

## **Roxie Fuller(Danskin) Lounsberry (1858-1903) & Frank (1884-1903)**

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One of the most astonishing accidents of the season occurred at the crossing of the North-Western railway at the west of town on Sunday last about 12:30 p. m., in which Mrs. John H. Lounsberry and son Frank were killed. It appears that they had been in attendance upon church and at the close started for home with several other teams and when crossing the track of the railway at that point were struck by the engine and the team killed, the buggy broken into minute pieces and the two killed outright being thrown by the mammoth engine to a considerable distance. Other teams had passed just before them and others were following, and help was given them at once but they were both dead ere any thing could be done for them. Attempts to warn them were made by others but without avail and the catastrophe was thus seen by many. The train was running fast at the time and the lady was thrown some fifty yards westward lighting near the track. Frank was found upon the engine where he lit at the time of collision. Of course they were badly mangled.

Coroner Conner was notified and an inquest held with George Smith, H. M. Dayton and B. F. Shaw as the jury who rendered a verdict in recognition of these facts.

Mrs. Lounsberry was about 46 years of age and her son 17. The last sad rites were held at the Methodist church on Tuesday and was very largely attended quite a number coming from Nevada and other points. The services were held at the residence at 10:00 and the church at 11 o'clock by Rev. Caldwell. The church and yard were filled to overflowing. Mr. Lounsberry with four sons survive to mourn her loss.

The entire community are all agloom over the accident and little else could be heard for some time and deep sorrow pervades all.