

in a position which Mr. Merry had long been accustomed to lie in bed and read before going to sleep. The door of the room was found securely locked but the most thorough search of the room failed to result in the key to the door being found. The revolver, with which Mr. Merry is supposed to have taken his life, was an old style affair and too large to have been carried around by him. When last seen alive Mr. Merry had on his person a gold watch, a diamond ring and a sum of money, believed to have been about \$75. When his lifeless body was found, in his pockets were found six copper cent pieces. A thorough search failed to result in the finding of any trace of the watch or diamond ring.

Telephone Extensions

The telephone is being extended into the country and already a number of phones are in operation and the crew is still working and in the course of a few days this entire country will have a complete telephone system that will bring the farmer in touch with the town people and business can be carried on without the necessity of coming to town. The line has been run south and west with the following subscribers: Chas. Schumacher, A. A. Hoffman, J. E. Clark, J. H. Wilson, Herman Scharf, Joe Nowatzick, Tom Kott, Fremont Barnett, Max Donat, T. H. Simonson, J. S. Hoffman, Henry Kracht, James Kennedy, Henry Sodawasser, Wm. Wiechmann, Ernest Warner, Fred Bischoff, Ernest Bischoff, John Kaspar, Charles Hanson, Fred Hanson Jr., August Albrecht, Frank and Chas. Merritt,

Fred Hanson Sr., Sam Sloan, Andrew Suchla, Andrew Marsolek and N. Hammer.

The crew is now working in the Hans and Lars Nelson neighborhood and in the course of a few days that section of country will be connected up with the office in Courtenay.

Matters in General

The State Bank of Denbeigh was robbed at an early hour on Sunday morning by a band of four men. They made their escape with about \$2,000 in gold and silver.

The vital statistics of the state for the first half of this year show that there has been 106 births and 72 deaths in Stutsman county. In the state there were 2,776 births and 966 deaths.

The financial report of the state fair board shows that the state fair at Fargo was a big business getter for that city and after all expenses were paid left a balance of \$1,585. There is a deficit of \$11,000, but with a few successful fairs this would be wiped out and improvements made as well.

Voters of North Dakota who are not already registered on the poll books of their various precincts will be given a chance to register for the Nov. 6 election on Oct. 30, on which day the poll books will be at the polling places for registration purposes. The vote at the primary election constitutes the first registration so that instead of two registrations this fall, there will be but the one. Every voter is urged to get out and register at that time and thus save considerable time and trouble on election day.