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DEATH THE PENALTY

DECATUR, Ind., Nov. 16 - While riding on a wagon loaded with corn along the public highway near Berne Saturday, Christian Gerber, a young farmer, attempted to pull down an American flag from a pole near the road. As he seized the flag he fell under the wagon, which passed over his neck, killing him instantly.

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