

## FORMER BINFORD MAN FROZEN TO DEATH

Hettinger County Herald: Hans Soren Peterson, aged 54, postmaster at Havelock, was found lying dead in a snow drift near his home last Saturday morning, March 29. In his hand he carried a sack of money belonging to the postoffice and it was evident that he had fallen in the snow while on his way home from the postoffice sometime during the night. Both hands were frozen and it was thought he had laid in the snow for several hours. Dr. Hill was called from Regent as it was at first thought that he was still alive when found. It is reported that Postmaster Peterson had been drinking with a party of men during the evening. His death may have been caused from heart failure, but it freely implied that some of the poison liquor he had helped to consume during the evening was at least in part the cause of his death.

The funeral was held from the Congregational church at Havelock Tuesday afternoon. A large crowd attended, many being unable to get into the building for the services, which were conducted by Dr. W. H. Ashley of New England.

Hans Soren Peterson was born in Verdberg, Denmark, on Jan. 31, 1870. He came to America in 1890. In 1895 he was married to Miss Lavina Hedland, and in 1899 they settled near Binford where they made their home until 1903, when they moved to a homestead near New England. Mr. Peterson was one of the early homesteaders in this section and he located a good many other farmers in this territory. He was a real estate dealer for several years besides looking after the farming of his own land. In 1914 he moved to Havelock. Mr. Peterson always held the confidence of the people where he lived. He served the Havelock school district for many years as school clerk and held several school and township offices in this community. For the past few years he has served the Havelock community as postmaster.

The deceased is survived by a wife and eleven children. The children are Elmer, Selma, Arthur, Obert, Harold, Walter, Mabel, Olga, Eddy, Kenneth and Herbert.

Two brothers of the deceased, Peler and Christian Peterson, live at Pekin, N. D., and a sister, Marie, lives in Denmark.

Hans Peterson served his community quietly and conscientiously, and did his best for the large family of children during very trying times. He was a kind father who took a pride in giving good school advantages to his children. He managed very well during the past few years when with the coming of short crops and prohibition there was a shortage of money and a great plenty of poison home made booze. Mr. Peterson had a good deal of natural ability. He was acknowledged an honest man and held the respect of his fellowmen. He was a loyal American who with his family did full duty in helping to win the war.