

Details of Paul Lecher Death Received Here

Details of the death of Paul Lecher, Jr., which occurred last week were revealed following the visit of his parents to Needles where the young man died. Young Lecher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lecher of Llano.

Lecher was a fireman on an eastbound freight train on the Santa Fe railroad at the time the tragedy occurred. Near Danby, both the engineer and Paul Lecher believed that the train had passed over a broken rail and the engineer suggested that a note be written and dropped off for the section foreman notifying him of the discovery. Due to the wind, however, Lecher felt that the note might be lost when it was thrown from the moving train and accordingly decided to jump off of the engine, hand the note to the foreman, and catch the train again as the last car came by.

When he was about to board the train again, Lecher slipped in the loose dirt near the track and was thrown under the moving train. Both of his lower limbs were cut off near the hips. The accident occurred at 11:00 o'clock on the morning of November 9, and the young man died in the Needles hospital at 4:45 p. m. on the same day.

The young man's family left for Needles as soon as word of the accident was received here but arrived there too late to see him alive.

The body was interred in the Lancaster cemetery last Sunday.

Paul Lecher, Jr., was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 20, 1898. He attended both grammar and high schools there and came to California with his parents in 1894.

Lecher was employed for six years as a railroad man and was a member of the "Brotherhood of Loyal Firemen and Engineers.

Beside his father and mother, he is survived by a brother, Floyd Lecher, and a sister, Mrs. James G. McAndrew. His immediate family are all residing at Llano.