

# The Port Augusta Dispatch

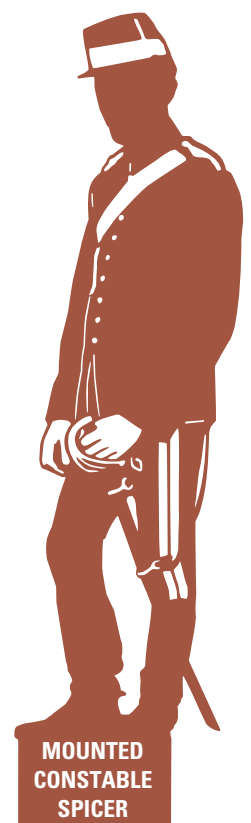
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**FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT,** - A very sad accident occurred on Saturday at Farina, by which Robt. W. Spicer, a young and much-liked member of the Mounted Police Force, lost his life. The deceased, in company with M.C.'s Bannigan and Browne, was engaged in revolver practice on horseback, and as the latter was in the act of delivering his fire, his horse suddenly reared and swerved around. The direction of the revolver was thus suddenly changed and the explosion taking place instantly, the bullet struck M.C. Spicer in the neck, through which it passed. The sufferer was attended by Dr Powell, who accompanied him to Port Augusta by special train on Sunday and was received at the Hospital at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Dr Markham was promptly in attendance, but through attention was paid to the sufferer who retained consciousness almost to the last, death ensued about half-past 7 the same evening. Great sympathy is felt for the untimely fate which has thus overtaken so young and amiable a public officer, and much sympathy is felt for the unwitting and unfortunate agent of his death, M.C. Browne, whose mind has, it is reported, has almost unhinged by grief and distress at the sad fatality. An inquest will be held to-morrow.



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