

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Son of Hans Oppegard, of Dazey, Accidentally Killed Last Thursday at Fargo.

Fargo Call, August 22: A very serious accident happened at the N. P. depot yesterday morning at about 6:15 when the west bound passenger train pulled into the station. A young man named Palmer Oppegard, who was employed at the N. P. shops as a wiper, and another man, was hurrying to the depot from Broadway, walking and sometimes running between the tracks, so as to arrive at the depot by the time the passenger train had arrived and stopped, so that they could ride the engine, after it was cut off from the train and went to the round house. Oppegard was walking along the plank walk between the two tracks nearest the depot building and just before he was overtaken by the oncoming train attempted to cross over to the north side of the track, in front of the train. He was struck in the small of the back by the engine, presumably by the pilot and was thrown into the air, and then he fell across the rail. The engineer did not see the man, his position being on the right hand side of the engine, but the fireman saw the man attempt to cross and shouted to the engineer to stop the train, which was done as soon as possible by the application of the emergency air-brake. The stop was not made quick enough to save the man as he was struck at about the same instant that the air was applied. When the train stopped he was lying alongside of the rear tender truck, on the south side of the track and had been dragged along by the train about the length of a car. He was awfully mangled. His right leg was cut off below the knee and was severed from the trunk at the hip. His right hand was cut off at the wrist and only hung by a shred of skin. A large hole was in the back near the right side and there was a large cut over the right eye. When picked up by the railway men, he was still alive but breathing very heavily. He was covered up with blankets and a doctor summoned at once, but he died in a few minutes. Sheriff Twichell was notified and took charge of the remains, ordering them taken to the Luger Furniture company's undertaking rooms.

A coroner's inquest was held, Judge Gearey acting as coroner, to investigate the manner of the death and if there was any act of negligence on the part of the railway company. Alex Stern, P. G. Tozier and I. P. Clapp were empanelled as jurors, who examined the following witnesses: Henry Kroeger, Edward Nelson, William G. Means, Mike Colbert, John Nelson, Conductor Graves, Engineer Gorman, Fireman Barrett, Roy Suffron and Harry Gowland. The testimony of the witnesses was in effect as given above. The inquest could not be finished last evening and was continued to this morning at 10 o'clock.

The young man was 27 years of age and was formerly a student at the Agricultural college in this city. He was a member of the class which went to Chicago last year to compete in the stock judging contests. He had been working at the N. P. shops since seeding was over last spring. His father, Hans Oppegard, a prosperous farmer living near Dazey, and a brother, Ole, a merchant at Dazey, arrived in the city last evening. A sister, Mrs. B. H. Elstad, lives in Moorhead. The father is almost broken-hearted over the sad death of his boy. With tears in his eyes, he said: "We did not want him to go away from home, but he always wanted to be a railway engineer, and thought a job of wiping would be the first step. We had work for him on the farm, and his mother and I coaxed him to stay, where he would have a good home, but he wanted to be an engineer, and now he is gone, poor boy."

The remains will be taken to Dazey this afternoon and the funeral will be held at Dazey at

1 o'clock Saturday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the public in their sorrow.

To Advertise the County.

C. M. Reeves, secretary of executive committee of the St. Louis fair, and W. F. Cushing, were in the city Tuesday for the purpose of interesting the citizens of this county in the matter of preparing an exhibit for the fair. Mr. Cushing has been working on this matter, under the direction of the governor, for some months, and has succeeded in getting a good many of the counties interested.

A meeting at which quite a number of citizens were present was held in the afternoon at the office of Winterer & Winterer. Mr. Cushing explained what had been accomplished in the way of advertising the state by the exhibit at the Buffalo exhibition, and also outlined what was necessary to be done to prepare a suitable exhibit for the St. Louis fair.

Mr. Reeves gave some statistics to show the magnitude of the St. Louis exposition. More money would be expended on this fair than the combined expenditures for the centennial exposition, the world's fair and the Paris exposition. The Agricultural building at St. Louis would inclose thirty-two acres of ground, a space large enough for a mile race track if used for that purpose. There were a number of smaller buildings, any one of which had more space for exhibitors than was contained in all the buildings combined at the Pan-American exposition. The daily attendance at the latter exposition was about 4,000, while at St. Louis it was thought it would be about 100,000.

Mr. Reeves' remarks, though informal, were decidedly interesting and gave a great deal of information. At their conclusion it was decided to form a local organization for the purpose of collecting an exhibit from this county and Ed Winterer was elected chairman, with authority to appoint assistants and sub-committees.

The committee especially desires to secure excellent specimens of all kinds of grain and grasses. At this time of the year the growing grain is wanted and later, after threshing, specimens of the grain itself will be wanted. Those who have good specimens should communicate with Mr. Winterer.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by Mrs. H. Winterer, secretary, at Valley City, North Dakota, for the erection of a public library building at that place, up to the hour of 7 o'clock p. m., August 30, A. D. 1902. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check in the sum of 5 per cent, the amount of the bid, made payable to T. N. Ritchie, president of the library board, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract should it be awarded to him. All checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders immediately upon awarding the contract.

Suitable bonds will be required from the contractor.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the secretary and at the office of W. C. Albrant, Architect, Fargo, North Dakota, on and after August 16.

The library board reserves the right to reject any or all bids without further liability.

Bids will also be received for the heating and plumbing separately at the same time and place and upon the same conditions as above stated.

Dated August 14, 1902.
By order of the Library Board.
W. C. ALBRANT, Architect.

The Hunting Season.

The open season for feathered game begins next Monday, and there will be a general exodus of sportsmen from the town to the country on that date. Game is reported to be more plentiful than usual. Chickens have done unusually well this year and ducks are also numerous. The law against shooting out of season has been generally observed around Valley City.