

DUNTON.

The body of John Green, the horsekeeper who had been missing since Tuesday week, as reported by us in our last, was on Saturday morning found in a snow drift. It will be remembered that Green lost his life through turning back to look after his son. He then left a little boy in the wagon he was in charge of, covered over with a sack. When found the poor child was frozen and insensible, and for a day or two was in a critical condition. The inquest on the body of Green was held at East Horndon, by Mr. C. C. Lewis, yesterday (Monday). — Mr. Wilfred John Field, farmer, of Dunton, said that on Tuesday morning the deceased left his farm to go to Upminster with a loaded wagon and three horses; deceased's son and a little boy were with him; the son also had charge of a wagon and three horses; the deceased never returned; the little boy returned home on Thursday; the son walked home on Saturday; deceased was found in the road against Blue House Farm, where the snow was four or five feet deep. — Wm. Green, a son of the deceased, said they reached Upminster Mill at one o'clock on Tuesday, and unloaded the wheat from the wagons; they started for home about four o'clock; the deceased went first, and witness followed with his wagon and horses; they stopped at Upminster Bell and had a little gin; just after they started from the Bell witness missed the deceased from the side of his horses and did not see him again; witness walked as far as Mr. Boardman's at Childerditch, and Mr. Boardman then put him in the wagon, because he could not walk any further; he was insensible from the effects of the cold; it was blowing and snowing very hard; he afterwards got out of the wagon and upon the fore horse; then they got into the snow; he unbooked his horses and left the wagon in the snow, and got on to the fore horse again; he got as far as Mr. Attenborough's pea stack, when he went to sleep; the horses stood under the stack with him; the next morning at daylight he awoke, and went to Crick's cottage; Crick took him off the horse and into his cottage; he remained there until Saturday morning, when he walked home. — Samuel Shelley, labourer, of Horndon-on-the-Hill, said he was searching with others on Saturday morning; they saw a wagon by the side of the road, and about nine or 10 yards from it they found the deceased just outside of the road covered over with snow and quite dead. — The jury, of whom Mr. S. J. Nash was foreman, found that the deceased died from exposure to cold.