

## HIS NECK WAS BROKEN

HANS O'LIEN, AN OLD RESIDENT OF GRIGGS COUNTY, WAS INSTANTLY KILLED ON SATURDAY BY BEING THROWN FROM HIS BUGGY AND HIS NECK BROKEN.

The community was shocked on Saturday when word was brought to town that Hans O'Lien had been instantly killed in a runaway accident. All kinds of conflicting reports were received as they were told by various parties and it could scarcely be realized that he was dead until his lifeless body was brought to Larson & Miller's in the evening for undertaking purposes. Even then it was hard for some to believe him dead as it was only that morning that he was in town and transacting business with different persons.

So far as we have been able to learn Mr. O'Lien drove from Courtenay to his home on Saturday morning and in the afternoon started to drive back to town. When on the section line between Griggs and Stutsman counties, going down a hill, one of the neckyoke straps broke and the team began to run away. From tracks made on the ground it is believed that both horses got on one side of the pole permitting the buggy to go in a zig-zag manner down the hill until it finally came in contact with a fence post with great force, the team becoming separated from the buggy by tearing some of the tugs out at the end. When Mr. O'Lien was found he was lying about 25 feet in front of the buggy where he had been thrown by the sudden force and there was every indication that death had been instantaneous. He was lying face downward just as he had struck the ground and evidently had not moved. This theory is supported by the fact that the buggy reach was broken and the hind wheels were against the front ones, indicating that the buggy had struck the post with great force. Drs. Macdonald, Baldwin and Wanner held a postmortem examination in the undertaking rooms of Larson & Miller on Sunday and performed an autopsy and discovered that one of the cervical vertebrae was broken.

The body was taken to his home Sunday evening where the funeral was held on Wednesday and the remains interred in the Lutheran cemetery about half a mile east of Mr. O'Lein's farm.

Mr. O'Lein was one of the pioneers in this section of the country, having come from Norway. He was an industrious, hard working man and through close application to business he became the possessor of seven quarter sections of fine land, well improved. He carried an insurance policy in the A. O. U. W. for \$2,000 and besides this it is understood he carried several thousand dollars in old line insurance. By his honesty and integrity he won the highest respect of everyone and it was with deep regret that the news of his untimely death was learned. He leaves a wife and four children.