Mead considerably and he told of his family troubles to his friends. Mrs. Mead said to the officers last night that they had not had any trouble prior to his leaving the house and that he left her in good spirits.

As to the murder theory there are some things which point toward it. He might have been struck a terrible blow in the head, forcible enough to break his neck and his throat then cut by the assassin. His hat though does not bear any marks of such a blow and he was not known to have had an enemy who would kill him in cold blood. If the murder was for robbery the hold-ups got little in return for the life they took for he did not have any money or valuables on his person. A ring was found on his left hand and his pockets were undisturbed. Then, too, the note, which was undoubtedly written by him, would not look like he had been murdered. Suicide can scarcely be considered on account of the wounds and bruises about his head. The cut on his chin was not made by him because his knife was found closed in his pocket.

The possibility of his having fallen from a train is large. There were a number of trains passing the spot and it is possible that in endeavoring to get off he fell and sustained his injuries. However the condition of his hands would scarcely agree with this as they were not in any way bruised or scratched and a falling man would instinctively put his hands out to protect himself. As to the last theory, that of his being struck by a train, there are several things in its favor. However, no engineer reported having seen any such accident. Incoming trains are under fairly good speed at the point where the body was found. But the query arises why was he in the yards? It was not on his way home. Hence the mystery of his death.

Mead was well liked by his employers and both spoke last night of his sobriety and attention to business. He lived at 104 south Mechanic street and leaves a wife and three children, all under ten years, to mourn his loss. During his residence here he worked several years for Moses Brothers and was a brother-in-law of L. Mumma, formerly with this firm. At one time he was a motorman on the street car line and had been with Smythe & Ritter for over a year. He had a peculiarity of holding his head on one side and was always apparently looking up. He was identified before Smythe & Ritter came by the peculiar condition of the index finger of the right hand which had been injured at some time.

The coroner will hold an inquest on the body today and some of the mystery may then be cleared up.

The Cowboy band will give a concert at Lake Minnequa this evening at 7 o'clock.