

BOY IS CARRIED A BLOCK UNDER ICE

FARM LAD HAS REMARKABLE ESCAPE FROM DEATH AT VALLEY CITY.

Valley City, N. D., Nov. 19. — Fighting every inch of the way to save himself from drowning in the icy waters of the Sheyenne river, George Preston, a farmer boy living north of here, cheated death by grasping the edge of an air hole and hanging on until his companions could get an ax and chop away enough ice for him to be taken out.

The boy was skating when he broke through and was whirled beneath the ice. His companions could see him through the ice and followed his flight, but were unable to assist him.

For fully a block the boy drifted under the ice, while the boys above watched him with horror. Some of them ran for help, but before any men could arrive young Preston, in thrashing about with his hands, put his fingers through an airhole not more than six inches across. He had presence of mind to keep his hold and draw his face to the opening, where he could breathe. One of the boys secured a small hand ax with which the hole was made large enough for the boy to be taken out.