WAS IT MURDER OR ACCIDENT?

Charles M. Mead Found Dead in the Rio Grande Yard.

NECK APPARENTLY BROKEN.

Mystery Surrounding the Death of An Order Man For Smythe & Ritter, Grocers—Found in the Rio Grande Yard Near the Missouri Pacific Crossing Last Night—No Thoroughly Acceptable Theory Yet Brought Out.

Deepest mystery surrounds the death of Charles M. Mead, whose body was found at 10 o'clock last night in the Rio Grande yard, with his head badly bruised, his neck apparently broken and a deep gash under his chin, but which would not of itself prove fatal. Three theories are advanced as to how he met his death. One is murder. Another is that he fell from a train and the third is that he was struck by a train. Each has its advocates and each has circumstances against it. The spot where he was found is more or less frequented and he could not have lain there very long. The dead man has lived in Pueblo several years and was employed by Smythe & Ritter.

Link Day was walking through the yards when he neanly fell over the body of a man who was apparently dead. He was lying near the Missouri Pacific crossing with his head up against the rail of the D. & R. G. The body was at right angles to the track lying partially on his face with part of his coat over his head. His hat was about six feet from the body and within three feet of the body was an open note book. Upon a leaf of this book was written in a painfully scrawly hand: "Got whisky in my pocket but I was not drunk." A nearly empty quart bottle of whisky was found in his pocket. The book upon which the note was written was saturated with whisky and a little remained in the bottle. His clothing was also wet in spots where the whisky had been spilled.

Mr. Day at once notified police headquarters of his discovery and later the coroner's office was notified and the body removed to the morgue. Investigation around the spot where he was