

COMMITTED SUICIDE

HEZEKIAH MASTERSON COMMITTED SUICIDE WEDNESDAY MORNING BY HANGING.

Yesterday morning the people of Courtenay were shocked by the announcement that Hezekiah Masterson who resides with his family on the old Caldervale farm had committed suicide by hanging. Immediately several citizens drove out to the farm and found the dead body hanging in a stall in the barn, the rope having been fastened to a rafter. The body was almost in a standing position and the feet were on the ground and it was evident that he had simply choked himself as the neck was not broken and the rope had not even cut the skin.

Nobody seems to know why he should commit this act as he was in comfortable circumstances and his family relations were the most pleasant. He hauled a load of hay to Courtenay on Tuesday and seemed to be in the best of spirits, but bought the rope with which he hanged himself the next morning. He did the chores as usual in the morning and ate his breakfast and then handed his pocket book to his wife and asked her to keep that as he was going to the barn. Shortly after this their little boy went to the barn and found his father and gave the alarm.

Mr. Masterson was a man about fifty years of age and had been a resident of this part of the country for the past twenty-five years and was a highly respected citizen. We understand he has two sisters residing at Brainerd, Minn., and they have been notified. The coroner will examine the remains today and the funeral service will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian church and the remains will be laid away in the Courtenay cemetery.

He was married about two years ago and they have two children, the youngest about six months old.