

John Sieber

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JOHN SIEBER, 47, IS KILLED; HOLD MAN ON CHARGE

Formerly Made Cheese In Territory Around Monticello

Charged with the murder of John Sieber, aged 47, Fox Lake, formerly employed as cheesemaker in the Monticello vicinity, Albert Schroeder, 59 years old, a former state prison convict placed under arrest Tuesday after it had been determined that he was the last person seen talking to Sieber and that he had taken the latter's pocketbook, containing \$240, to the home of a former Waupun prison guard.

The lifeless body of Sieber, with a shotgun wound in the head, was discovered in the cheese factory living rooms Sunday. A suicide theory was at first advanced, but this was shattered when it was realized that it was impossible for Sieber to hold the gun to his head and pull the trigger because of the length of the barrel.

Only two years ago, Schroeder, who is charged with the slaying, was released from the state penitentiary at Waupun where he had been sentenced for murdering a Grant county relative. He had served 11 years of a 25-year term.

Funeral services for Sieber were held in Monticello at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Voegeli funeral parlors. Rev. A. Muehlmeier, pastor of the Reformed church, officiated and burial was in Highland cemetery.

A native of Switzerland, John Sieber was born Dec. 31, 1883, in Bern. Coming to America in 1909, he went to Monticello, Iowa, where he obtained employment on a farm. A year after his arrival here, his mother and two brothers, Carl and Albert, came to the United States. Leaving Iowa and coming to Green county, Mr. Sieber was employed as cheesemaker at the Henry H. Freitag factory, west of Monticello, and in the factory on the Hadinger farm, east of the village, then owned by the late Baltz Voegeli. Mr. Sieber was also employed as cheesemaker in the Belleville vicinity.

Survivors besides his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sieber, Monroe, are three brothers, Carl, Monroe, with whom the mother resides, Fred, Fond du Lac, and Albert, Mount Carroll, Ill.; and one sister, Mrs. Jacob Briggen, residing near Bern, Switzerland.