

Francis A. Belt

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**Man, 90, Found Dead From Escaping Gas
Body of Francis Belt Discovered in Home by
Painter Calling for Tools**

Francis Belt, who would have been 90 years old in August, was found dead in his room at 529 Seventh street southeast this morning, with gas fumes escaping from a small stove. The discover was made by Thomas C. Wright, a painter, who had just completed decorating Mr. Belt's home and who called for his brushes and other tools. Mr. Belt was last seen Saturday afternoon and at that time he said he planned to go to church Sunday morning. Relatives believe he was dressing for church when overcome by the gas. When found, he was half clothed and seated upright in a chair.

He had planned to move to San Diego, Calif., where he would have made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Clara J. Bullard, and the house painting was done preparatory to renting it. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bertie L. Belt, and a brother, John C. Belt, both of this city. He was a member of the Federal Lodge of Masons and a member of the G.A.R. He will be buried in Congressional Cemetery although funeral arrangements have not yet been made.