

DARE'S FRIENDS INNOCENT

Bullet That Killed Him Was a 44--Their Gun Was a 38.

Leonard C. Dare, the harvest hand killed on a Northern Pacific freight car near North Town Junction last Thursday night, was not killed accidentally by one of his friends. This is proved by the fact that the bullet that killed Dare was 44 caliber, while the gun taken from Dare's companion was a 38.

Coroner Williams and the detectives are at a standstill and do not know what move to make next. They had thought that Dare was probably shot by his friends in the excitement of the hold up; but since that theory has been exploded they are at sea.

Coroner Williams weighed the bullet extracted from Dare's skull and found that, although it was badly battered and scarred by passing through the bones of the skull, it weighed 182 grains. A 44 caliber bullet weighs 210 grains while the heaviest 38 caliber bullet weighs less than 160 grains.

Coroner Williams will have the testimony of Dare's two companions taken by a notary public at Walkerton, Ind., where they now are.

The police are about to abandon the case, as the murder occurred outside the city limits and properly belongs to the sheriff's office.—Journal.