

Jake Arnold Dies By Own Hand

In a fit of despondency brought on by failing health and embarrassing financial circumstances, Jake Arnold of Cooperstown, committed suicide Monday, by shooting himself through the head with a 44 calibre revolver.

Reports circulated here are to the effect that Mr. Arnold was last seen Monday afternoon. During the afternoon one of Ervin Erickson's children had gone to Mr. Arnold's place for a bucket of water from the pump near the house. In passing the window he noticed Mr. Arnold sitting in a rocking chair as if dead but made no mention of the fact until in the evening when remarks were made by members of the family that Mr. Arnold had not been seen about the premises as much as usual that day. Informing his father of what he had seen, Mr. Erickson went to the Arnold home and discovered Mr. Arnold sitting in the chair as the boy had seen him, with the revolver on the floor beside the chair.

Investigation showed that the bullet pierced the head, passed through the window and lodged in the wall of a shed 20 feet away.

Mr. Arnold had been considered of unusually rugged health for a man of his age, but recently it was evident that his health was failing, due probably to a fall from a scaffolding in the early part of the summer, and that, with financial worries, is believed to have mentally unbalanced him.

The remains were shipped to Iowa, where he has a sister living.