

DIES IN FARGO BASTILE

John Leininger, Wealthy Citizen of Binford, Died Friday Morning From Heart Trouble.

About eight o'clock this morning John Leininger, a wealthy citizen of Binford, N. D., died at the city jail. Leininger was picked up by the Fargo police Wednesday and was brought to the station to get a chance to sober up. He became ill and a physician was called and attended to him. Apparently his condition became greatly improved and he was able to walk around and was feeling in the best of spirits.

Last night he began to complain again, and upon examination of a doctor it was found that his heart was in bad shape. The attending physician administered to the sick man and he seemed much better during the night. This morning City Weighmaster Coleman was talking to the old man about 7:30 o'clock and at that time he seemed all right. At about 8:20 Desk Sergeant Dowers and City Weighmaster Coleman made a trip through the cells and thought that Leininger was sleeping. Coleman bent over him to assist in making him more comfortable and found life was extinct. He had gone to sleep and never awoke.

When brought to the station there was found on his person several thousands of dollars of grain checks which had never been cashed. He also spoke of having several valuable pieces of land near Binford and from every appearance was a wealthy man. The deceased had told the officers that he had gone to Binford about six years ago, coming from Boone county, Iowa. Chief Bowers had intended taking the sick man to his home today, had he been able to make the trip. During the short time he was around the station he made many friends and every effort was put forth to make him as comfortable as possible.

The children of the deceased were notified of their father's condition Wednesday, and according to a telephone message from Binford this morning they had started for Fargo yesterday. It is possible that they had missed making connections at Sanborn and were unable to get here before the death of their father.

Funeral Director Wasem was called and the remains moved to the Wasem undertaking parlors, where they were prepared for burial.—Fargo Forum, January 14th.