

DOCTOR YANDELL IS NO MORE

HE TOOK HIS OWN LIFE LAST NIGHT WITH A PISTOL.

No Cause Known for the Rash Act—Supposed to Have Been Temporarily Out of His Mind With Pain—Well and Favorably Known in Many States.

Last evening the people of El Paso received a great surprise and shock. Shortly after eight o'clock the news was spread abroad that William M. Yandell, the well known physician and surgeon, had taken his own life.

It was exactly at eight o'clock in the evening when the muffled report of a pistol shot startled the residents of North Kansas street. Chief of Police Lockart, who lives next door to the Yandell residence, was among the first of the outsiders on the ground. The smell of smoke guided them to the doctor's sleeping apartment and there a terrible sight was revealed. The doctor was lying partly dressed across the bed. In his hand was his 41 calibre revolver with one chamber empty. A large, gaping wound on the right side of the head showed where the bullet had entered and indicated the shot had been fired at close range. Death must have been instantaneous.

For some time Dr Yandell has been in poor health and has had several spells of sickness which compelled him to keep his bed. He was a man of energy and force of will, and fought against sickness, and so was often seen on the street when he should have been in bed. He suffered a great deal, and lately has been unable to attend to any business.

For the past few weeks he has been mostly confined to the house and rarely appeared on the streets. Outside of ill health no cause is known for the rash act. From the facts gathered from the other residents of the house there was nothing to indicate that the suicide was a deliberate and pre-meditated deed and it is thought the act was done on the impulse of the moment, when the doctor was temporarily out of his mind caused by intense pain. At times the doctor became very despondent over his prolonged illness, but he would brighten up when in conversation with his friends. Yesterday nothing unusual was observed in the doctor's actions and it was thought he would soon be better and able to get around.

William H. Burges, who resided with Dr. Yandell, last night telegraphed to the members of the deceased's family and his friends, advising them of the lamentable occurrence.

The remains were removed to the undertaking parlors of Nagley & Lyons, and Justice Spencer, as coroner, notified.

Dr Yandell leaves a wife, but no children. Mrs Yandell is at present visiting at Seguin, Guadalupe county, this state. Nothing as yet has been determined regarding the funeral, and any definite arrangements concerning the same will be postponed until answers are received to the telegrams sent out.

The deceased was in his 58th year at the time of his death, but owing to ill-health he at times appeared much older. He was born in Tennessee, but lived many years in Kentucky. He was a member of the noted Yandell family, and his father and brothers

made an enviable reputation as physicians in Louisville Kentucky. He came to El Paso in 1886, and at once took a stand among the leading and enterprising citizens of this city. The doctor was not only well and favorably known throughout Tennessee, Kentucky and Texas, but also in many other parts of the southern states. The deceased took a great interest in politics and all public movements, and consequently was on an intimate footing with many prominent men. He filled several public positions with credit, and made a record for himself as state quarantine officer, which position he held at the time of his death.

The doctor was a familiar figure on the streets of El Paso. He was affable and pleasant in his manners and readily made acquaintances. His ability and skill as a physician was conceded by other members of his profession, and his opinion was much sought after on numerous public and national questions. His many friends throughout the state of Texas will regret to hear of his sad and tragic death.