

# Found Petrified Body in Chest

YOUNG NEGRESS BELIEVED TO  
HAVE BEEN MURDERED  
YEARS AGO.

Jamestown, N. D., June 29 -  
The petrified body of a young  
negress was found in a long  
coffin-shaped chest that has lain  
for three months in the barn  
owned by Frank Andre of this  
city. Three months ago he re-  
ceived a letter containing one dol-  
lar, asking him to care for the  
chest until the owner called. The  
box was marked "glass, do not  
stand on end." Friday it was  
noticed that the screws had been  
drawn from the hinges, and on  
examining the contents, found  
the gruesome but petrified re-  
mains of a nude negress wrap-  
ped in a large canvass on which  
"Human Petrified Body Found  
Along the Old Pembina Trail  
on the Snake River in Marshall  
County Minnesota." A hand  
printed letter told that the Count  
and Countess De La Juene were  
camping along the old Pem-  
bina trail on the Snake river in  
Marshall county in 1865, with a  
retinue of servants. One, a man,  
became insane and shot and  
killed the countess and the ne-  
gress who came to her aid.  
While excavating to drain the  
district the two petrified bodies  
were found, buried close to-  
gether, and both were in a  
complete state of petrification,  
and the remains were taken  
charge of by the authorities.  
That of Countess De La Juene is  
now in the Chicago museum.

It is supposed that the body of  
the negress which disappeared  
for some time, was in the pos-  
session of a traveling chow com-  
pany.

The body is well formed and  
the features clear, and the white  
teeth stand out strikingly. It  
is supposed she was about twen-  
ty years of age.