

August 31, 1899

FOUND DEAD.

At about 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon the dead body of George Peters, who was formerly in the employ of Wm. Walter, was found beside the Groton Mercantile Co's. warehouse. He had been drinking hard for the past three or four weeks and Friday morning proceeded to lay in a winters' supply. It was reported that he drank eighteen glasses of beer and several whiskies as fast as they could be dished out, but according to witnesses the report had been somewhat exaggerated.

Authorities took charge of the body and notified the states attorney who ordered an investigation. W. J. Rawson, F. E. Crawford and V. R. Rathburn were drawn as jurors, with Justice Heath as acting coroner. After hearing the testimony of several witnesses the following verdict was rendered: "That deceased, Geo. Peters, came to his death by an overdose of alcoholic stimulants administered by his own hand on the 25th day of August, 1899, in the city of Groton, county of Brown and state of South Dakota."

Deceased was a blacksmith by trade and formerly conducted a shop at Carthage, this state. He has a brother living at Meservey, Iowa.

The remains were buried in Union cemetery Saturday afternoon.