

At L. A. Freeland's farm 12 miles southwest of Hope, John Oxenrider while working in a well was asphyxiated by gas and died before help could reach him. It appears that he went down some 70 feet to fix the curbing. It is a 3-foot bored well about 114 feet deep with twelve feet of water. While down there he lost consciousness dropping his head forward and catching under the end of the curbing. It was impossible to pull him up and there he died. He is a single man and lives in Valley City, and is a member of the Salvation Army at that point. Coroner Baker was summoned and after the inquest sent the remains home. Much credit is due Ole Sanden and Ed Dold for their heroic work removing the body from the well, which was no small job.