

Death of an Old Settler. ✓

Word was received at Coopers-town last Sunday to the effect that Hans O. Lien was dead having been killed in a runaway on Saturday evening. We have been unable to gather authentic information as to how it happened but will give it as reported. It seems that the deceased was loading cars at Courtney. He had been over to that town Saturday and back to his farm and was returning again to Courtney. He was driving a frisky team and they ran away running into a fence post and throwing Mr. Lien it is said twenty five feet where he struck a post and died it is thought almost instantly. It is reported that his neck was broken and the front of his head badly crushed. Neighbors found him dead lying by the fence. The coroner was summoned and the body taken into Courtney. Mr. Lien was one of the oldest settlers of the county, and during all the years he has been here has been engaged in farming. He owns a very fine farm in the Helena district. He was for four years register of deeds of Griggs county and filled the office creditably. He leaves a wife and either three or four children. Mr. Lien was born in Fron, Norway, Feb. 1, 1854, and would have been 50 years old had he lived until next February. He was a member of Northern Light Lodge No. 45, F. & A. M. The deceased was a very quiet man. During the hard years when crops were poor he stuck to his farm until today he has one of the best farms in the county. The Courier has been unable to learn any particulars as to the funeral.
