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A sad and unfortunate death occurred Saturday afternoon at the stirrup factory of Baker Bros., when Alex Elzey, a trusted employee, accidentally lost his life. Mr. Elzey was engaged in shaping stirrups when he had occasion to use one of the saws. While sawing, the piece of timber kicked back and struck him a terrible blow in the stomach. He was taken to the home of Mr. Poling nearby where medical assistance was summoned, but no relief could be offered and he died in two hours. The entire community mourns with the family in their hour of sad bereavement and extends the hand of sympathy and sorrow. Funeral services were conducted at the house last Monday afternoon by Revs. E. T. Gregg of this city, and G. W. Cocking of Hoagland. Interment in the Reynolds Cemetery.