RANCHER IS DECAPITATED BY D. & R. G. PASSENGER TRAIN

Body Literally Torn to Pieces and Scattered Along Track—Accident Happened Near Howard

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Canon City, Colo., Aug. 12.—The accidental killing of C. B. Kelso at Howard, forty-five miles west of Canon City, Sunday morning by D. & R. G. train No. 3 was one of the most tragic incidents that has happened in Fremont county for a long time, Mr. Kelso who is a well known and prosperous ranchers and cattle man residing near Howard in the western part of the country, had just returned from Canon City, where he had purchased five car loads of cattle which he was taking with him in a freight train. In company with Lewis Davis, he stepped off the caboose about 1:30 o'clock at the siding where the freight train had stopped, and started across the track. Davis, who was just ahead of Kelso, heard the whizzing of the train and at the same moment heard a thud as if something had been struck. When the cars had rolled by he was horrified to see the head and shoulders of Kelso lying on the track, while the rest of his body was literally torn into fragments and scattered along the rails for quite a distance. The engineer noticed one man cross safely and did not know that an accident had occured until the train stopped at Howard station and he saw the blood on the engine. At a coroner's inquest held here this afternoon the railroad company was exonerated from any blame in the matter. Kelso leaves a wife and family residing at Howard.