

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

A peculiar and terrible accident occurred near Pekin early Tuesday morning, which caused the death of Simon Myers, of Tolna. Mr. Myers had been to Michigan City during the day and took out a new tractor which he intended to drive to his home. He had trouble with it on the way and worked for hours trying to make it travel but was unsuccessful. He had walked over to one farmer nearby and obtained a little kerosene with which he cleaned the spark plugs, etc., and this farmer says he heard him working until midnight. Deciding to abandon work until morning, Mr. Myers had taken a couple of rye bundles from the field, and wrapping himself in the canvas covering from the tractor, he lay himself down in front of the tractor to sleep. About 1:30 a. m., John Brude was returning home from attending lodge at Pekin, and as he was driving pretty fast he failed to see the tractor and ran into it with such force that it was moved forward with the result that the front wheel of the tractor passed over the neck of the sleeping man. Mr. Brude was thrown out of his car by the force of the collision, but after recovering from the shock he got up and walked to his home nearby, ignorant of the fact that a man was injured. Later two young men returning from Stump Lake, drove by and seeing the wreck turned about to inspect the scene, when the lights from the car revealed the legs of the man pinned under the wheel. They hurried to the home of Leon Turcotte and called a doctor, but the man had been dead some time when discovered, apparently killed instantly.

Deceased is a married man and leaves two children.

John Brude was hurt quite badly in the region of his stomach when thrown from his car and has been laid up since, but is recovering.