

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

Louis Triebold, an Old and Respected Citizen, Commits Suicide—Supposed to Have Been Insane.

Last Thursday evening Louis Triebold, a well-to-do farmer living about four miles east of the city, committed suicide by hanging. About six o'clock in the evening, Mr. Triebold told his wife he was going to the barn to milk. He failed to return promptly and after waiting several hours, Mrs. Triebold sent two of the children out to look for their father. They entered the barn and in the darkness stumbled against his dead body. He had gone into the loft, tied one end of a rope to the rafters and the other end around his neck, and then dropped through the hole through which the hay was lowered. He dropped probably four or five feet and while no special examination was made, it is thought that his neck was broken.

The only reason that can be assigned for Mr. Triebold's rash act is that he was insane. He is supposed to have worried about some business troubles, although what they could have been his friends do not know. He owned a well improved farm of 480 acres and had most of last year's crop left. It is thought that he was entirely out of debt.

Now that Mr. Triebold is dead several incidents which lately occurred are recalled by his acquaintances and taken as an indication that his mind has been unsettled for some time. He made a trip to St. Paul several weeks ago and walked to Tower City to take the train, passing through Oriska on the way. By going to Tower City he had to pay full fare, while if he had come to Valley City he could have purchased an excursion ticket at a reduced rate.

Mr. Triebold was born in Oldendorf, Germany, in November, 1856, and has been in this country twenty-three years. He first located in St. Paul, but came to Barnes county twenty years ago. His father, mother, four brothers and six sisters are still living in Germany, and one brother, August Triebold, lives near Oriska in this county. He leaves a wife and four children.

Mr. Triebold was a member of the local A. O. U. W. lodge and his life was insured for \$2000 in that order.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the residence, Rev. Bohnhoff officiating. The interment was in Hillside cemetery.