

Police Blotter

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PLUNGED TO HIS DEATH

E. J. Kennedy Falls From Midland Bridge Receiving Injuries Which Result In Death.

About three o'clock Sunday morning E. J. Kennedy, who for the past two weeks had been serving on the jury, was seen by policeman Malaby going in the direction of the Midland depot. Mr. Malaby supposed Mr. Kennedy contemplated catching a freight train for Rifle and gave the matter no further thought.

About nine o'clock the trackwalker discovered near the east end of the Midland bridge the body of a man who was quickly identified as Mr. Kennedy. The body, which was cold in death, was at once removed to the morgue and in the afternoon Coroner Hotopp impanelled a jury and an inquest was held.

Several witnesses were examined, nearly all of them having seen Mr. Kennedy about town late Saturday night. He bought a Midland ticket to Rifle but missed the passenger train.

It is supposed that he heard a freight train and started for the switch across the river and in crossing the bridge tripped and fell to his death. His jaw was fractured, and there was evidence that he struck on a protruding beam. He fell about ten feet and the shock was sufficient to cause death to one of his age—almost seventy.

The coroner's jury decided that Mr. Kennedy's death was due to his accidentally falling from the east end of the Midland bridge.

Deceased was one of the pioneer settlers of Garfield county but has not lived in the county for several years until the past summer when he has made his home with his son, W. P. Kennedy, of Rifle. The body was shipped to Rifle for interment.