

## VALLEY CITY MAN IS FOUND DEAD

CLOTHING ON THE BANK AND  
BODY FOUND IN A FEW FEET  
OF WATER.

Valley City, N. D., July 1.—A party of boys roaming along the river bank just below the rapids discovered the nude body of a man some twenty feet from the bank. They gave the alarm and Deputy Sheriff Heimas and Dr. A. W. MacDonald went at once to the scene of the tragedy and the body proved to be that of Tom Gunderson, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Barnes county. The body was recovered and taken to the undertaking parlors of Marten Somedahl.

Mr. Gunderson had not been missed from the office of Platou and MacDonald, where he kept books, and death is shrouded in mystery. The body was discovered some 300 or 305 rods down the Rasmussen road from where the automobile road branches off to go to the fair grounds. At this point the timber is thick and the trees quite large. His clothing hung on the branch of a tree in orderly array while the nude body rested on the bottom, the head and lower end of the trunk under water but the back projecting above. The water was not to exceed two and half feet deep.

Tom Gunderson was one of the best known and most popular men in Barnes county. He was county auditor for many years and held several positions of trust and honor during his residence here.