WHERE IS MAGGIE HOEL?

Officers Still Unable to Solve The Mystery.

WOMAN IN BLACK THE LATEST.

And a Hack Drawn by White Horses Appears in the Case—Theory of Abduction Advanced—Officers Believe She May Have Been Persuaded Away by Her Missouri Relatives.

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dozen different theories and following up as many more vague clues the police say the question is as much of a mystery to them now as it was on Sunday night. The circumstances sur-

After working all day, pursuing a rounding the disappearance of Maggie Hoel will probably go down on the list of things unsolved, so far as the officers are concerned

Explanations by the score have been advanced as to the cause of the girl's sudden vanishing, yet the probability of the majority of them is so slight that they are hardly worthy of consideration. Murder or other foul play, suicide, kidnaping or voluntary departure are a few of the theories offered, yet none of the evidence favors any particular one. The officers seem to incline to the belief that the girl has gone away of her own free will; the relatives of Maggie say now that kidnaping is the most probable explanation and the chances are as much in favor of one as the other. At all events the girl is still missing and not a single clue has been found to indicate where she is, dead or alive.

As stated in the Chieftain yesterday morning, Maggie Hoel disappeared from the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Beatty, three miles west of the city, some time Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Beatty had left her in charge of the house at 1 o'clock and when she returned at 3 o'clock the girl was gone. For a time all evidence pointed to a terrible crime having been committed, but later clues would indicate otherwise.

It now develops that about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon a closed hack drawn by a pair of white horses was seen on the hill near the Beatty home by an old gentleman named Scurd, who thought nothing of the circumstance at the time. On Sunday morning a woman was seen wandering around the Beatty home and in the vicinity of the north side reservoirs, which are a short distance from the house. She was well dressed in black and wore a rich fur collarette over her shoulders. Her actions indicated that she was at a loss where to go, and noting this the Beattys sent Maggie to her to ask what she wanted. It seems that the strange woman rebuffed the girl rather sharply and then went on her way, the Beattys losing sight of her in the direction of the Eighth street county bridge. Putting these two rather unusual circumstances together leads to the theory of kidnaping, and the Beattys seem to think that if it was an abduction they can explain who was responsible for it.

Before coming to Pueblo to live with her sister, the Hoel girl was in charge of a guardian at Lockwood, Mo. This was soon after the death of her father, and it is said the guardianship was distasteful to her and to her relatives. At any rate the guardianship was removed from the hands of the man who first held it and was vested in an uncle who, it is claimed, gave permission for the girl to come to Pueblo to join Mrs. Beatty. It may be, say the relatives, though they are making no positive assertions on the subject, that the original guardian has abducted the girl for revenge. No other motive is probable inasmuch as the girl has no estate.

The officers scoured the city yesterday looking for the hack described by Mr. Scurd and also the mysterious woman in black, but the found no clue to either. The Beattys sent telegrams to friends in Lockwood, Mo., asking if the man who had been the girl's guardian was still there, and the answers they receive will probably settle that theory.

The theory of violence is rather disproved by the fact that there was