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# MAN MURDERED

## A Transient Laborer Was Foully Murdered Sunday Morning by Being Stabbed With a Jack-Knife.

A dead man was discovered lying by the fence down by Crane Johnson's lumber yard last Sunday morning. At first, when people going past, saw the man lying there they thought that he was drunk, but on investigation it was found that he had been stabbed to death by a knife in the hands of some parties unknown. The coroner, Dr. Westley, was notified, and he summoned a jury consisting of J. H. McDermott, P. A. Melgard and W. D. Hartman to investigate the affair. In the meantime it transpired that a gang of threshers had been carousing and fighting all Saturday night and early Sunday morning, and several men around town were recognized as belonging to the gang last seen with the murdered man and five of them were placed under arrest to await the action of the coroner's jury. Different persons around town heard the men talking loud down by the lumber yard, but did not realize that a man was being murdered. Marshal Christianson had previously ordered this same gang to go to bed, and they moved off in the direction of where the tragedy took place. The dead man was stabbed several times, the fatal stab being below the sixth rib with an upward stroke that reached the heart. He could not have lived but a short time after he was stabbed. The name of the man is Eddie Corbett, alias Thomas Farrell. He has been working for A. Rhodes and Bob Starr a few days each, but his real business would appear from all that can be learned, to be a bootlegger. It is surmised that the gang got into a quarrel over a grip that contained liquor, and that Corbett met his death as a result of that quarrel. The remains were taken charge of by John Syverson's

undertaking department, and awaited disposition until his brother could arrive from Minot, at which place it was learned he was. The coroner's jury worked on the case from Sunday morning to Monday night, and examined a lot of witnesses. They concluded their labors Monday night, and brought in the following verdict:

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, )  
County of Griggs. )

An inquest holden at Cooperstown, in Griggs county, State of North Dakota, on the 16th and 17th days of September, A. D. 1906, before M. D. Westley, coroner of said county, upon the body of Eddie Corbett, alias Thomas Farrell, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oath do say that the said Eddie Corbett alias Thomas Farrell, on the 16th day of September, A. D. 1906, in the village of Cooperstown, Griggs county, State of North Dakota, came to his death by a stab wound below the sixth rib on the left side, in a direction upward and backward inflicted by a sharp instrument in the hands of a person known by the name of Frank Smith, with felonious intent.

In testimony where the said jurors have hereunto set their hands the day and year aforesaid.

J. H. McDERMOTT,  
W. D. HARTMAN,  
P. A. MELGARD,  
Jurors.

Attest

☐ M. D. WESTLEY, M. D.,  
Coroner of Griggs County.

Smith was duly arrested upon a warrant issued by the coroner, and had a preliminary hearing before Justice Rearick on Tuesday morning. W. H. Carleton was appointed temporary counsel on choice by the defendant, and asked for a continuance, which was granted until 9 a. m. Wednesday. William O'Brien, Tom Owens, Harry Wright and Ed. Richards, four men supposed to have been in the gang when the stabbing occurred, are held as witnesses to appear in court, and in default of bonds were remanded to the custody of the sheriff. The preliminary hearing was not concluded when this side of the paper went to press.

# How It Will Work

## Senator Young Gives His Opinion of the Resubmission Question to the Fargo Forum.

Hon. George M. Young, state senator from Valley City, was in Fargo last evening on business, and a representative of the Forum chanced to run across him, and asked him about politics in Barnes county, and he replied that everything was in very good shape there, and the entire republican state ticket would be given a good majority when it came to election time. He asked if the scribe had considered what was meant by the initiative and referendum plank of the democratic platform, and receiving a negative reply, he said:

"Whatever merit there may be in the principle of the initiative and referendum as applied to conditions in other states, in North Dakota it means resubmission of the liquor question. One clause of the state democratic platform reads: 'We are in favor of establishing by constitutional amendment, the initiative and referendum.' If this was done there would be a movement at once for the repeal of what is known as the prohibition clause of the constitution, and a minority could force a vote on that question. A majority of the people believe in retaining the prohibition clause in our constitution, and they are not liable to permit its removal by backdoor initiative and referendum methods. The democrats have made a bid for the votes of the resubmissionists. They may