

DEAD ON PRAIRIE FOR THREE WEEKS

**FARMER FOUND UNDER WAGON
FROZEN STIFF — BOTH THE
HORSES DEAD — BOOZE THE
CAUSE.**

Mercer, N. D., Jan. 11. — After lying for three weeks under his loaded wagon which had upset, Severt Slinde, who lived two miles southwest of Hub postoffice was found by searchers last week. His body was frozen stiff and the horses unable to move the load or to get untangled from the harness, were also found stiff and stark.

Slinde's wife and child were away visiting with her parents. Slinde, one day about the middle of December, drove to Krem with a load of wheat which he exchanged for his winter's supply of flour. It is said that he was pretty well loaded with booze when he started for home at 11 o'clock that night. He left Krem with the remark that he would stop at a neighbors to leave an overcoat. That was the last seen of him alive.

His brother who lives on an adjoining farm noticed that Slinde was not at home, but supposed that he had gone to get his wife and child, and had stopped for a visit. In this way affairs ran along for three weeks and finally Mrs. Slinde worried because her husband did not write or come after her, started an investigation.

A long search finally located the bodies of the man and his team in a coulee where the team had wandered and the load had been upset pinning Slinde underneath the flour. Slinde's dog stayed by his master's body for a week driven by intense hunger he returned home.