

STRUCK WITH AN AX

YOUNG MAN ASSAULTED WHILE ASLEEP.

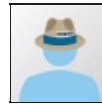
**Skull Fractured and There Is
Very Little Hope of Recovery.
No Clue to Perpetrator.**

(Houston Post Special.)

Madisonville, Texas, July 20.—This morning between the hours of 1 and 3 some one entered the residence of Mr. R. K. Defee, near Midway, in the east end of this county, and going into the room where John and Tom Defee, grown sons of Mr. Defee, were sleeping, struck Tom on the head with the butt of an ax, fracturing the skull and making a dangerous wound. John Defee had been up until 1 o'clock administering medicine to his mother. He then went to sleep in the same bed with Tom and heard nothing until the peculiar breathing of his brother awoke him at 3 o'clock. The would-be assassin used an ax belonging to Mr. Defee and left it in the room where he committed the deed. He made plenty of tracks about the house and wore a nice shoe, No. 8.

The bloodhounds from the Whatley & Herring farm were brought to the place early, but they could not follow the trail. Sheriff Payne and deputies are on the scene.

The Defees are splendid citizens and no motive for the crime can be found. Tom is a model young man, 24 years of age, and had no known enemy. Drs. Gibson and Patton performed an operation, but there is little hope for recovery.



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