

KUNNECKE'S TRAIL OF BLOOD

South Dakota Man Now Serving Life Sentence Made Light of Murder.

THREE CRIMES ARE ATTRIBUTED TO HIM

In Two Instances He is Believed to Have Murdered His Employers to Avoid Payment of Wages.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—William Kunnecke, who pleaded guilty to the murder of Andrew Demmler, an employe, on the ranch of the murderer in Stanley county, and who was sentenced by Judge Gaffy to life imprisonment in the Sioux Falls penitentiary, has been safely placed behind the bars at that famous prison.

The case of Kunnecke is an unusual one. He is credited with having killed three men and is one of the most desperate characters with whom the peace officers of South Dakota and Montana have had to deal. While in jail at Fort Pierre awaiting the convening of the present term of state circuit court, the officers were in constant fear that he would escape or do injury to himself.

On one occasion he engaged in a fight with a couple of Indians who had been placed in jail, and the officers believe he attacked the Indian with the deliberate purpose of having them kill him. At another time he ate a quantity of soap in an attempt to end his life.

Demmler, who had been working for Kunnecke for some time, mysteriously disappeared last February. His employer was suspected of knowing something about what had happened to the young man, as a close watch was kept. This resulted in the watchers discovering what was believed to be a newly-made grave. Kunnecke was arrested while driving across the prairie. His trail was followed back for a distance of several miles and the body of Demmler was discovered. It was cut into two pieces. Kunnecke refused at that time to make any statement, although when arraigned in court he pleaded that he stated that he killed the young man in self-defense.

To evade the payment of money due Demmler for wages is supposed to have been the motive for the crime.

Prior to coming to South Dakota Kunnecke resided in Montana. In the early part he retired from the shoe-making business at Mountain Home, Mont., and purchased a small bunch of sheep. He did the herding himself, while his wife attended to the affairs of their camp. His flock increased remarkably fast and in a mysterious manner, and he soon became a "solid" but not much respected sheepman.

Nephew Disappears.

Meantime a young nephew of Mrs. Kunnecke, Koeningger by name, came out from Germany and entered into their employ as sheep herder, which position he held for about two years, when he disappeared from their camp, which was near Trinity Lakes, Mont.

Kunnecke and his wife reported that the nephew had returned to his native land. About this time Kunnecke's mountain "shack" was totally destroyed by fire, as Koeningger has not since been heard of. It has always been supposed that he was murdered by his uncle and aunt and his body consumed by the fire which destroyed the little cabin.

The motive is supposed to have been the same as that which induced Kunnecke to commit his latest crime, for which he will spend the remainder of his life in the Sioux Falls penitentiary. Koeningger had a sum due him for wages and had also some ready money. To evade the payment of the wages and secure what ready money he had always been thought to have been the motive for his murder.

Soon after the mysterious disappearance of Koeningger and the burning of the cabin Mrs. Kunnecke drew from the bank of Rice & Co., at Mountain Home, about \$300 which belonged to the missing nephew, stating to the bank officials that she had been requested to forward the money to him at Portland.

Sheep Owner Dies Suddenly.

Learning of the young man's disappearance, his relatives living in Germany finally and the German consul at Portland make a search for him, but this, of course, was fruitless. The county commissioners of the county in which Koeningger disappeared offered a reward of \$1,000 for evidence of the whereabouts of the young man, but this also failed to reveal the fate of the missing German.

In the spring of 1900 a sheep owner named Litzman, after visiting Kunnecke's camp, died suddenly. His body was found on a trail between his own camp and that of the Kunnecks. Litzman had no faith in the Kunnecks, and according to his surviving brother he always carried a considerable amount of cash on his person, but not a dollar was found on his dead body.

Subsequent developments indicated that Kunnecke poisoned his brother sheepman, abstracted the money from his pockets and left the dead body on the trail.

In 1900 Kunnecke was arrested by the Montana authorities on the charge of violating the sheep laws, and was held in \$500 bonds to appear before the district court. In August of the same year he fled from Montana, forfeiting his bond, which his wife paid, and she soon afterward sold all their belongings and joined her husband in South Dakota, he having established a ranch in the cedar bluff lands between the Missouri river and the Black Hills.

OLD LANDMARK IS REMOVED

Famous Wentworth Hotel of Deadwood is Pulled Down to Make Way for New Structure.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The old Wentworth hotel, one of the most familiar landmarks in Deadwood, has been entirely removed. Workmen have been engaged in tearing it down for several months and the last vestige above ground has disappeared. In its place will be erected a three-story, stone and brick, modern business house, and on the lot adjoining there is in course of construction a three-story brick stone building. It has been one of the historic associations, as many notable territorial and national characters have been entertained within its walls. Of late years, however, it has been permitted to go into decay and has become a positive menace, as well as a disfiguration. For several years the city authorities have considered means of eliminating it. The difficulty found its solution last summer in the purchase of the property by Pennsylvania capitalists who are preparing to build upon the ground one of the most substantial structures in Deadwood.

GETS NO LICENSE FROM COURT

Saloonist, Turned Down by County Board, Takes Appeal, but is Again Defeated.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Gaffy today held that the matter of granting a saloon license is a discretionary one with the board of county commissioners, based on the facts before them. The decision was in a case from Hand county, which has badly torn up the town of Miller. The town board granted a permit to Maurice Burke to open a saloon pending his securing a license from the county board. This was refused and Burke took the matter into court and was defeated. A large delegation from Miller came down to watch the progress of the case.

TAKES BREWERY'S MONEY

Sioux Falls Man Confessing in Kansas City Had Robbed Val Biaz Concern.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—John Wengert, the Sioux Falls man who surrendered at Kansas City and said he was a defaulter, has for two years been agent of the Val Biaz Brewing company here. Those in charge of the local affairs of the company admit the shortage, but decline to state the amount. It is thought that Wengert will return and make good the shortage.

Sells Dakota Railroad.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—In accordance with a decree of Judge Carland of the United States court in this city in the case of the New York Security and Trust Company, trustee, against The Forest City & Gettysburg Railroad Company, John R. Hughes of Gettysburg, who was appointed special commissioner for the purpose of straightening out the affairs of the company, has sold the road at public auction. The railroad, together with its rolling stock, buildings and other property, was bid in in the name of James Dodd, who acted in behalf of the New York bondholders.

Officers of Fair Association.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—These officers have been elected by the Central South Dakota Fair association: Milo Booth, president; E. J. Miller, treasurer; E. M. Thomas, secretary; J. J. Salisbury, general superintendent; Cole Campbell, marshal. The directors are Milo Booth, Colonel John H. King, William A. Ritschlag, John A. Saue, Ed J. Miller, L. Lapler, W. W. Clark, George E. McRathorn, John E. Ward, Charles F. Koopp, E. T. Losey and Charles May. The time for holding the fair has not been fixed, but plans for a grand exhibit were inaugurated.

Coutries Free from Scabies.

DOUGLAS, Wyo., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The State Board of Sheep Commissioners met here yesterday and discussed matters of importance to the sheep and wool growing industry in Wyoming. The board officially declared the counties of Albany, Laramie, Converse and Weston clean and free of scabies and the flocks of those counties entitled to all of the protection and privileges afforded by regular No. 2. The board decided to hold its next meeting in Rawlins on Tuesday, April 5.

Northwestern May Extend.

DOUGLAS, Wyo., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Leading business men here believe that the Chicago & Northwestern railroad is getting ready to extend its Chadron-Casper line on northwest into the Big Horn basin. Several parties in this section have been asked to bid on the contract for \$50,000 ties in the mountains to the south and west of this place and this is taken as a sure indication that there will be some building done this winter.

Dangers of a Cold and How to Avoid Them.

More fatalities have their origin in or result from a cold than from any other cause. This fact alone should make every person careful as there is no man or woman who is cold who is not in danger of serious trouble in the beginning. For many years Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been recognized as the most prompt and effectual medicine in use for this disease. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs, opens the secretions and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition.

Change on Great Northern.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 16.—F. I. Whitely, general passenger agent of the Great Northern railway, is to retire and will be succeeded by Clarence E. Stone, now first assistant in that department.

Twenty-Three Are Arrested.

HOHART, Okl., Jan. 16.—Twenty-three men have been arrested so far over the Mountain Park-Snyder town fight, in which half a dozen were wounded. Their preliminary trial has been set for January 17. It is believed that no further trouble will ensue.

BENNETT'S

A Sensation in CLOTHING! DOUBLE GREEN TRADING STAMPS MONDAY

With Every Suit or Overcoat at \$10

Men's and young men's suits and overcoats that sold up to \$15.00, \$10 on sale Monday

And Double Green Trading Stamps With Them

Think of getting Two Hundred Green Trading Stamps. It gives your Trading Stamp Book a grand send off. It gives it a rousing boost mid-way, or it may give it a double quick finish.

Two Hundred Green Trading Stamps with your suit or overcoat at the cut price of \$10 MONDAY ONLY.

Children's Clothing all Day Monday

Knee trousers that sold up to 35c, yours at 15c

Clothing Department Main Floor

Shoes! Shoes!

Stocks must be still further reduced. We will cut the prices even keener this week than ever. Our footwear has a distinctive touch of individuality that gives man, woman and child a fine understanding. Extra good values all through the shoe department.

A FEW SPECIALS

- Women's fine welt or turned sole shoes, with medium or high Cuban heel, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values, at... \$2.50
Women's \$2.50 shoes, heavy or light sole, vici kid uppers, at... \$1.98
Women's \$2.00 shoes, heavy or light sole... \$1.43
Men's \$2.50 box calf or vici kid shoes... \$1.98
Men's \$2.50 box calf or vici kid shoes, odd lots, for... \$1.69
Little Gents' all solid school shoes, worth \$1.50, now... 98c
Youth's quilted sole school shoes, worth \$1.75, for... \$1.39
Boys' \$2.00 school shoes, at... \$1.50
Women's \$1.25 and \$1.50 Juliettes and slippers... 89c

HARDWARE!

In the hardware section are real money saving bargains for Monday.

- No. 14-oz. all copper wash boiler... \$2.10
No. 9 1/2-oz. all copper wash boiler... \$2.35
Set of three heavy nickel plated tank, best on earth, stand and handle... 98c
Dover egg beater... 5c

WOODENWARE

- Wash bench for two tubs and wringer... 95c
High folding clothes rack... 65c
Folding ironing board... 75c
Bread board, 18x22 inches... 20c

MILLINERY!

A Big Clean Up Sale of Winter Hats

Imported dress and pattern hats, as well as all of our own creations included in this sale. All hats divided into three lots—

- 1 lot at 1.49
1 lot at 2.49
1 lot at 4.98

Saturday's sale on these hats was so tremendous that we now except none.

All winter hats must go regardless of cost. All are included.

Violets, 10c-19c-25c

BENNETT'S LACE CURTAIN SALE

Curtain Department, Third Floor.

- There are values and values in Lace Curtains. We show the best. Lace Curtains, 36 inches wide, 3 1/2 yds long, the kind that usually sell for \$5 per pair, in this sale, at per pair... 49c
(12) Nottingham Curtains, hundreds of styles, all out on tables, when you call, see every pair you see; special, per pair... 79c
Dotted Swiss Curtains, with extra wide ruffles, the kind you pay \$2.50 per pair for elsewhere, we sell at special, per pair... 98c
\$1.29 Ruffled Net, with insertion and edge, extra heavy net, special, per pair... \$1.39
\$1.20 Nottingham Curtains, extra wide, per pair, special, in this sale... \$1.39

WINDOW SHADES

We have about 50 dozen odd window shades, 2 feet wide, 6 feet long, all colors, worth up to 50c each, special for Monday only... 19c

CURTAIN SWISS

The kind that is sold for \$20, regular, stripe, dots and figures, 36 and 42 inches wide, special, per pair... 9c
Sample Lace Curtains, worth... 20c
Odd Lace Curtains and samples of high priced curtains, each... 49c

Mail orders filled from this ad up to Wednesday noon, if goods are not sold

THE TRADING STAMP WAR!

We published yesterday reason number one, given by the Omaha Retail Grocers' Association why trading stamps were an evil, and we think our answer to their reason number one, very conclusively shows why we can afford to give trading stamps when the small grocers cannot. Today we will endeavor to answer their argument No. 2, which is as follows

"No 2—Either the customer pays more for goods, the value of which they are not familiar with, or they get short measure or short weight or they get imitation goods."

Now, Mr. Grocer, People Who Live in Glass Houses Shouldn't Throw Stones!

The public will not take stock in such insinuations, coming from disgruntled competitors whose standard of morality is so poor that they will undertake to force us to break our contract with the Stamp Company and disregard our obligations to our customers just because they figure out that they cannot give trading stamps when it costs them 28 per cent to do business.

The trouble with you, brother, is that you do not recognize the true business conditions of the present day. The people do know the true value of goods and competition is so fierce that buyers cannot afford to pay a small dealer 28 per cent profit when they can come to a large department store like Bennett's and buy as cheap as you can buy from your own jobbers.

It is not by short weights, short measures, or inferior goods that the Bennett store attracts the multitude, but it is by full weights, full measures, full values and satisfaction guaranteed in every case.

HOW MANY OF YOU STAND ALWAYS READY WITH A SUNNY SMILE TO TAKE BACK ANY ARTICLE THAT IS NOT SATISFACTORY TO YOUR CUSTOMER AND REFUND THE MONEY?

HOW MANY OF YOU ARE WILLING TO GUARANTEE EVERYTHING THAT YOU SELL AND SELL NOTHING THAT YOU CANNOT GUARANTEE?

HOW MANY OF YOU ARE READY AND WILLING TO SELL A STAPLE LINE OF GOODS ON THE MARGIN OF 1, 2, AND 3 PER CENT WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT?

Surely you do not expect the public to believe for a moment that this big store has ever been guilty of giving short weights, short measures, or inferior goods.

A customer said Saturday a. m., "Just continue to take care of your customers and the customers will take care of you," and that is the secret of our big business.

Remember, therefore, dear brother, that at Bennett's 36 inches make a yard, 4 quarts make a gallon, and 16 big fat ounces make a pound, and with it all cut prices and Green Trading Stamps in all departments all the time. We will answer reason No. 3 Monday, Mr. Grocer.

Crockery.

The second week of Big Alteration Sales in Crockery. Re-adjusting and re-flooring of stock rooms on fourth floor of building has brought about a disengagement of odds and ends of crockery that must be gotten out of the way.

Specials for Monday Only.

- Haviland & Co's white ranson tea cups and saucers... 25c
Macbeth's Pearl glass, No. 2 Pearl top, No. 2 Rochester or No. 2 electric light chimneys, each... 3c
(Limit three chimneys to a customer—no delivery on above item.)
20 per cent discount on all fancy Haviland & Co's decorated china. This applies to all decorated Haviland & Co's china in the house.
50 per cent off on all decorated German, Austrian or Japanese china cracker jars.
Cut glass salts and peppers, heavy sterling silver tops... 15c
Hotel baker's or vegetable dishes, per doz... 45c

GROCERY.

THE GREAT WEST'S GREATEST GROCERY.

More people are trading in Bennett's Grocery on a Saturday than the Auditorium will hold when finished or when it is packed to its utmost capacity. Even on a dull grocery sales day, there are more people around our counters buying goods than you will find in all the grocery stores in Omaha day before Christmas, and this is giving them a good show. Why? Because we have money for you, and you know that the goods are just O. K. Just as though you had tested the markets at their fountainheads; just as though you had dictated the prices; just as though you had arranged everything yourself.

Watch our grocery ads closely. Never for any reason make one up. Our ads are just as interesting as the most interesting news of the day, and every one of them means money in your wallet.

MONDAY BARGAINS.

- Our Pet cream, 36 oz... 4c
Table Syrup, 3 lb can... 10c
Cleaned Currants, per lb... 8c
Plum Pudding, can... 9c
Jams, assorted, large jars... 10c
French Mustard, glass and spoon... 10c
Baked Beans, can... 5c
Tomatoes, 3 lb can... 10c
Corn, 3 lb can... 10c
Worcester Sauce, bottle... 10c
Oil Sarsaparilla, can... 5c
Salmon, 1 lb can... 10c

Monday's Bargains in Cloak, Suit and Fur Department

FUR COATS—Near seal coats, plain and fancy and trimmed in mink, beaver or Persian lamb, Astrakan coats, blenders and seal skins—all one-third off.

- Coats that sold for \$60.00, Alteration Sale price... 40.00
Coats that sold for \$45.00, Alteration Sale price... 31.67
Coats that sold for \$30.00, Alteration Sale price... 20.00
FUR CAPES—Shearered Coney Capes sold for \$12.00, Alteration Sale price... 7.94
Electric Seal Capes sold for \$18.50, Alteration Sale price... 12.34
Astrakan Seal Coats sold for \$18.50, Alteration Sale price... 13.00
All Scarfs and Collarlets one-third off.
LADIES CLOTH COATS—The way our cloak department was crowded Saturday is very strong evidence that we can "deliver the goods" when it comes to coats. All our medium priced coats at just 1/3 former price. Your choice of any coat in the house for \$18.50.
BLACK SILK UNDERSKIRTS AT \$4.95—Very good heavy taffeta underskirts with 12 inch pleating and full ruffle on bottom with dust ruffle, worth... 4.95
WAISTS—All Fall and Winter Waists greatly reduced. Waists that sold for \$5.50, special Monday... 2.75
Waists that sold for \$2.25, Alteration Sale price... 1.19
20 per cent discount on all Winter Goods in cloak department on Second Floor.
LADIES' Sanitary Napkins at 15c, 4c and 5c a box at cloak department 2nd Floor.

Silks Cheap in the Great Alteration Sale

SILKS AT THE YARD—3,000 yards of pretty summer silks, some awful good bargains in this lot, worth up to 50c per yard.
SILKS AT 50c—We have about 5,000 yards of very choice fine silks and velvets, also a big lot of plain taffetas in this big lot, there are fancy silks, plaid silks, also a very pretty assortment of changeable velvets with dots and figures, silks and 36c, all go in this Alteration Sale, at per yard... 50c
MOIRES AT, PER YARD, 75c—Evening colors in a fine silk Moire with a combination of dots and figures, very cheap at \$1.75 yard... 75c
All go in this Alteration Sale, at per yard... 98c
BLACK SILKS—57-in black peau de soie, worth \$1.75 per yard. Monday only per yard... 98c
36-in. wide black taffeta, worth \$1.50 yard, Monday, per yard... 98c

Big Bargains Every Hour in Our Linen Dept. During Big Alteration Sale

- TABLE LINENS—Bleached and unbleached all linen damask 67 inches wide, 69c
Bleached and unbleached damask, 69 inches wide, a regular 50c quality, only per yard... 39c
NAPKINS—Bleached and unbleached table napkins, extra 12 1/2 inch square, only per dozen... 1.69
100 dozen bleached damask napkins, worth \$2. Monday, per dozen... 38c
CRASHES—All our Irish and Scotch all linen crashes, 12 1/2 inch square, only per yard... 12c
GLASS TOWELING—58 inches wide in red checks, regular 15c grade, only per yd... 10c
SHEETS—50 dozen fine sheets, 112x86, 100% cotton, all ready for use, worth 90c, for Monday only... 65c
HOBBIES—50 dozen ladies' misses' and children's fleece lined hose, "fast black," all sizes, values up to 50c, Alteration Sale price, per pair... 15c
UNDERWEAR—1 case children's and misses' fleeced balbriggan vests and pants, silk lined vests and Swiss hand drawers, values up to 75c a garment. Alteration Sale price, size 18... 15c
Alteration Sale price, size 28... 30c
Alteration Sale price, size 38... 33c
Alteration Sale price, size 48... 35c
BELTS—25 dozen ladies' belts in wide crushed leather and Egyptian silks, colors black and red, worth up to 50c. Alteration Sale price, each... 25c
(Dry Goods Section)
PURSES—10 dozen purses and wrist bags, brocaded Persian satins and snake skins, worth up to \$2.25, Alteration Sale price, per pair... 1.29
(Dry Goods Section)
100 lbs. Saxony yarns, all colors, regular 1 1/2c value. Alteration Sale price, per skein... 5c

Black Dress Goods.

Matchless bargains in black dress goods, all qualities, regardless of cost, to be sacrificed in the great ALTERATION SALE. No reservation, every piece slashed. LOT ONE—Zibelles, jerseys, broadcloths, Venetians, Paumotu, coterie, meltons, madras suitings, canvas, diagonals, seeded mixtures and stamings, cotelines and silk warp hosiery. Not a piece in this lot worth less than \$2.00 per yard and the majority worth up to \$3.00 per yard. ALTERATION SALE PRICE, per yard... 1.25
LOT TWO—Granites, canvas, shirtings, chevots, satin diagonals, prunellas, imperial twills, armines, mixtures, Metrose silk mixtures and striped novelties, worth up to \$2 per yd. ALTERATION SALE PRICE, per yard... 1.00
LOT THREE—Extra fine serges, canvas, granites, prunellas, satin solesia, jersey coats, Siolians, figured mohair, matinees and hosiery, worth up to \$1.25 per yd. ALTERATION SALE PRICE, per yard... 75c
LOT FOUR—All 7c and 8c black goods to close, at per yard... 44c
75 pieces lace edges and insertions, appliques, Normandie valans and gignous, white, cream and ecru, worth up to 30c each, on sale at per yard... 5c
150 pieces embroidery, edge and insertions from 4 to 3 inches, Swiss and Cambrie goods in this lot, worth from 5c to 6c yard, Alteration Sale price, per yard, 5c and... 15c

CIGARS, CANDY.

- Monday Money Savers
Closing out clear Havana line. Cigars, 2 for 25c, each... 9c
Cledora, the straight, each... 7c
Belmont, 10c straight, each... 7c
Helen Gould, club house shape, domestic, for Monday only, a straight 10c cigar, for, each... 5c
MONDAY BARGAINS.
California Figs, carton... 8c
Mixed candies, per lb... 9c
Gum Drops, per lb... 8c
Chocolate Creams, per lb... 15c
A large lot of glass jars, with nickel caps, filled with assorted candies, each... 10c

Fort Crook Wednesday next, we begin a regular EVERY WEDNESDAY wagon delivery to Fort Crook—our own wagon every Wednesday. Send your orders to reach us not later than Tuesday noon. Use the phone, Bennett's No. is 137. Free postal cards mailed on request.