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## THE SWITCHMAN WON.

### A Forty-Three Round Fight in the West Bottoms Tuesday Night.

A desperate prize fight came off in an abandoned barn in Toad-a-Loup Tuesday night that was witnessed by about 50 railroad men. The principals were Ridley, a Missouri Pacific fireman living in the West bottoms, and Slusher, a switchman hailing from St. Louis. The spectators, made up of about an equal number of local firemen and switchmen, were charged \$1 each to see the scrap. No seats had been arranged and the gang jostled and crowded each other about the ring. The men were about evenly matched and at any time up to the forty-third round it looked like anybody's fight. Several times the fight threatened to break up in a general all round slugging match. In the forty-third round Ridley, in dodging a vicious right hander, fell outside the ropes and before he could come to time he was counted out. The referee, Tom Maloney, awarded the fight to Slusher. The purse amounted to \$60. The firemen are dissatisfied with the result of the fight. They say their man was not given fair play and arrangements are being made to bring the two men together again in the near future.

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## LOCAL NOTICES

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