

## KILLED AT MARFA.

**Brakeman Fred Ruckman Falls Beneath the Car Wheels.**

About 1 o'clock this morning there was a shocking accident in the G. H. yards at Marfa. Brakeman Fred Ruckman slipped from the top of a car and fell beneath the wheels. The train was switching at the time, and Ruckman was engaged in the discharge of his duties as brakeman, when in some way his foot slipped, and fell to his death. The wheels passed completely over his body.

Details of the disaster received last night were meagre. The sad news cast a gloom over all of the unfortunate young man's many friends who heard it.

Ruckman was well known in El Paso especially among the railroad men. He had resided here for a number of years and had been most of the time in the employ of the G. H. & S. A. and was very popular with all who knew him. When the war with Spain broke out Ruckman enlisted in Captain Hart's company and rose to the rank of sergeant. While in common with so many others he was denied the privilege of facing the enemy on the battle field, his record as a soldier was excellent and above reproach. On his return from the army he again entered the employ of the G. H. & S. A. and continued there until his untimely death.

The body was shipped to the city on the first train and was to have arrived at 5 o'clock this morning.

The deceased leaves a mother and sister and brother-in-law in this city to mourn his death. The latter is also a brakeman on the G. H. & S. A.

## FUNERAL TODAY.

**The Remains of Fred Ruckman Will Be Laid at Rest.**

The remains of Brakeman Fred Ruckman, of the G. H. & S. A., who was killed at Marfa, were brought to this city about 5 o'clock yesterday morning on the same train on which he was working when he met his sad death. His brother-in-law, A. Chesney, also a brakeman on the train when the accident occurred, accompanied the remains.

The sad accident cast a gloom of sadness over the railroad men of El Paso among whom Ruckman was very popular and had many friends. The magnificent new silk flag purchased by the G. H. employes on the Fourth of July, was flying at half mast during the entire day. As the G. H. flag pole was taken down a few days ago permission was obtained to fly the flag over the park.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from the residence 807 North Stanton street and will be under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen of which the deceased was a member. The comrades of the deceased in the late war will all attend in a body in uniform.