'clock Saturday night. His death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Russell several months ago was stricken with paralysis and had never fully recovered from the stroke. Saturday evening after dinner he went out on the porch at his home to await Mrs. Russell, they having planned to attend a theater. Five minutes after Mr. Russell reached the porch Mrs. Russell appeared. She found her husband dead in a chair. She immediately summoned a physician, but his efforts at resuscitation were of no avail.

The attending physician pronounced death due to heart failure. Less than two weeks ago the father of Mr. Russell died almost in the same way at his home in Parmelee, Mo. He had gone out on the porch of his residence and was taken suddenly ill, dying before he could be removed into the house.

Mr. Russell had resided in El Paso 22 years, coming here from his home in Parmelee, Mo., where he was born and reared. He was 46 years of age and leaves a wife, who was Miss Leaves-Gist, of El Paso, and a son, J. H. Russell, Jr., aged 16 years, who is attending school in Los Angeles, Cal. The son has been wired the news of his father's death and will arrive in the city as soon as possible.

The deceased had been connected with the State National bank a number of years, his first position there being a bookkeeper. He was soon promoted to the position of assistant cashier and held it faithfully and capably until his death. Mr. Russell was highly esteemed by the officers and all employes of the bank.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning from the residence. The interment will be in Evergreen cemetery.