

## **HARRY EIFFERT ACCIDENTALLY SHOT**

From Lancaster Republican.

Sunday evening, Dec. 13, 1914, this community was startled when the news began to fly from lip to lip that Harry Eiffert, second son of Wm. Eiffert, had been found dead by the side of the road about four miles southeast of Lancaster near the home of Joe Lasley, having been shot in the right shoulder, the shot ranging clear to the top of his head.

The facts as near as we have been able to learn are as follows.

Sunday afternoon Nathan Gibson, Junior Gibson, Walter Jeffries, Wm. Eiffert, Jr., and Harry Eiffert were out hunting and when near Joe Lasley's they became separated, some of them going to Bob Lasley's to see about getting a sled runner. While there Will Eiffert saw a rabbit and started after it. In a short distance he met Junior Gibson and asked where Harry was. Junior told him he had left Harry up the road. After waiting a short time for Harry to join them they went to look for him. Going to the road where Junior last saw Harry they found him dead, shot as stated above.

The alarm was given and soon his father and a number of the neighbors had gathered but did not remove the body until the coroner, Dr. H. E. Gerwig of Downing, was notified, who notified Sheriff G. P. Hope to go and view the body and the surroundings and then have the body removed to his father's home, as was done.

After hearing all the evidence in the case the coroner's jury returned the following verdict in substance: We find that Harry Eiffert came to his death from the effects of a gun shot wound, the same being an accident and that the gun was in the hands of a person to the jury unknown.

Those who composed the hunting party were on the best of terms from a friendship standpoint, but becoming separated and shooting in every direction, it is supposed that a shot from a gun in the hands of one of the hunting party was what caused the sad tragedy. The Republican extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives, also to the person who unconsciously caused the death of his friend.