

ACCIDENT VICTIM.

Brakeman Snyder of the Freight Crew Shot While Hunting Chickens.

Walter Snyder, a brakeman, was shot in the neck and back of the head by Al Kramer, another brakeman, while hunting chickens between here and Jessie Monday morning.

It has been a practice of the train crews to do a little hunting along the tracks, whenever a covey would get up near by. Monday while the train was going south a covey was scared up and Kramer and Snyder got off to shoot them. Kramer carried the gun and when about 250 feet from the train the chickens raised. He took a shot at them killing three and another flew off over the train. Snyder, who had remained behind, looked under the cars to see where the chicken would light and while in a stooping position, Kramer's gun was accidentally discharged, the shot taking effect in the head and neck. He was taken to Cooperstown on the freight and had the wounds dressed and some of the shot removed. From Cooperstown he was taken to the railroad hospital at Brainard. The accident is not likely to prove dangerous unless blood poison sets in.

Snyder was a new man on this run having been on only a week.