

Tom Gleason, a man who was working for Tom Delaney, fell down a well 50 feet deep last Saturday night, seventeen miles east of Cooperstown, in Willow Lake township Steele county. The deceased had been down the well and the gas being too strong he signalled to be hauled up, and when a few feet from the top of the well the gas overpowered him and he fell headlong to the bottom of the well. All efforts to get into the well were of no avail as the gas was so strong that a lighted lantern put into the well five feet from the surface would die out instantly. Grab hooks were used and after a long and tedious time the unfortunate man was finally pulled to the surface in a mutilated condition. He was dead, so the doctor says, before he reached the bottom of the well. He was 45 years old. Dr. Wanner was summoned at the time of the accident but could do no good other than dress his wounds and prepare him for burial.