

## PENILESS AND HALF STARVED

FIVE LITTLE CHILDREN AND  
MOTHER RECEIVE AID BY POPU-  
LAR SUBSCRIPTION.

Monango Journal: One of the most pathetic cases of poverty that has come to our attention in this state of plenty was revealed at Merricourt last week. A family by the name of Marquette with five little children the oldest 10 years and the youngest two-months-old, were found to be absolutely penniless and suffering for want of the necessaries of life. None of the children had shoes or stockings and barely enough rags on to cover their starved little bodies. The mother is an invalid and barely strong enough to speak and only had on a thin skirt and an old coat to cover herself. It seems the family had been living on a claim in the hills but no one seems to have known of them or the difficulties they were in. The mother has been sick for a long time and became worse from the date of the little baby's birth for lack of proper care and medical attention. Since then she has been unable to be up and the little 8-year-old daughter has had all the care of the baby while the father has nursed his wife as best he could. Last week he took the family to Oakes and the mother was placed in the county ward of the Oakes hospital, but Thursday he brought them back to Merricourt. Not having a place in the world to go, kind Merricourt people took them in and furnished them with clothing and food. They wanted to go to Wisconsin where they expected to find relief, so J. O. Glenn, the big-hearted merchant of Merricourt went out with a subscription paper and raised over \$40 to send them on their way. The mother was not expected to live to reach her destination.

Just why the father did not inform someone of his circumstances or seek help sooner, or who is to blame for the sad state of affairs is not known. It seems strange that a family should be reduced to such abject poverty in a community where the people generally are so well off and work plentiful. But without the facts no one can judge. Anyhow, Merricourt people certainly did the christian act without question.

## WORRY DROVE HIM TO DEATH

BROODING OVER HIS FINANCIAL  
TROUBLES ROBS FARMER OF  
REASON—PUTS A BULLET THRU  
HEART.

Beach, N. D., Aug. 29—Slayton Robinson, a farmer living about thirty-one miles southwest of this city, shot himself through the heart with a .38-calibre revolver in his home, death occurring instantly.

The awful deed was the culmination of two months' worry over financial and crop troubles, during which time he had been regarded by his family and neighbors as being deranged. For the last week he had sat in moody silence, and the efforts of his friends to rouse him from his despondency had proven fruitless. Tuesday noon, while the vigilance of the members of his family was temporarily relaxed, he went into another room and committed the terrible act.

Five years ago he came to this country from the little town of Viola, near Rochester, Minn., and filed on the land upon which he was living. He had broken up this year and put in about 200 acres, the crop being in flax. The crop did not do well and as he had borrowed from a Wibaux bank the money to cover the expense, the prospect of a crop failure drove him insane. By next January he could have made

final proof to his land and obtained title.

He was a married man, 51 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children, one of the latter being a married son in Texas, and the other three girls and all at home.

The body was brought to this city Wednesday for preparation for burial and was shipped this morning back to the old home for interment.

It is said that the deceased carried quite an amount of life insurance, so that with the half section of land, the widow and children will not be destitute.

## A BIG PROBLEM FOR VALLEY CITY

UNLESS THERE ARE HEAVY RAINS  
RIVER WILL FREEZE TO BOTTOM  
AND CLOG THE SEWERS.

Valley City, N. D., Aug. 29.—Unless there are heavy falls of rain between now and general freeze-up in November, the Sheyenne river will freeze to the bottom this winter and put the entire sewerage system of Valley City out of business. The river has never been as low at this time of year as at the present time and is almost without current. If the usual current prevailed the danger from freezing would not be as great but almost without an outlet and that next spring will find the city in line for serious sanitary trouble, to say nothing of the all but impossibility of getting through the winter without sewage.

At Grand Forks there is a danger of the river freezing and there is serious talk of damming the Red River. Valley City should have dammed the Sheyenne long ago. If there were a dam across the river below the city and above the rapid, it would back the water up to a depth of several feet in the city and forever put at rest any danger of freezing.

It is proposed to lay a big sewer in the bottom of the river and run the sewerage to the rapids. This, together with a dam, would improve the appearance of the city 100 per cent. The river would be clean for bathing and boating and the depth of the water would make both desirable. Baths could be installed at the park and do much to increase the desirability of this city as a home.

## Dog Days

Hydrophobia is said by veterinarians to be no more likely to occur in August than at any other time of the year; but, through a mistaken notion, many regard August as a month fraught with danger. Though "dog days" are here, no connection between them and the disease has ever been traced. At this season, Sirius, often called the "dog star," passes around the sun—hence the term. Don't let the season disturb the mind in relation to hydrophobia. It may occur in any season. Not all dogs "acting strangely" are infected with the disease.

Dogs, especially young ones, in the opinion of Dr. Ravenel, of the Wisconsin University, have convulsions just as children do, from over-eating, indigestion, and particularly from intestinal worms. All they need is some physic and bromide of potash. If this treatment had been followed, in many cases valuable dogs killed as mad might have been saved to live for years. Collie puppies are especially prone to the nervous indigestion, so frequently mistaken by the uninitiated for rabies.

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