

# 1910 wreck shows power of 'iron horse'

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Among the information the reporter gathered at Helmsburg were several facts — that the Kelsos were quite well off, financially speaking; that they drove every Sunday, weather permitting, to the Methodist Church at Georgetown; that the couple had several grown children.

After visiting Helmsburg, the coroner pronounced the incident an unfortunate accident. Added the *Courier*, "No blame is attached to the engineer of the train, as it was impossible for him to see the buggy until his engine was upon it. Coming out of a deep cut and on a curve, he was not aware of Kelso's predicament until within a few yards of the vehicle. He promptly shut off steam and applied the emergency brakes, but the collision was inevitable, and the tragedy happened in the twinkling of an eye."

Ironically, there was one survivor. Explained the newspaper, "Strange to relate the horse was uninjured and was caught some distance from the scene of the tragedy by a farmer."