

Yorktown News

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**Headline: Yorktown Woman Ends Her Life by Swallowing Acid**

Despondent over failing health caused by a nervous breakdown, Mrs. Sophie Boldt ended her life Friday afternoon by taking a large quantity of carbolic acid. Neighbors found her dead in bed. Justice of the Peace B.L. Hausmann held an inquest and returned a verdict of suicide.

Mrs. Boldt, nee Sophie Riedesel was born in the Mill Creek section near LaGrange and came to Yorktown with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Riedesel, 58 years ago when she was only one year old. She was reared in Yorktown and received her education in the local public schools. Through intensive home study she prepared herself for the profession of teacher and later taught school at Meyersville and Garfield.

In 1910, she was married to William Boldt, who preceded her to the grave in April 1922. She was Mr. Boldt's second wife.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. C.M. Wagenschein of Yorktown and Mrs. Edwards Hoegermann of Los Angeles, California, two brothers William of Fresno and Charles of Los Angeles, California, besides a large number of step-children.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, interment being at Westside Cemetery. Rev. E.A. Saegbiel, pastor of the Lutheran Church, officiated. The floral offerings were profuse and very beautiful.