

The diphtheria scare at Mayville is explained by a telegram to the Fargo Forum, as follows:

The people of this place have been in a state of excitement during the past few days over the very mysterious deaths of two draymen, Martin Holje and Anton Simonson. They were both suddenly taken sick on the evening of June 19, their tongues turned black and swelled to an enormous size, and both died partially from suffocation, Holje on the evening of June 21 and Simonson twenty-four hours afterward. A post mortem examination by Drs. Ewing, Moeller and Wadel was held, after which they agreed in pronouncing the cause of death septicaemia. The only theory as to the introduction of the microbic poison into the systems of deceased is that it took place while they were unloading a freight car shortly before their sickness.