

HOUCK, WILLIAM LARKIN

William Larkin Houck, aged 26 years, died Thursday morning, May 10, 1917 at 6:15 o'clock, after a long siege of sickness from Tuberculosis. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, at his late home on Second West street. Interment will be made in the Union cemetery. William Larkin Houck was born July 26, 1891, at Kopperal, Texas. In 1899, he came here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Houck. Young Houck attended the Safford Public School, graduating from the eighth grade. He was married to Miss Grace Downen, November 12, 1913, who survives him, with a little daughter, Mildred Laverne, aged two years. William Houck was one of the most popular young men of our town and his untimely death is deeply regretted by a host of friends. He was a member for several years of Mt. Graham Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., which conducted the services at the grave.

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Fell About 90 Feet and Was Instantly Killed. On Monday last an accident occurred at the Twenty-mile Tank on the G. V., G & N. which cost John Husher his life. Mr. Husher and another man were repairing the pump in a well that has been dug to a great depth and then bored from the bottom to water. The men were attempting to reach the bottom by going down the pipe. They had descended a short distance when their lantern went out. The upper man climbed to the surface to re-light the lantern. After reaching the top he heard something strike the bottom of the well and supposed that Husher had dropped a wrench. He called to him several times but received no response and finally went to the bottom where he found the lifeless body of Mr. Husher. He had evidently fallen about 90 feet and was instantly killed. Mr. Husher was formerly locomotive engineer on the Santa Fe Pacific railroad, but had been employed by the G. V., G. & N. Ry Co. for some time. At the time of his death he was operating the pump at the Twenty-Mile Tank.

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