

# Truck Rolls Down Grade, Kills Driver

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John H. Powers, truck driver, was instantly killed by a 30-foot fall of a truck, which he was driving up a ramp, out of tunnel two, at 9:30 a. m. today.

While Powers was driving a load of muck from the canyon bottom, the truck stopped near the top of the ramp, and he applied the brakes, which failed to hold, due to the wet condition of the ramp, caused by other loads of wet muck being hauled over it. The truck started back down the grade, broke thru the rail and fell 30 feet down the cliff.

Powers suffered a basal fracture of the skull and possible broken neck, according to doctors who examined him.

A workman, standing near when the truck began its rapid descent, attempted to place a rock under a wheel, but failed.

Roy Clark, truck foreman, Edgar Thompson, flagman, and Mark

Hargrove, laborer, were the first to reach Powers after the accident, and removed him from the truck dead.

Deceased, who was 33 years old, is survived by his widow, in Las Vegas. He came to Boulder City from Blackwater, Missouri, and some months ago was a member of the "bonus army" that invaded Washington.

Judge F. M. Ryan, coroner, is conducting an inquest this afternoon.