

JENSEN, Anders Christian

Born 1866

Died: March 14, 1912
Salem Township

JENSEN, Ane Krestine

Born 1862

Died: March 16, 1912
Salem Township

Viborg Enterprise -
March 21, 1912

ASPHYXIATED

A. C. Jensen and Wife, of Salem township Die from Coal Gas.

A. C. Jensen and wife were found dead in their bed at their home in Salem township last Saturday afternoon and the report soon spread that they had been killed and the house ransacked. But after further investigation it was found that everything about the house was in perfect order and that they come to their death from coal gas from a hard coal burner in an adjoining room.

It developed at the coroner's inquest that Praven Christensen, who lives only a short way from them visited with them last Thursday evening. On his arrival at 8 o'clock he told them that the room was full of coal gas, and Mrs. Jensen told him that she knew it, that she did not know what was the matter with the stove lately, as it didn't seem to draw good. He found them happy and contented and he spent an enjoyable evening with them, leaving at 11 o'clock. Nothing was heard or seen of them until Saturday afternoon when Marinus Nelson, a nephew came over on an errand. He rapped on the front door and as no one answered he walked in. When he got to the middle door he rapped again but no reply. He walked in and went to their bedroom and found them both laying on the bed. Mr. Jensen was dead, but Mrs. Jensen was still breathing. He rushed to Lars Jorgensen's house and a doctor was phoned for. On his arrival everything was done to revive Mrs. Jensen, but she died at 3 o'clock. On the arrival of the coroner, a jury consisting of Lars Jorgensen, Jorgen C. Jorgensen and Lawrence Novstrup was impanelled and listened to the testimony from those familiar with the case, substantially as stated above. An adjournment was then taken until the con-

tents of the stomachs of the deceased was analysed by a chemist in order to make sure that there was no poison.

LATER. The Enterprise man, in company with the states attorney, sheriff and coronor visited there Tuesday and found everything as stated above. There seems to be some believe that the couple might have died from poison. The dog that was in the house at the time seemed stupified when let out and it took nearly two days before he recovered. The county authorities do not care to give out any information until after the coroner's jury has rendered their verdict, which will be after they get a full report from the chemist at Sioux City. The funerals were held on Tuesday afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in the Baptist cemetery in Spring Valley. A large crowd of neighbors and friends attended the funeral.