

# Shot Farmhand.

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The following appeared in the Fargo Forum, under date Valley City, June 7th.:

This morning a shooting affair occurred in the northern part of Barnes county, about eighteen miles from this city, which resulted in the murder of Elmer Lewis, a farmhand, by his employer, Geo. N McClure, at the farm of C. M. Padgett.

It is alleged by McClure that Lewis was unduly intimate with his wife and that yesterday the matter culminated in a quarrel in which Lewis was discharged. After being driven from the farm, Lewis went to the farm of Mr. Padgett and stayed over night.

This morning McClure took Lewis' trunk and other belongings, including a rifle, over to the Padgett farm. The quarrel between the two men was renewed and resulted in McClure shooting and instantly killing Lewis with his own rifle.

After the shooting McClure went to Dazey and gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff Ole Oppegard.

McClure came to Barnes county from Illinois some eighteen months ago and has been a tenant on the farm of Wm. Reid of this city, who speaks very highly of him as an honest, industrious and sober farmer.

Lewis worked for him last summer and was hired again this summer. It is said that his intimacy with Mrs. McClure has continued some time. Mrs. McClure is a rather handsome young woman and the mother of four children.

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