

MAN SUICIDES.

A Farmer Living Near Walum Shoots Himself Saturday Evening.

Louis O. Brekke, a farmer living near Walum, shot himself with a revolver last Saturday evening about 6:30 and died from the result of this shot 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

The dead man was married and leaves a wife and two small children. It seems to be the impression the man was a little bit deranged. It is said that he and his wife had agreed to kill the children, then he was to kill her and afterwards himself. If the wife agreed to any such deal it is believed she did so to humor him until she could obtain assistance. He had them all dressed up in their best clothes on this particular day to be ready for death. A neighbor happened to come in unexpected on this evening and the man got up and said he would go and shoot himself and went right up stairs and in about a minute a shot was heard. He had shot himself in the forehead, the bullet reaching the brain but did not kill instantly. After the shot Brekke came down stairs and walked around looking for the revolver which he had lost in his dazed condition, but his wife had gone upstairs and thrown it out of the window. He wanted to know why she did not do as she agreed. When he could not find the revolver he got his rifle but his wife had gotten possession of the cartridges and had thrown them under the porch of the house.

Brekke then went upstairs again and went to bed, neighbors in the meantime being summoned and J. H. Mulroy and some others arrived at the place and talked with the man who was conscious for some time after he was shot. According to what he said it was arranged by him to have the entire family exterminated. A paper was picked up written brokenly in which it told whoever came to the house to go back and get some witnesses so that the law could not blame them for them for their death.

Dr. Brimi was sent for after Brekke was shot and when he arrived could do nothing for the man. The little children are about three and one year old. Coroner M. D. Westley and States Attorney Tufte went down Sunday to look the matter up and the doctor held a post-mortem examination.

It was decided that as it was a straight case of suicide a coroner's jury was not necessary. We have not learned what the trouble with Brekkewas, whether he was in a bad way financially or what, but he certainly must have been insane to commit such a deed and plan the massacre of the entire family. Only the call of that neighbor probably saved the rest of the family from being shot to death as a man in that condition of mind would stop at nothing. The unfortunate family is to be pitied.

TOM MARSHALL

The Man Who Does Things and Does Them In a Hurry.

The fall of 1906 saw the greatest car shortage the northwest ever experienced. Farmers could not sell their grain, elevators were full, collections were slow though everybody was rich, and in general, business was demoralized. People were in despair with a long winter facing them and nobody seemed to know just what to do. The railroads said it was not their fault—and there you were. Then all of a sudden something happened—somebody got busy. "The man who does things and does them quick" got into the game and as usual Tom Marshall got results. He got the Interstate Commerce commission into action spent the days going over the state getting evidence and getting prominent men to go to Minneapolis to urge quick action. Suddenly the railroads found they had cars and engines. Things began to move and the long blockade was broken. Everybody was happier, and Tom Marshall was the biggest factor in bringing about the change. The railroads didn't like it—of course they didn't—because their hand was forced, but that didn't stop our hustling congressman. The Progress believes the farmers and business men of our state are supporting Tom Marshall so strongly just because they know he can be relied upon in an emergency, as at every other time, to do the right thing at the right time, in the right way—the way that counts. "Tom Marshall for me" really means something to thousands and thousands of people in North Dakota, and that is why he should be our next United States senator. Boost! — Sheldon Progress