

Ole C. Kleven, a Norwegian about 50 years old, living at the north end of Steele county, committed suicide on Saturday last by hanging himself. Kleven was subject to fits of insanity, and had been an inmate of the insane asylum at Madison, Wis., and later of the asylum at Jamestown, Dakota. Last fall he returned home, and during the present summer he desired to go back to Jamestown, but was prevented by his relatives. He had been working in the harvest field, and on Saturday morning was seen by Mrs. Peter Duncan passing the house, and about noon Mr. Peter Duncan returned home and discovered Kleven hanging in his machine shed. His family was at once notified and the body removed. He had used a piece of binder twine plaited which he fastened to one of the cross beams of the shed, using the seat of a wagon to reach it, and made a running noose which he placed around his neck and then stepped off the seat, the chord choking him to death, there being no marks on the neck when the body was cut down. An inquest was held on Monday. Kleven was very subject to fits of despondency, and the partial failure of his crop seemed to prey upon his mind. He was a man of some education, and was a tailor by trade. He came to Dakota from Wisconsin about seven years ago.