

CORONER SAYS IT WAS NOT SUICIDE

Believes M. Markowski's Death Under a Street Car Was Accidental.

The theory advanced by one of the evening papers that Morris Markowski the old man who was killed by a street car at First avenue east and Superior street, deliberately threw himself in front of the car, because he was refused money for drink is vigorously denied by his friends. Although the old man was known as a hard drinker they assert that he never begged money for liquor or anything else, and as over \$9 was found in his clothing when searched by the coroner he was not in any immediate need of cash if he desired a drink and consequently did not kill himself because he was refused one.

B. Sher, a butcher at 25 East First street said last night that he had known Markowski ever since he came to Duluth and that he had lived most of the time at his home. "I saw him shortly before 6 o'clock," said Mr. Sher, "and he was then working in the interest of a candidate for alderman. He was in high spirits."

After the polls closed the old man went to the city hall and watched the returns for a while and then on his way down Superior street stopped in one of the Jewish stores near First avenue east. He also spent a few minutes in M. Welner's store and from there started across the street.

He stepped on the car-tracks about 50 yards in front of a car and had plenty of time to get out of the way but for some unaccountable reason stood in the middle of the tracks for a second and was run down. Witnesses to the accident told the police that the old man had acted as if bewildered, and Coroner McCuen and the detectives do not believe that he deliberately stood on the tracks.

D. Goldys, another close friend discredits the suicide theory.

"He had supper at my house the evening he was killed," said Mr. Goldys last night, and seemed in a cheerful mood. He was not in want, and never begged anyone for money. He was janitor of the Jewish church, and also peddled for a living."

A year ago Markowski sustained a broken leg and the injury had given him much trouble. Some of his friends think the effects of the injury may have delayed his movements while he was crossing the street.

Telegrams to his family in Chicago were returned yesterday undelivered. The funeral probably will be held Friday from the Adath Israel synagogue, Third street and Third avenue east. Burial will be in the Hebrew cemetery.