

Falls Down Mine Shaft In Barrel, Suffers Cut

LORDSBURG, March 25 (UPI)—An Animas man was released from Hidalgo General Hospital today, recovered from minor injuries received when he plunged 100 feet in a barrel down a mine shaft on Wednesday.

“It was quite a feeling,” Jim Evans said today of the fall. But he was generally nonchalant about the experience and said he was “thinking pretty clear all the way down.”

Evans, an employe of U-Bar Ranch, suffered a cut lip and a bruised leg in the fall.

The accident occurred while Evans, his wife and his parents were cleaning out an abandoned mine shaft near Pratt, six miles west of Animas, on which they have made a claim.

A barrel was attached to a cable and Evans was preparing to ride in the barrel,

which was hanging over the open shaft.

“The cable came loose off the barrel,” he said. “I was standing on the barrel. I landed sitting down, with my feet in the barrel.”

The others sent the cable down the shaft to Evans, and he attached it to the barrel again and was pulled back up.

Attorneys for Hudson

Attorneys representing Eldon Glenn Hudson, 52, who won a \$165,000 jury award from the Santa Fe Railway for an injury he suffered in 1964, were Frederick Nelson of San Francisco and R. F. Deacon Arledge and Arthur Ortega of Albuquerque. The Tribune erroneously listed Victor Ortega instead of Arthur Ortega in a story Thursday.

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