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Died in a Well.

Joe Smith, son of George W. Smith, and son-in-law of George Homan, living near Otterville, died from the effects of foul air in a well he went into to clean out this week. He called for help as soon as he discovered the foul air, but was so overcome that he could not hold to the bucket to be drawn up. As soon as possible a hook was brought and the lifeless body was ~~pulled up and taken out.~~ The first time he was pulled, however, to the top of the well, he fell back. He was a young man 28 years of age and leaves a wife and two children.

Smith