

Lightning Kills Man In Field

Valley City Times Record: Tom Scott, a man about 40 years old, was struck and instantly killed by lightning Monday evening. The man had been employed by Charley Zann, who lives about five miles south of Valley City, since last April, and at the time of the accident was driving horses hitched to a gang plow. The bolt was a sharp one, according to the men who were in the field with him, and knocked down two of the horses. The clothing which the man was wearing was almost completely torn from his body, being ripped in every direction, clear down to the underclothes. The mackinaw which he was wearing was a brown one, and in good shape, but it now presents the appearance of the work of an amateur person with a pair of scissors, as well as the rest of the clothes. His back was burned and his neck also scorched by the bolt, and the hair on the right side of his head was slightly singed. According to the undertaker, the bolt evidently struck on the right side of the head and followed the spine down, killing him instantly. His face was also slightly bruised, but it is not known whether this is a result of the bolt or was received when he fell off the plow.