

Tom Blewett Shot.

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Early yesterday morning when an east bound N. P. freight train reached Sidney, a crossing west of Casselton, a brakeman named Tom Blewett was walking over the train and had climbed down from a box car onto a car loaded with timber. When he started to walk over the timbers a negro who was hiding between them at the other end of the car reached up and shot at him with a revolver, the ball passing into the right foot. The negro then got off the car and started across the field taking the old Great Northern branch grade which he followed. The injured man walked forward as best he could and had the engine of the train cut off to take him to Casselton and bring out officers. A number of men and officers were brought out and also an engine that was doing some switching in the Great Northern yards. The negro had been followed by two men, but he had been holding them at bay with his revolver until he was overtaken by the engine, when one of the police officers who was riding in the engine covered him and ordered him to throw up his hands. He was taken by surprise as he did not suppose that any one on the engine was after him. He was taken to Casselton and locked up. He gives his name as Charles Smith and says his home is in Santa Fe, N. M. He is about 25 years of age and refuses to say anything about the shooting. He will be given a hearing before Justice Walker at Casselton.

The injured man was brought to this city on the passenger train and was taken to his room in the Cantieny block on Broadway where he was seen by a Call reporter. He states that he had not even spoken to the negro when the fellow shot him and he had never seen him before. He knew of no reason why the fellow should shoot at him. Mr. Blewett is a nephew of Pierce Blewett, trainmaster of the Dakota division, and will be taken to the hospital at Brainerd this morning. He says the wound gives him considerable pain and thinks the bone is injured. The bullet is still in the foot. There is a strong feeling among the railway trainmen and citizens generally against the negro who made this assault without cause.