

GONZALEZ, JUAN

?-June 6, 1933

Juan Gonzalez, Mexican laborer who had been employed on the 2-Bar ranch was instantly killed about midnight Friday when he apparently fell beneath the wheels of the Billings-Denver passenger train which leaves the Wheatland station of the C & S at 11:50. The section crew found the remains strewn along the track about 2 miles south of town as they went over the road at eight o'clock Saturday morning. Agent Reed was notified, then a call to the Coroner and Sheriff's offices. Evidence showed that the body had been dragged 425 feet.

Agent R.M. Reed states that Gonzalez, in company with a companion, had been at the depot in the evening, the former expressing a bundle to Pueblo, the latter buying a ticket to Cheyenne. It was Mr. Reed's idea that Gonzalez was planning to "bum" a ride down on the freight, but evidently changed his plan and decided to "hit the blind" on the passenger. From all indications, the man had fallen to the brake beam of the train where his body caught and dragged the distance stated.

Letters in his possession indicated that he had a wife in Pueblo and was a man of about 48 years of age.