

# SUDDEN DEATH OF GEO. SPECK

STRUCK BY HEART DISEASE AT  
3:30 THIS MORNING

Old Time Newspaper Man and a Resident of El Paso for 23 Years.—  
Active to the Last.

George Speck, city editor of the Monday Independent, well known about town as an old newspaper man, died suddenly this morning at his home, 708 South Oregon street, of heart disease. His death occurred without the slightest premonition or warning. Mrs. Speck was awakened at half past three to find him in a convulsive spasm. She arose to find some liniment with which to relieve his pain. But her efforts were without avail, for in a few moments he was dead.

For seven years Mr. Speck has suffered from partial paralysis. In spite of this he was in apparently good health until a week or so ago, but twice within the last six days has suffered from pains about the heart. These Mrs. Speck had relieved by local application. But the relief was temporary, and Mr. Speck, whose father and mother had died of heart trouble, said that he was sure ~~that~~ his would be the cause of his death, too.

George Speck was born in Carlisle, Pa., forty-three years ago, and came to El Paso when about twenty-three years old. He owned and ran the old Senate saloon, located where the Ranch saloon now is. Later, through his too generous loans, he failed, and has since been in the newspaper business, first on the Tribune, and later on the Independent, a Monday morning paper, when that paper became merged with the former.

He was a versatile and at times a caustic writer, and constantly hunting for local "hot stuff." His brother, John, in Los Angeles, and another brother, Carlisle, has been notified, and on their replies will depend the time of the funeral.