

BOILER EXPLOSION.

ENGINEER KILLED OUT-RIGHT AND WATERMAN, PETER JENSON'S ARM BROKEN IN TWO PLACES AND WILL HAVE TO BE AMPUTATED. LACK OF WATER WAS THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

The threshing engine belonging to Ed Gamelgard, who lives about twelve miles southwest of this place, exploded last Saturday afternoon about 4 o'clock, killing the engineer outright and breaking Peter Jenson's arm which will have to be amputated. The engineer was standing on the platform at the rear of the engine when the explosion came and Jenson was standing on the tank pumping water. Lack of water is said to have been the cause of the trouble and the pumping of cold water into the red hot boiler. Both ends were blown out of the boiler throwing large pieces of iron for rods in every direction. The explosion was so great as to tear the feeder off the separator and otherwise racking the machine. It lifted a hayrack half filled with bundles and sat it off in the field a number of rods away, the man on the rack came out without a scratch. The engineer's head was particularly blown off. The report could be heard for miles and it was but a short time until a large crowd was on the scene. A threshing crew working a mile and a half away heard the report and immediately went to their assistance and it was through the efforts of the crowd that the separator and field of grain were saved, as fire had caught in a number of places in the field and the straw stack was in flames in no time. It was a great wonder there were not more lives lost. The engineer's name we were

unable to learn but understand his home was in S. D. The remains were buried in the cemetery in Mr. Gamelgard's neighborhood Monday.

Barn Burned.

The fine large barn of H. S. Curry just southwest of Colgate burned to the ground last Thursday afternoon. We have not been able to get all details in regard to the fire, but as much as we can learn it was caused by spontaneous combustion. Fire started three or four times in different places in the barn during the day and from what we can learn the fire caught the last time under the floor and was all a mass of flames before it was discovered. It was a heavy loss to Mr. Curry as he not only lost his barn but all his next year's feed. He carried some insurance.

Heavy Rain.

A heavy rain visited this section of the state last Monday. It commenced to rain shortly after supper Sunday night and continued for at least twenty-four hours without stopping. Threshing was stopped and it will be Saturday with the best of weather before flax threshing can be continued. If we are not favored with at least three weeks of nice weather from this on there will be lots of flax that will rot in the field.

District Court.

A term of the District Court for Steele County will be held at Sherbrooke, N. D. commencing on Tuesday, October 22nd 1901 at 9:30 o'clock a. m.

P. H. GILBERTSON,
Clerk.