

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Moses Bettman Crushed by a Locomotive.

The Front Wheels Pass Over His Body.

He Is Cut Nearly in Two and Dies Ten Minutes After the Accident.

Moses Bettman, a manufacturer of and dealer in chemicals, having his office at 121 California street, was knocked down and run over about 9 o'clock yesterday morning by engine 10 of the Southern Pacific Company at the crossing of Tenth and Brannan streets. Bettman died from his injuries about 10 minutes after the accident and before medical assistance arrived.



Engine 10, known as a "helper," was backing down from the Sixteenth-street roundhouse on its way to the depot, on Third and Townsend streets, to help pull the San Jose train up the grade to Ocean View. The engine was in charge of J. R. Hurd, engineer, and J. P. Sullivan, fireman. When it drew near Tenth street Bettman, who was walking along the track, stepped into the roadbed. The engineer shouted to him, but Bettman apparently did not hear the warning, and the engine knocked him down. He gave a scream of agony as the front wheel of the tender passed completely over his body just below the waist. The injured man was removed to the side of the track, where he died a few minutes later. The body was taken to the Morgue, where an autopsy showed that the two legs were almost severed from the body, the skull was fractured and the ribs were crushed in.

Bettman was on his way to the Mission Chemical Works on Harrison and Sixteenth streets, and was walking on the railroad track as the shortest and most convenient road to the place. Engineer Hurd states that the engine bell was ringing loudly at the time and he had given several blasts of the whistle just previous to crossing Tenth street. The engine was about fifty feet away from Bettman when he stepped onto the track. Hurd called to him and Bettman began to run from one side of the track to the other. Hurd reversed the engine, but it was too late, as the end of the tender struck him and knocked him down, while the first wheel of the truck ran over his prostrate body.

After removing the injured man to the side of the track, the engine continued on to the depot, where it assisted in hauling the San Jose train up the grade to Ocean View. Upon its return late in the afternoon, J. R. Hurd, the engineer, and J. P. Sullivan, the fireman, surrendered themselves to the police and were charged with manslaughter. They were released on filing bonds.

Moses Bettman, the victim of the accident, was well known in mercantile circles. He was 61 years of age. He leaves a family of five sons and three daughters, who live at 1355 Post street.