

VICTIM OF DRUG- GIST'S MISTAKE

SANBORN PHARMACIST MAKES ERROR IN COMPOUNDING PRESCRIPTION, RESULTING IN DEATH OF MRS. JOHN McFADGEN.

Valley City, Feb. 24th. The people of Valley City were shocked this morning when they learned of the terrible accident that had occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McFadgen, who reside about fourteen miles north of Valley City, and who have been residents of this county for the past thirty years. It seems for some time past they had not been well, and yesterday sent to Dr. Lang of Sanborn for some medicine, he having treated the couple previous to this time and understood their ailment.

The prescription was furnished and was filled at the Seigfried Drug Store at that place by J. G. Bennett, who has charge of the prescription counter for Mr. Seigfried. The medicine was to be sent up on the branch train, and it was necessary to hurry in order to get it up in time and in his haste the young man made a mistake in the amount of one of the ingredients. The medicine was received at the McFadgen home, and soon thereafter both Mr. and Mrs. McFadgen took a dose of the medicine as prescribed, and in about thirty minutes Mrs. McFadgen had died from the effects of the dose. Mr. McFadgen was also very sick and Dr. Lang of Sanborn and Dr. Pray of this city were summoned. They hurried to the scene as fast as their teams could get them there, and did everything possible for Mr. McFadgen. At the present writing he is reported as resting easy it is expected that he will recover.

Mr. Bennett, the unfortunate druggist, is now in the custody of the sheriff and will be held for a time awaiting further developments. The coroner's jury consisting of W. J. Westergaard, Frank White and L. G. Moultrie, together with the coronor, Dr. E. A. Pray, left this afternoon for the McFadgen home, where the inquest will be held.

Rogers, N. D., Feb. 26—John McFadgen, Sr., died at his home at 2:00 o'clock, presumably from the effect of an overdose of strychnine, the same medicine, wrongly compounded, having caused the death of his wife Wednesday night.

The coroner's jury has absolved J. J. Bennett, the prescription clerk, from any blame in the matter, and the authorities have decided that no criminal proceedings shall be instituted. He was discharged from the custody of the sheriff, and returned to Sanborn. He is almost prostrated by the shock.