

Kellogg Farmer Ends Life

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(By a Staff Correspondent)
Kellogg, Ia., July 17, Special:
Charles Miller, 68, farmer living
two and one-half miles west of this
place on Highway No. 6 committed
suicide by inhaling carbon monox-
ide gas late Thursday night or Fri-
day morning.

The body was found by Mrs. Mil-
ler about noon Friday, lying at the
rear of the machine exhaust and
it is thought he had gone to the gar-
age, closed the doors and started
the motor with the intention of
taking his life. There was no gas-
oline in the tank and the ignition
switch was still on.

Mr. Miller was arrested Wednes-
day in Des Moines on a charge of
carrying concealed weapons, and
worry over the charge was believed
to have caused him to take his
life. He was released on a \$500.00
bond and Sheriff Earl Shields had
received commitment papers to
take him to the state hospital at
Mount Pleasant. His dread of re-
turning there had also caused him
to worry and he had been hiding in
nearby cornfields for some time to
avoid the sheriff.

A note was found beside the
body in which he referred to the
charge brought against him in Des
Moines and added that it was more
than he could stand.

He was born November 5, 1865,
on the farm where he died. On
September 27, 1888, he was united
in marriage to Miss Arrie Owings
and to this union one son was
born. Mrs. Miller died in 1894 and
on December 24, 1896, has was
united in marriage to Miss Una
Rowland. Seven children were
born of this union, one of whom
survives.

Funeral services were held at the
Morgan Funeral Home in Newton
Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and bur-
ial was made in the family lot in
Our Silent City.

Surviving relatives include his
widow, a son, Pierre Miller, of Los
Angeles, a daughter, Mrs. Don
Eaton of Newton; 5 brothers, Wil-
liam Miller of Altadena, California,
Fred Miller of Des Moines, Jeff
Miller of Adair, John Miller of
Newton, and Ed Miller of this
place; 5 sisters, Mrs. S. A. Owings
of Altadena, California, Mrs. Car-
rie Saum of Des Moines, Mrs. Lillia
Beerbower of Seattle, Washing-
ton, Mrs. Maude Harrah of Mis-
sissippi, and Mrs. Lydia Moberly
of this place. Also two grand-
children, Doris Eaton of Newton
and Robyn Miller of Los Angeles.