

## **HUGH PETERSON - Broken Leg**

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**Hugh Peterson, employed by the hardware firm of Caldwell & Tressel met with a serious accident Monday afternoon which resulted in a compound fracture of his right leg below the knee. Mr. Peterson was going into the country in the auto truck to deliver some implements. While making the Conrad hill he turned out to avoid a chuck hole, struck a rut and lost control of the steering wheel. Seeing that the machine would go into the ditch, Mr. Peterson jumped and in doing so in some way broke his leg. The truck went into the ditch but did not turn over. The injured man crawled to the truck, shut off the engine and repeatedly sounded the horn and called for help. After what seemed a very long time a man came past in a buggy and heard his cry. The stranger took off his coat, made a pillow of it for Mr. Peter's head and summons Dr. Pollom. Mr. Peterson was brought to his home here where Dr. Pollom and Dr. Ensminger of Crawfordsville set the bones. By Wednesday the swelling was reduced and the limb was not put in a plaster cast as they at first thought might be necessary. Mr. Peterson was resting much easier last evening.**