

FARMER TOOK LAUDANUM ROUTE

STUTSMAN COUNTY MAN SUICIDED
IN A JAMESTOWN HOTEL—NO
REASON KNOWN FOR THE DEED
—BODY FOUND IN THE ROOM
SOMETIME AFTER THE DEED
WAS COMMITTED.

Jamestown, Dec. 17—Another case of suicide is to be added to the numerous occurrences of that kind now being reported throughout the country. Last Friday J. Chester Devereaux, a farmer who resided near Medina, went to Stone's hotel in this city about 10 o'clock in the morning and registered under the name of C. J. Nelson. He was assigned to a room No. 29. He left word at the office to call him at 7 o'clock in the evening but about 4 o'clock he came down and stated that he did not care to be called, and would remain all night. He did not make any appearance in the morning and not until late Saturday afternoon was it learned that the man in the room had committed suicide. Police Obermueller being asked to look up his whereabouts, after a long search found him. Mr. Devereaux had been absent from his home near Medina for about ten days, and has been drinking

heavily. He was in Fargo, Medina, and Jamestown at different times and Friday morning was in the Wells & Dickey office where he was negotiating a land deal.

The door of the room in the hotel was broken open when no response was made to knocking, and it was found that Nelson was an assumed name, and that Devereaux was dead, having drunk the most of a 4 oz. bottle of laudanum. He left several letters which were taken and turned over to the county coroner who came to the city Sunday, but held no inquest, as the cause of death was evident. The letter to his wife stated in substance that he had become involved in debt, and was unable to throw off the drink habit, and was discouraged with the prospects before him. He had decided that the best plan was to end the matter by the means employed.

The body was taken to the undertaker's and burial will be made at Medina Tuesday.

Deceased was 30 years old. He leaves a wife and four children, who reside about ten miles southwest of Medina. His father is E. C. Devereaux, who came from Iowa several years ago and is one of the best known farmers of the western part of the county and who has invested largely

in land here and has done much to help his son get started.

The deceased was found lying on the bed with his coat and vest removed and his shoes off. He evidently had been dead for some time. One letter he had written he tore up as apparently it did not suit him.

Editor on the Carpet

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 17—Judge Burke of Valley City today sent the sheriff of Barnes county to Mandan for the purpose of serving papers on Editor Spears of the Mandan Pioneer, citing him to appear in court in Valley City and show cause why he should not be cited for contempt of court. Last week's issue of the Pioneer contained a vitriolic attack on Judge Burke in connection with his action while presiding in the district court at Mandan, while the grand jury was indicting the blind piggers.

Compliment from Hannaford

The Successful Printer, a Minnesota publication, says that the Sheldon Progress and the Griggs County Sentinel are typographically the two neatest papers in North Dakota. Evidently the Printer has never seen the Courtenay Gazette.—Hannaford Enterprise.

Got Thirty Days

Louis Albright of Cleveland,