

# 'Water boy' a dangerous job for teen working at quarry

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and the Indiana State Medical College, as well as served an apprenticeship with a Harrodsburg community doctor.

A veteran of the Civil War, the 56-year-old Harrodsburg physician had seen a lot of injury cases in his time.

Keeping the young patient quiet proved to be the best course after all.

Commented the *Telephone*, "At 2 o'clock the boy's condition seemed improved.

Fortunately, if the newspaper's readers were in suspense about whether Bougher would live or die, they were relieved to read a small item in the April 18 edition:

"Mack Bougher, the young man whose skull was crushed in an accident at the National Quarry Saturday, has improved considerably within the past 24 hours, and the attending physicians now have hopes

of his ultimate recovery.

"The young man has not yet regained consciousness, but his general condition seems improved, and it will not be necessary to perform a surgical operation."

That was indeed a mercy, since Monroe County had no brain surgeons.

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