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## ROUND MT. MAN DROPS DEAD ON MAIN STREET

About 11 o'clock this morning William Reimers, of Round Mountain, was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs on Main street in front of Kelly's garage, and before medical assistance could be administered he passed away

Mr. Reimers was single, and was aged 51 years. He had been a resident of this section of the state for 20 years. He was born in Lincoln county Nebraska.

Deceased had been leasing with his brother, Jurgen Reimers, at Round Mountain, and several days ago suffered a slight hemorrhage of the lungs. It was decided that he would have to be taken to a lower altitude, and this morning his brother, Jurgen, and he started for Death Valley by auto. They stopped at Kelly's garage to purchase some gasoline and William went around to the back of the car to remove the cap from the tank. He was seized with a violent coughing spell which induced the hemorrhage, and fell to the ground. Dr. P. D. McLeod was hastily summoned but Mr. Reimers succumbed before aid arrived. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors of Wonacott & Cavanaugh to be prepared for burial. The funeral will be held at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow, with interment in the local cemetery.

### Drops Dead On Way by Auto to Death Valley

William Reimers, of Round Mountain, Succumbs to Hemorrhage While Buying Supplies at Kelly Garage.

Yes though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil for Thou shalt comfort me.--Psalms xxiii.

William Reimers, aged 51, left Round Mountain yesterday for Death Valley and on arriving at Tonopah lapsed into the shadows of the Valley of Death which an inscrutable Providence had prepared for him. Deceased and his brother, Jurgens Reimer, recently returned to Round Mountain from a summer spent in Oakland for the benefit of William's health which had suffered since he was exposed to the brunt of a cloudburst in Winnemucca two years ago. This exposure brought on influenza and developed into tuberculosis of the lungs for which there appeared no relief. Deceased never admitted to himself or friends that he suffered from the dreaded disease but on growing worse following return to the arid country William consulted Dr. P. D. McLeod, who made it plain that nothing in the scope of medical science could help him and advised that he cease underground work and try to build up the worn tissue by adopting an outdoor life where he would be in the sun constantly. Deceased accepted this ultimatum and consulted with his brother Jurgens as to the proper location in order to prolong life, remarking one day: "I think the climate here is too high for me." "Let's go to Las Vegas," urged the brother. "No, let's go to Death Valley," replied William. So it was settled that the brothers would seek a more genial climate in the valley and, yesterday morning they started on the journey, traveling by auto. At about noon they stopped at the Kelly garage to stock up with gasoline and other motor requirements. William

was walking around a car when he halted and began spitting blood. At first the flow was in short spurts but soon the mouth filled and the sufferer made signs to his brother who ran to his side and assisted him to a seat where he wanted paper and pencil to write a message. The materials came too late. William slipped from his seat to the floor with a violent hemorrhage rapidly sapping his strength. Dr. McLeod was summoned and, although he was there within a few minutes, death had intervened and the patient had passed into that Death Valley where he least expected to end his journey. The funeral will be held today at 1:30 from the undertaking parlors followed by interment in the local cemetery. William Reimers was born in Lincoln, Neb., and for the better part of 20 years spent his time prospecting and leasing in southern Nevada. For the past year he had sojourned at various places in Arizona and Old Mexico with the hope that a milder climate would bring relief. The surviving relatives are his mother, Mrs. Sophia Reimers, living at Calumet, Oklahoma, and six brothers reside in Dixon, Cal.; Portland, Ore. one in Chicago and three living in Oklahoma.