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SUICIDE OF PRISONER IN THE COUNTY JAIL. BOOZE SELLING LEADS TO ACT.

Jamestown, May 7.—At some hour last night, the exact time not being known, P. A. Kroshus, serving a sentence in the county jail for selling or soliciting the sale of liquors along the Soo road, hung himself and was found dead this morning by the jailer. He had been sentenced to 90 day imprisonment at hard labor and was allowed some freedom and was employed in a number of duties around the jail. In some manner he got hold of a piece of canvas that had been around a telescope valise, and this canvas strip was used as a rope. The man was choked or strangled to death as he was found with his knees bent and feet resting on the floor of the cell, the canvas strip being fastened to the bar of the cell above his head. He was dead when found in the morning. Relatives at Glenwood, Minn., were informed of the sad ending of the victim of suicide and the remains will be held until word is received for the disposition. No inquest was held as it was unnecessary.

About a month ago Kroshus was arrested in Kensal for peddling or taking orders for wines and other liquors for a Minnesota concern. He had sold considerable quantities of the various liquors before the traffic was stopped by the county authorities. He leaves a wife and two or three children. He was formerly a well and respected and prosperous resident of Glenwood. He has been despondent of late and acting queerly and it is surmised that he had become partially unbalanced mentally. He had been attended by Dr. Peake, but no special trouble was known to the sheriff. He had been treated with kindness and considerable sympathy was felt for his unfortunate circumstances.