

UNDER THE WHEELS.

J. H. BURKE KILLED BY A SAN JOSE TRAIN.

Tragic Scene Enacted at Sixteenth and Harrison Streets. ..

A man of middle age named J. H. Burke was run over and killed by the northbound San Jose train at the railroad crossing at Sixteenth and Harrison streets yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock.

The wheels of the end coach passed over the man's body, frightfully crushing and mangling it. Burke was seen sitting on a bank of earth near the track just before the arrival of the train by a young man named John Landol. He was taking off his shoe at the time. The engine gave a warning blast as it approached the street crossing and was ringing its bell. Landol looked up, and at that instant he saw the hind end wheels of the last coach passing over Burke's body. He rushed to the latter's assistance, but found that he was dead. The Coroner was notified and the remains were conveyed to the Morgue.

Burke left his room at 37 Lily avenue about 7 o'clock yesterday morning. He appeared to be in good spirits. Whether he threw himself under the train with suicidal intent or fell beneath the wheels while trying to reach the front platform of the last coach is not known.

The deceased was a laboring man and about 45 years of age. In his pocket was found a postal card from the Pension Bureau at Washington notifying him that the department had acted favorably upon his claim.

The train which ran over Burke was in charge of Engineer D. C. Cornwall and Conductor John Dray.

Burke had been a railroad employe, working for the Southern Pacific, but for some months past had been doing various odd jobs of laboring work. As he had no motive for committing suicide his friends think that he must have attempted to board the train to ride down town and missed his footing, going underneath the train. He was 40 years of age, a native of New York and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.