

Shocking Accident.

On Sunday, about noon, the community was shocked to learn that little Freddy Retzlaff, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Retzlaff, was shot accidentally by little Orrie Retzlaff, the six year old son of Mr. Julius Retzlaff. How it was done nobody knows. The boys were playing together in the second story of Julius Retzlaff's house while the rest of the family were downstairs. No report of firearms was heard and the only intimation that anything was amiss was the noise of the little fellow falling down two or three steps at the top of the stairs. On hearing the fall Julius Retzlaff jumped up and ran up stairs only to find the boy unconscious with a hole in his forehead and the other little fellow standing in the room almost frightened to death. An old 32 calibre Winchester rifle that had been in the room for years and which Julius Retzlaff said he positively knew was unloaded, was the only firearm in the room and the weapon which is supposed to be the one that did the deed, but how or when the cartridge was put in is a mystery. The only theory that can be brought out is that the little fellows were playing together when Orrie picked up the rifle and the trigger was accidentally pulled, or else the little fellow not knowing it was loaded, pulled the trigger which resulted so fatally. Little Freddy died about 7 o'clock p. m., Sunday, being unconscious all the time. The blow is a hard one to the family and to the entire community. He was the idol of his parents and a general favorite with the entire townspeople. Mr. Retzlaff had driven over to Mayville with his eldest daughter, May, to be treated by a physician only to receive when he reached