

H. F. Opfer

Drops Dead.

**Succumbs to Heart Failure While
in a Caboose at Mapleton.
Well Known at Cooperstown.**

Henry F. Opfer, aged 55, dropped dead of heart failure in a Northern Pacific caboose at Mapleton Friday evening last at about 7 o'clock.

He was president of the Opfer Investment Co., of Fargo, and was a resident of Waukon, Iowa. He has two sons living in Fargo, Elmer G. and John L. Opfer, both connected with the Opfer Investment Co.

Mr. Opfer arrived in Fargo about a week ago in company with E. Dillenberg and yesterday they went to Mapleton to look at some land. They intended returning to Fargo on a freight train which was due to reach Fargo at 8:45. When they reached the Mapleton station they found the train standing there just ready to pull out and they decided to get on the front end and walk back to the caboose over the top of the train. Mr. Opfer was of an excitable nature and became alarmed that the train would pull out before they reached the caboose, and so they ran over the cars to the rear end. Shortly after they had reached the caboose and while sitting in it, Mr. Opfer suddenly pitched forward, dead.

The body was brought to Fargo and taken to the Luger undertaking parlors where it was prepared for shipment. It was shipped to Waukon, Iowa over the Milwaukee road and interment will be made at Waukon.