

FOUND DEAD

FROZEN BODY OF CHARLES MAGNUSON FOUND IN A WOODSHED AND THE THEORY OF SUICIDE IS ADVANCED.

Charles W. Magnuson, who for a number of years was engaged in the liquor business at Moorhead, operating with two brothers, what was known as the Stockholm saloon, was found dead in a woodshed in the rear of his residence about 5 o'clock Saturday evening. The body was taken in charge by the undertaking firm of Beck & Wright, and the funeral arrangements were made Monday afternoon.

There is quite a little mystery surrounding the death of Magnuson, and while there are apparently well grounded rumors that he suicided the Clay County coroner, who examined the body, states that in his opinion the direct cause of death was heart failure. Believing that his theory was correct the coroner decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Magnuson, who is a married man about 31 years of age, left his home about 5 o'clock on Friday evening. On Saturday evening Mrs. Magnuson had occasion to visit the woodshed and was horrified to find the dead body of her husband on the floor. She immediately summoned assistance, but it was found that the body was frozen solid, and the indications were that death had occurred about ten hours before the discovery.

The dead man had been drinking very heavy of late and it is said by people who conversed with him during the last few days of his life, that he intimated that he would destroy himself. He appeared, it is said, to be very despondent over business reverses, and in this melancholy mood and while intoxicated it is possible that he took a dose of poison, and then went to the woodshed, where he fell over and died. The position of the body, when found, would indicate that he had stooped over, presumably to vomit and while in this position had tumbled over dead.

Magnuson was married in Fargo several years ago. His home life was said to be pleasant, and no cause for suicide can be advanced except that he had become a slave to liquor, had lost his business, and had given up all hope. He leaves a wife, one child and three

brothers to mourn his loss.—Fargo Forum.

The above clipping will be of especial interest to the people of this vicinity as Mr. Magnuson was a resident of Courtenay for several years, being engaged in the Mercantile business with F. G. Lundeen under the firm name of Lundeen & Magnuson. They dissolved partnership about three years ago and shortly afterwards Mr. Magnuson moved to Moorhead where he engaged in the saloon business which resulted in this sad and untimely ending.

George E. Bouer returned from Moorhead last evening where he had been in attendance at the burial of Mr. Magnuson. He states that the theory that Magnuson had taken poison was without foundation. An autopsy was held and the physicians attributed the cause of death to a diseased condition of the heart.

Farmers Should Advertise

The farmer pays but little attention to advertising. He is not used to it, and has not good judgment as to what it will do for him. A few years ago a neighbor had a fine four-year-old Guernsey bull that he wanted to sell to prevent inbreeding. All that the stock yards people in the city would pay for the animal was \$40. He was told that the stock yard was no market for breeding animals. The men to sell that kind of stock to were the men who want them for breeding purposes. It was suggested to put a small advertisement in the local paper, but when he was told it might cost him \$5, he took fright at once. He could not look beyond that \$5. Finally he was coaxed to try it, and he received a bushel of letters, finally selling the bull for \$70, and had to send back several drafts to those who were too late with their money. He made \$25 by the investment or 500 per cent. Last autumn a farmer had 460 bushels of fine two-rowed Bavarian barley to sell. All the buyers in this vicinity would pay was 55 cents. A small advertisement in the paper sold 430 bushels at \$1.25 per bushel. A few years ago three farmers near this city, who had each a half-dozen or so nice Jersey and Guernsey heifer calves, were persuaded to advertise them. Answers came from a dozen states, and they all went in a bunch to a purchaser in Idaho. Farmers do not often enough try to co-operate in this way. Somebody must come along and urge them into it. Good profit can often be made