

DIES IN AUTO WRECK

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she was released, but her injuries were so slight that she was not taken to the hospital here.

The mechanic, whose name could not be learned this (Thursday) morning, tried to release Dr. Adams, but was unable, and went to the Hikey ranch for aid. When finally taken from beneath the car he was dying, and lived only a few minutes. He was unconscious when released.

The sisters were brought to Great Falls by the mechanic in his machine and given medical attention. Dr. Lee Roy McBurney, county coroner, left early this morning for the scene of the accident, and the body of Dr. Adams is being brought to the undertaking parlors of the T. F. O'Connor company.

Dr. Francis J. Adams was a western man, born at Fort Crook, Cal., Dec. 16, 1859. He was the son of John Adams, who was in every sense a military man, having been sent to West Point from Tennessee where he gained high honors, having served through the war with Mexico with General Scott, being promoted to first lieutenant after the battle of Cherubusco and being made a captain after the fall of Monterey. After the Mexican war he served with the first cavalry against the Indians through the southwest and in 1861 he returned to Tennessee and served as chief surgeon of the Army of the Tennessee.

Dr. Francis J. Adams was graduated from Georgetown college in 1881 and for several years he was acting assistant surgeon in the regular army stationed at Fort Hamilton, L. I., and Fort Adams, Newport. In 1883 he was transferred to Montana and in 1887 was ordered to join an expedition on the staff of General Ruger against the Crow Indians. He remained in the service until the close of 1887 being stationed at Fort Assiniboine.

The same year he became an assistant instructor in a post-graduate school at St. Louis but resigned this in 1889 and came to Fort Benton, where he associated with Dr. Atkinson until 1890 when he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Conrad, a daughter of Col. J. W. Conrad, of Virginia, and thereupon removed to Great Falls where he had since made his home.

In 1893 he assisted in the erection of the first hospital in Great Falls which later was sold to the Columbus hospital and for several years thereafter he was surgeon for that institution. In 1896 he organized a training school for nurses in connection with the hospital, the first to be organized in the state.

In 1898 he was surgeon, with rank of major, of the First Montana Volunteers, formed for service in the Spanish war and he served in the Philippines upon the staffs of Generals Wheaton, Otis and Funston, and was promoted to brigade surgeon. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Palo, March 25, 1898, and in October, 1899, he returned to the United States and resumed his practice in this city. Dr. Adams volunteered in the medical service of the national army during the recent world war and served with the rank of major in this country but did not get into the overseas service.