
Knut Bergstad

Knut Bergstad, of Sutton, was found dead in the yard of his residence property Friday, a week ago. Coroner Brinn summoned as his jurors Oliver B. Hoff, A. J. Melgard, and Christ Greenland, who found the cause of death to be over-indulgence in intoxicants and exposure.

It was shown that a Mr. Brotherton, of Glenfield, had come to Sutton on Thursday, purchased a quantity of spirits of niter, carried it to the Bergstad home where it was boiled down to leave only the alcohol. Of this they and others drank sufficiently to become intoxicated, and unable to remember clearly what happened during the night. Brotherton remained at the Bergstad place all night, and in the morning found Bergstad asleep in the yard. Brotherton has stated that Bergstad was alive at that time, and he covered him with an old coat and went up town. He told about Bergstad's condition, but no one took the story seriously, and consequently no one went near the place until about ten o'clock, when Tom Davidson found him lying dead in the yard. A son of Bergstad has arrived from Ashland, Wis., and has taken steps to have the contents of the stomach of the dead man examined.
