

FARMER MEETS UNUSUAL DEATH

Ole Olsgard Pinned Beneath Sliding Ice on Straw Stack and Smothered.

The unusual manner in which Ole Olsgard, of Addie township, residing a short distance from Binford, met his death late yesterday afternoon, shocked the residents of this community beyond expression.

Mr. Olsgard had taken a team and hay rack to a straw stack located 80 rods west of the buildings to bring home a load of straw. It was about four o'clock when he left and about half an hour later, the team returned home without him. Members of the family became worried and went out to investigate, and as Mr. and Mrs. Kruschwitz were passing on their return home from town, Mrs. Olsgard sent her son, Orin, to accompany Mr. Kruschwitz to the stack, where they found Mr. Olsgard pinned beneath a cake of ice. Further investigation revealed that he was dead, though the body was still warm, and attempts of extricating him proved futile. Hastening to town to call more assistance, several others drove out, but were unable to get the body out without chopping away the ice.

Mr. Olsgard evidently had climbed up to remove the snow and ice, and when half way up the stack a large piece of ice broke in two, horizontally, under his weight causing him to fall headlong into the cavity between, the upper portion of the ice sliding down pinning his head, right arm and shoulder underneath. The rest of his body was exposed, and the left hand and forearm badly frozen.

His face was buried in the straw with such weight that all air was excluded, thereby resulting in death.

The remains were taken to the house and burial preparations made. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed. An obituary will be published next week.