

SAM LEE KILLED BY STREET CAR.

News has reached El Paso of the death of Sam Lee, formerly of El Paso, son-in-law of Col. George Wythe Baylor, in Mexico City, as a result of being struck by a street car.

Many of the old settlers of El Paso will remember the slender young clerk of the Central hotel when Ecker was manager; his pleasant face a kind greeting for friend and stranger alike, that made him a universal favorite. Indoor life was not for Sam Lee and he took up the life, quite different, of a railroad builder, and for many years was the right hand man of contractors Hampson & Smith. He was on the work on the line from Cuernavaca to the Balsas river; afterward, on the line from Unecaro into Michoacan; from Guadalajara to Manzanillo. Shifting then to the north, he was building the road from Saltillo to Torreon. It was at that time his young wife, Helen Baylor Lee, was stricken with the malady that ended her life at Monterey, May 25, 1903. Her death cast a shadow over his life afterwards. She had accompanied him in all his work, living in a tent. Her guitar and voice brightened many an evening in camp.

After his young wife's death he drifted down to southern Mexico to the same work, but after long residence in that malarial region he was advised by his physician to take a change of climate and came back to El Paso among his old friends. He soon recovered and returned to Mexico, where he met death.

On the 4th of September he was run down by a street car, his thigh broken and internal injuries received, and he died the 5th, the 30th birthday anniversary of his stepson. He had reared and educated Harper Baylor Lee, who had been his constant companion in all their work.