

A Close Call

Probably the nearest to death a person could ever get and still be alive and able to tell about it was the experience of Bob Milne of the Courtenay Motor Car Co., and James Reese, a representative of the Morley Twine company of Sioux City, Iowa, which took place Tuesday morning at the crossing just west of town.

Mr. Milne was engaged in taking Mr. Reese out into the country and had reached the crossing and started to cross when a brakeman of a freight train which was side tracked up to the crossing, motioned to Mr. Milne to go back and he took it for grant that the freight was going to start to pull over the crossing and immediately started the machine back off the crossing and had just got over when the flyer from the east came rushing by and notified the gentlemen of its passing by relieving the machine of one wheel. Mr. Milne did not know the wheel was gone until he got out of the car to crank it. While this was the only damage done, still it was a close call for them meeting instant death, as the steam from the freight engine made it impossible to see the approaching passenger and had it been a minute later the flyer would caught them.