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AN OTTERTVILLE MAN KILLED.

We find the following item in Wednesday's Sedalia *Beacon*: "Samuel Weir, of Gunn City, and A. H. Weir, ex-prosecuting attorney of Barry county, passed through here last night with the remains of James A. Weir, of Otterville, who was struck down by an unknown assassin at the Liberty street Missouri Pacific depot, at Independence, on the morning of January 2d, and who died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Weir was returning from a visit with friends at Higginsville, when he met his death, and the crime is veiled in the deepest mystery, as it is not thought that he had an enemy in the world. The fact that his skull was crushed in two places, and that there were no scratches on his hands or arms, would serve to show that the assault upon him was sudden and unexpected. The remains were interred in Otterville at 10 o'clock to-day."

The Kansas City *Times*, of the same date, has the following account of Weir's death: "James Weir, the victim of the mysterious assault at the Liberty street depot at Independence on Tuesday morning of last week, died at the residence of Mrs. Mary White, on East Lexington street, in that city yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. Weir did not regain consciousness until Sunday morning, when he seemed to realize the surroundings, smiling and reaching out his hand toward his half brother, who was at his bedside. An attempt was made to get Weir to write, in order to ascertain who his assailant was, but without success. He made the attempt, but relapsed into unconsciousness before the effort availed anything. Weir was born in Otterville, Mo., in 1853, and lived there until recently. Last August he went to Independence and was employed on street work by Contractor Goodwin. His father and brother, who were with him when he died, left for Otterville with the remains last evening. The coroner began an inquest yesterday morning, but no light was thrown upon the case, and an adjournment was taken until to-day."

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