

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY HIS OWN RIFLE

DICKEY COUNTY LAD MEETS INSTANT DEATH WHILE ALONE ON A FIELD.

Ellendale, N. D., May 13.— One of the most unfortunate and saddest accidents which has happened in this vicinity occurred at the farm of M. W. Bambridge, four miles north of this city when William Horner, a 14 year old boy, accidentally shot and killed himself, dying almost instantly.

The boy came from his home at Blanchardville, Wis., about two months ago to visit Mr. Bambridge who is an old and intimate friend of his father. He was harrowing in a field a short distance from the farm house and took a rifle with him to shoot ducks if an opportunity offered. He was using a riding drag and it is supposed that the rifle fell off and as he stooped over to pick it up, was discharged, the bullet entering his left breast just above the heart and severing the carotid artery.

The shot was heard from a distance and the lad was seen to start toward the house on a run, but made only a few steps when he fell. By the time assistance reached his side he was unconscious and died before they could carry him to the house.

The body was brought to the city and prepared for burial by Undertaker Holte. Mr. Bambridge accompanied the remains back to the home at Blanchardville.