

Jessie Farmer Commits Suicide in Despondent Fit Induced by Illness

Norman McCulloch Uses
Shotgun to End Suffering
from Long Sickness

Norman McCulloch, well known farmer living two miles west of Jessie, committed suicide early Monday morning. An empty chamber of an automatic shot gun which had contained five shells, gave mute evidence of the means which the deranged man had used to end his life.

Mr. McCulloch arose and left the house at two o'clock. Because he had done this before it gave his wife no cause for anxiety. At 5:30, Mrs. McCulloch again awakened and finding that his bed was still unoccupied she feared something might be wrong and aroused her brother, C. P. Dahl. Mr. Dahl immediately went in search and after looking thoroughly about the farm buildings, he continued his search through the woods around the premises, which finally led to the old dance pavilion, a half mile from the home. In here he discovered the lifeless form of Mr. McCulloch, and the horror of the deed was revealed. Lying near the wall, with the gun between his legs, both hands clutching the barrel, and the top of his head blown completely off, marks a tragedy hard to conceive. The rash act was accomplished by attaching a string to the trigger and extending a loop to the foot. This, probably, accounts for the discharge of the five shells.

Mr. McCulloch had been in ill health for a number of years, and had sought relief for tubercular trouble at sanatariums in the west and in St. Paul. Though it was apparent that these treatments had been successful in restoring his health to some extent, at times he gave evidence of mental derangement, which finally culminated in this tragic end.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Thursday at 10:00 o'clock, and burial took place in the Cooperstown cemetery.

Sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of the whole community.—Binford Times.