

FATAL FALL.

HIS HEAD WAS CRUSHED.

Arlington, Tarrant Co., Tex., Jan. 18.—Van Rainwater, recently a mail carrier between Eagle Ford and Estelle, was found dead near the track of the Texas and Pacific railway, about one and a half miles east of this place, last night. He bought a ticket at Eagle Ford to Fort Worth and is supposed to have fallen from the train at the place where his body was found. The top of his head was crushed. Some people think he was struck by some one on the train. He had started to his brother in Johnson county. Sixty cents was found in one of his pockets, and the other pocket is said to have been turned wrong side out. He was buried to-day in the Arlington cemetery. After the burial a few friends arrived from Eagle Ford. His brother, to whom he was going, is expected to-night or to-morrow. He is said to have been a peaceable and industrious boy.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 18.—People residing in the vicinity of Arlington found the dead body of a young man, apparently about 16 years of age, lying beside the track, with the crown of his head crushed in. The alarm was given and the excitement quickly became intense, especially as rumor had it that he had been murdered. A crowd quickly surrounded the spot, one and one-half miles west of Arlington, and in the gray light of morning discussed the xrewsome find.

It was some time before the body was identified, but some hours after it was discovered a visitor identified it as that of Van Rainwater, a young man 16 years of age who has been working near Eagle Ford.

The agent at Eagle Ford states that he sold young Rainwater a ticket for Fort Worth last night and that he started for the city on the train which arrives here at 7:50 p. m. Nothing more was seen or heard of him until the identification of his dead body this morning.

The entire crown of the head was crushed, as one would crush an eggshell, but no other injuries appeared on the body. It is thought he was either standing on the platform or attempting to pass from one car to another and either fell or was thrown off by the motion of the train, alighting on his head and meeting instant death. Deceased's only relative is a brother named J. T. Rainwater, who is employed on a farm near Crosson.

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