

# Asphyxiated.

## Cleave Cleveland Loses Life And John Flora Has Narrow Escape

Monday morning, about 11 o'clock, it was discovered that the poolroom of John R. Flora had not been opened, and friends broke in the back door and found the room full of coal gas. John R. Flora and his clerk O. Cleave Cleveland, were in their room over the poolroom, both under the influence of the gas. Flora was almost unconscious, while Cleve was unconscious, and although medical assistance was summoned immediately he died about 11 o'clock that night without regaining consciousness. The lid on the back of the stove, a Favorite hard coal self-feeder was found to be off, which allowed the gas to leave the stove and work into the room above through a register. Coroner Bacharach, being acquainted with all the circumstances, decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The two men had retired early Sunday evening, after attending to the fire and closing the poolroom.

Oliver Cleave Cleveland came to Finley nearly five years ago and went to work as an engineer on the threshing machine of A. G. Nelson, and has worked for Mr. Nelson every year since, usually spending the winters in Minnesota. Very little was known of his past life, and it is believed that he has only one sister living.

About three months ago he joined the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, taking out a benefit certificate for \$1,000, payable to Mrs. Edna L. Miles, sister, whose last known address was Middlesex, New York, which he also gave as his birthplace, being born there April 24, 1881, making him 26 years, 9 months and 17 days old.

A telegram was sent to his sister Monday, and Tuesday afternoon a reply was received asking the Woodmen, who had taken charge, to ship the remains to her at Middlesex, N. Y., Wednesday afternoon the body was shipped, J. A. Carlson, clerk of the Woodmen camp, accompanying it. The Woodmen followed the remains to the train.

Cleave was a good boy, good workman, and was well liked by a host of friends who sincerely mourn his early and unexpected death.

Mr. Flora is reported as improving, and although he was very sick, will recover.—Finley Beacon.