

FRED. KLUTE

LEADING "BERLIN" FARMER

Fatally Injured in a Runaway Accident and Died Thursday

FRONT ENDGATE FALLS ON HORSES

Internal Injuries Caused His Death--One of the Prominent Farmers
of "Berlin"

While hauling a load of corn from Harvey Fosket's place last Tuesday, the front end-gate of Fred. Klute's wagon gave way, frightening the team, which started running and ran over Mr. Klute. He died yesterday morning from the injuries received. As we go to press no funeral arrangements have been made.

John Fred Klute, farmer, of Polk township, was born in Hanover, Germany, Aug. 8, 1858, the son of Wm. and Louise Klute, and third in a family of five children. He emigrated from Germany to Atchison county, Missouri, in 1883, and after working on the farm several months he rented land. He bought 80 acres of land here in 1885, paying \$30 per acre for same. At the time of his death he owned a well-improved farm of 320 acres, six miles west of Westboro, where he lived. He also owned a 160-acre farm in the same locality, and, in fact, was one of the county's successful farmers. He lives in a two-story, eight room house, in size 16x36 feet and 14x26 feet; one of his barns is 44x50 feet in size, with 15 16 foot posts and half basement; hay barn, 34x40 feet in size, with 16 foot posts and a cattle shed on one side; smoke house, 12x14 feet; arch cellar; scales; orchard and vineyard covering 3½ acres. Mr. Klute marketed about two car-loads of fat cattle annually and about 100 to 150 head of hogs.

On March 11, 1885, Mr. Klute was married to Mena Klute, a native of Hanover, Germany, and a daughter of Mathias and Catherine Klute, born March 5, 1859. Mr. and Mrs. Klute have seven children--Louisa, born March 10, 1886; Emma, born April 15, 1888; Henry, born May 4, 1892; Hattie, born July 2, 1894; Grant, born Nov. 12, 1896; Lillie, born Sept. 29, 1897; August, born Sept. 18, 1899.

Mr. Klute was a member of St. John's German Lutheran church, of which he was Secretary. In politics he was a Republican. He has held no office other than that of school director; was a director of the People's Bank of Westboro.

Withal Mr. Klute was a representative citizen and successful farmer.