

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Lewis Brekke shot himself at his home near Walum last Saturday.

One of the saddest and most regretted tragedies that have ever occurred in this county took place last Saturday when Lewis Brekke, a farmer residing near Walum, committed suicide in his own home and in the presence of his wife and children.

About noon Saturday, the wife of one of the neighbors called at the Brekke home, and arrived just in time to hear Mr. Brekke declare he was going to take his own life. He ran upstairs and immediately the report of a revolver was heard. Help was summoned at once from Walum and the neighboring farms. When they arrived they found Mr. Brekke upstairs with a wound in his forehead inflicted by a bullet from a 32 calibre revolver.

It is stated that after Mr. Brekke fired the fatal shot he walked down stairs in search of a rifle and failing to find it he again went upstairs where he fell over exhausted. He remained conscious and was able to understand everything that was said to him, until he died about 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

The shot was undoubtedly fired in a fit of temporary insanity, caused by brooding over the ordinary cares and worries of life.

Mr. Brekke leaves a wife and two little girls. Two brothers also reside in this county.

The remains were shipped to Wisconsin yesterday, where interment will take place in the cemetery near Mr. Brekke's boyhood home.