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Hand Crushed.

Mr. Walter Halbert was very unfortunate Friday in having his hand crushed so that the doctor could not save it.

Mr. Halbert was working at the Creamery and while attempting to take some ice out of a large ice cream freezer, his hand became entangled in the cogs of the revolving machine. The second and third fingers of his left hand were literally crushed. Drs. Johnson and Grady were called immediately and, after consultation, they decided that it would be best for the hand to be taken off. Dr. Z. T. Scott of Austin was called to aid in the operation. It was at first thought that the thumb, index finger and little finger could be saved but, after he was put under the influence of ether, it was found that all of the bones in his hand were crushed and that his whole hand would have to be amputated.

He stood the operation exceedingly well and is getting on better than could be expected at present.