Fredrick Polzin

July 19, 1883 – December 11, 1923



Fred Polzin accidently shot himself with a .25 caliber automatic revolver last Monday evening at about 9:00 p.m. and died at the hospital at Brookings, Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Polzin had spent the day at Sioux Falls and had returned at about 6:30 that evening. While in Sioux Falls he had purchased an automatic revolver and upon returning home thought he would try out the gun. Mr. Polzin being a deaf mute, no clear explanation can be determined as to how the accident occurred. As near as can be learned, a playful dog jumped upon him and in some manner he he dropped the gun, and in reaching for it, it exploded, the bullet passing through the stomach and into his intestines. It is thought that the accident happened out of doors. Mr. Polzin walked into he house, and awakened Mrs. Polzin, who immediately summoned help. Dr. Gross was called and Mr. Polzin was taken to the hospital at Brookings, where he was operated on.



AUTOMATIC GUN TAKES ONE LIFE

Fred Polzin, 40, of White, is Fatally Wounded When Weapon is Fired by Dog's Leap

The bullet being soft nosed, tore a number of holes in the intestines and passed into stomach, hemorrhage took place which left him in a weakened condition.

Mr. Polzin had been employed at the Koening and Farrell garage seven years as an auto mechanic. He had a smile for everybody and had countless friends. Being handicapped in not being able to talk, never the less he always had the same smile for all who came and went.



While a lad about ten years old a bullet from a 22 caliber rifle passed through his foot, while he was playing with another boy. The Leader with the entire community extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Funeral held Saturday afternoon of this week. Rev. Sprenger officiated. (Buried at Fairview Cemetery, White, SD).

