

# When a taxicab driver assaulted a farmer

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"Hays jumped from the rear. Breedlove charges that a pair of 'knucks' were used."

The altercation necessitated the services of Dr. John Luzadder, who deemed Breedlove's condition as "critical." Specifically, the doctor

reported to the police that the patient had lost an ear lobe and had a bad wound on the back of the neck.

Hays, who apparently made no effort to evade the police, was arrested. On May 29, the *Telephone* informed its readers that the taxicab driver was "at liberty on a \$500 bond," a sizable sum in those days.

The newspaper did add, however, that should the victim's condition worsen, Hays was liable to be re-arrested and stay in jail pending Breedlove's recovery or death.

Said the *Telephone* on May 29, "This morning Dr. Luzadder is much worried over the condition of his patient. Breedlove had a very

bad night and suffered a chill. Today he has a hard jolting pain in his head, which indicates complications may have set in from the injury at the base of the brain. This may mean meningitis or blood clot and may lead to paralysis."

Next week: More Trouble for Will Hays.