

Wm. Moffatt Shot.

Wm. Moffatt met with an accident last Sunday evening which may cost him his left leg.

He was out hunting with Al Boe, Arthur Olson, Martin Nelson and Peter Remmen. They drove up to a slough and were preparing to look for ducks when Martin Nelson's gun was accidentally discharged, the whole charge striking Moffatt in the left leg near the knee.

Martin says that he had just put the shells into the gun, a double-barreled, hammerless, and just as he closed it Moffatt walked in front of the gun and not over five or six feet away, the gun being discharged in closing it, therefore the whole charge struck him. The leg was immediately bound up with a halter rope and the boys started for home, arriving in town at about seven o'clock.

Dr. Brimi was called to attend him and Drs. Westley and Bergstrom were called in consultation, and did all that was possible at the time, but they considered it impossible to save the leg and Dr. Brimi took him to Valley City Monday to give him the advantage of hospital care in case the leg had to be amputated.

The accident was quite a shock to everyone in the vicinity and all will gladly lend what assistance possible, with the hope that the accident may not prove so bad as was at first feared.

Later—An operation amputating the leg was performed Monday evening at the Valley City hospital and on Tuesday word was received that the patient was very weak and had a high fever. He is in a very bad condition and the outcome is very uncertain. Mrs. Moffatt and Chester Hoar and Robert Moffatt have been in Valley City to see that everything possible was done for him.