

# HERMAN BOCHE KILLS F. JARMER

EARLY MORNING SHOOTING TRAGEDY NEAR NORFOLK.

OCCURS AT ILL FAMED HOUSE

BOCHE HAS DISAPPEARED AND CAN NOT BE FOUND.

RESULT OF TRIVIAL DISPUTE

BOCHE KILLED ANOTHER MAN EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.

WITHIN A WEEK OF SAME DATE

Jarmer Was Trying to Force Boche Into a Cab and Boche Fired Three Lead Balls Into Jarmer—Were Leaving the Resort Together.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]  
Within eight days of the anniversary of a tragedy eighteen years ago in which he killed George Ives with an axe, Herman Boche, a well known farmer living four miles southeast of Norfolk, shot and killed Frank Jarmer, a Norfolk saloonkeeper, at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in front of "247," an ill famed resort east of the river. Jarmer was shot three times and died about an hour after the shooting.

Boche and Jarmer were members of the same fraternal order and had been warm friends for years. They had not been quarreling during the night. The shooting occurred when Jarmer tried to force Boche into a waiting cab. Both men are said to have been under the influence of liquor.

Boche Makes Escape.  
After the shooting, Boche managed to escape from the place and to conceal himself from the first hurried hunt of the officers.

Lee Vroman, a hackman commonly known along Norfolk avenue as "Red," was at the scene of the shooting with his hack and stands as the principal witness to the tragedy, though Edna Ingham, mistress of "247," claims to have seen the shooting through a window in the early light of the morning.

Sheriff Clements at Madison was notified of the shooting as soon as the news reached the local authorities. The sheriff with his deputy, Walter Elley, arrived in Norfolk about 9 a. m. and took charge of the efforts to locate Boche.

Boche and Jarmer rode in a hack to the house beyond the river together. They arrived about 1 o'clock and spent the night, according to what testimony is at hand, without quarreling. In the morning hours, both under the influence of liquor, they ushered forth toward the hack that had been kept in waiting. Boche was forced into the hack. Lunging out again he defied Jarmer and "Red," the hackman, to put him in, talking in words not intelligible to the living eye witness or to the girls within the house.

Pushing Jarmer from him, Boche opened fire on his companion with a revolver, sending three bullets into the man's body. "Red," the hackman, this morning told a story of a wounded man on the ground begging for mercy, which Boche could not heed in the condition of his mind.

Hackman Was Frightened.  
No one hindered the course of the slayer, the frightened hackman rushing into his box and driving his horses hurriedly to town to bring himself to safety and the news to town.

Shot in the road in front of the Ingham home, the wounded man was ordered to a place near the porch by women of the place. Physicians summoned hurriedly from the city, carried the dying man into the house and sought to stop the flow of blood. Jarmer's body had been pierced by three lead balls. He was shot once in the left shoulder and twice in the left groin. He was conscious but told little of the tragedy save that he had been shot by Boche. Death came about 6 o'clock, an hour after the shooting.

The dead man's wife, still under the first shock of the dreadful news brought to her, was taken to the scene of the tragedy. She did not arrive until after her husband's death.

The body of Frank Jarmer was carried to the undertaking rooms of Sessions & Bell to await the action of the authorities.

May Be No Coroner's Inquest.  
In view of the lack of conflicting testimony County Attorney Jack Koenigstein after an inquiry into the details was of the opinion that a coroner's inquest was unnecessary and that it would represent an added expense to the county.

Herman Boche, one of the principals of the shooting, is a Madison county farmer living four miles southeast of Norfolk. A man of forty-eight years, practically all of his life has been spent in this vicinity. He is a married man with six children, the youngest a lad of some ten or twelve years, the oldest a young man of age. Frank Jarmer, the victim, also married, has lived in Norfolk for a number

of years, working about the city, serving as a bartender and in the last year or two conducting a saloon of his own near the corner of Fourth street and Norfolk avenue.

## BOCHE'S SECOND KILLING

He Killed George Ives Eighteen Years Ago, Almost on Same Date.

The Wednesday morning tragedy in which Herman Boche killed Frank Jarmer, occurred within eight days of the anniversary of another tragedy in which Herman Boche killed another Madison county man. George Ives of Tilden was the victim in that affair. His head was split open with an axe in Boche's hands and he died a day later. He was struck Tuesday morning, April 23, 1889, and died the next day. Boche was acquitted in court, self defense being his plea.

Ives and his brother-in-law, Lew W. Reckard, were digging scions from along the bank of the Elkhorn river on Boche's farm. Herman Boche and William Boche approached, William carrying a revolver and Herman an axe. Words followed. It was said that William Boche advanced upon Reckard with his gun and Ives, seeing danger, struck William Boche with the butt-end of a target rifle. Then Herman Boche struck Ives on the head with his axe, crushing the skull and felling the victim like an ox. Herman Boche declared that he struck to prevent Ives from assaulting his brother, William, a second time. The two Boches at that time gave themselves up to the sheriff and were held under \$5,000 bonds.

Herman Boche was defended in his trial by former United States Senator William V. Allen and his partner, the late Congressman John S. Robinson. It was pleaded that Ives refused to leave the premises and became abusive and that his assault upon William Boche was unnecessary.

It is said that Senator Allen yet today has the axe with which Boche killed Ives.

### A DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE.

Sober, Boche is Kindhearted; Drunk, He Becomes a Fiend.

Friends of Herman Boche assert that he is, excepting when under the influence of liquor, kindhearted and sociable. It is said of him that he has always been kind to his wife and children and that the children who have attained their majority still cling to the old home. For twenty years he has allowed the public to overrun his farm, fishing and hunting at will. When he becomes intoxicated, however, it is said that he has always shown panicky traits. It is said he one time jumped off a train between here and Sioux City which was going thirty miles an hour.

## NO TRACE OF BOCHE YET

Slayer of Frank Jarmer is Still at Large; No Clue Found.

During the early part of the afternoon Sheriff J. J. Clements and his party returned from a fruitless search for Boche in the vicinity of his home southeast of Norfolk. A careful search and inquiry carried on during the morning yielded no results and the sheriff and local officers returned to Norfolk, stating that they had found no clue that would throw light on Boche's whereabouts since he had left the scene of the tragedy early in the morning.

During the afternoon a complaint charging Herman Boche with the murder of Frank Jarmer was drawn up by County Attorney Jack Koenigstein. The complaint, which is divided into two counts, would afford an opportunity to prosecute Boche on the charges of second degree murder and manslaughter. Second degree murder carries a penalty of not less than ten years imprisonment, manslaughter not more than ten years imprisonment and not less than one year. When a murder is committed without premeditation or malice it falls under the head of manslaughter. County Attorney Koenigstein stated that from the known facts Boche could not be prosecuted for murder in the first degree.

Before leaving late in the afternoon for a second visit to the neighborhood of the Boche home Sheriff Clements put himself in communication with neighboring officials. The sheriff of Stanton county had been notified by the local police as soon as information of the crime was received. Up to this hour no formal offer of reward had been made.

The Jarmer saloon was closed all day. Keys to the place were found in Jarmer's pocket. Jarmer is said to have been about forty-three years of age. He leaves no children.

It transpired that Boche fired four shots. The first one missed Jarmer, the next three taking effect.

### Scarlet Fever Closes Schools.

Bonesteel, S. D., May 1.—Special to The News: Bonesteel public schools were closed today on account of a couple of cases of scarlet fever in town, which, however, are thoroughly quarantined. This prompt action is expected to stamp out the disease before it has a chance to manifest itself in any further cases.

### CHARGED WITH INCEST.

Anoka Liveryman is in Jail on a Serious Complaint.  
Butte, Neb., May 1.—Special to The News: M. P. Smothers, the liveryman from Anoka, was arrested and is now in jail awaiting his preliminary hearing, set for May 13. The charge is incest, preferred by his seventeen-year-old daughter.

## WERE POOLING AT DALLAS

AUCTION SALE WAS CALLED OFF DURING DAY.

SALES AMOUNTED TO \$10,000

It Was Believed by the Dallas Townsite Company That a Number of Men Were Combining to Pool on the Auction, and the Sale Ended.

Bonesteel, S. D., May 1.—Special to The News: The sale of lots in the new town of Dallas amounted to a trifle over \$10,000 before the auction feature of the sale was called off on account of a very apparent tendency on the part of some of the bidders to attempt to "corner" the sale. After the auction was called off the townsite company sold a large number of lots at private sale to people who had refused to bid against the combination which had been trying to control the affair by means of a pool.

The total amount of the sales during the two days is about \$30,000.

### WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Mrs. Perry of Stanton and Mrs. Perry of Elgin, who have been in Norfolk the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Perry at the Junction, left yesterday for a two weeks visit at Minot, N. D.

Mrs. Robert Craft left yesterday for a visit in Pierce.

Mrs. O. R. Meredith spent yesterday on a visit in Pierce.

Trainmaster E. O. Mount went to Bonesteel yesterday.

T. V. Preece and George Berry of Battle Creek visited friends in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. R. E. Williams returned last evening from a week's visit with friends in Omaha.

L. Greenwood, auditor for the J. F. Toy banks, left Norfolk yesterday for a business visit to Madison.

Will Hayward is ill with a severe cold.

T. C. Cantwell left at noon for Madison.

Harry Owen went to Milford this morning.

A. G. Barnum of Butte are in Norfolk today.

L. D. Smith of Creighton is in Norfolk today.

Rev. J. P. Mueller left this morning for Seward.

Hugh Hamilton left at noon for a visit at Pierce.

H. F. Klocke of Carroll was in the city yesterday.

William Graham of Creighton is in the city today.

T. E. Demme of Emerson spent yesterday in Norfolk.

W. P. Mohr of Spencer was in Norfolk this morning.

J. G. Beste of Hartington stopped in Norfolk yesterday.

E. Crook of Meadow Grove was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. C. L. Wathles of Neligh spent the day in Norfolk.

J. W. Bingenheimer was in from Creighton yesterday.

A. Brown was a Bloomfield visitor in the city yesterday.

Charles Viterna of Lynch is in the city today.

M. C. Hazen returned yesterday from a business visit to Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scher of Pierce were in Norfolk during the day.

The Misses Hoyerman of Battle Creek spent yesterday in Norfolk.

R. L. Canote has returned from Hot Springs, S. D. Mrs. Canote will remain there for a time.

Miss Florence Biggs of Madison visited yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Koenigstein.

Mrs. H. H. Moore, Mrs. C. H. Staley and Mrs. Albert Stelukraus were Pierce visitors in Norfolk today.

Mrs. Seth Jones and Mrs. Charles Pierce of Winnetoon are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Van Horn. Mrs. Pierce is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn.

Superintendent Reynolds left Norfolk during the morning to meet Vice-President Gardner and party at Long Pine. The special train carrying Vice-President Gardner and the other Northwestern officials on their western inspection trip is expected to pass through the city sometime this evening returning east.

Mrs. C. A. South of Butte is a visitor in Norfolk today.

John Theisen has arrived in Norfolk from Wayne to accept a position as a pharmacist in the Kiesau Drug company's store.

Guy Munson of Valentine is in the city on business today.

Mrs. J. C. Spellman left this morning on a visit to Nickerson.

James Vall of Pilger is in the city on a visit with his parents.

Miss Myrtle Weaver returned yesterday from a Sunday visit to Tilden.

Doris Olmsted, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Olmsted, is quite ill.

Dr. C. S. Parker and M. D. Tyler returned last evening from a visit to Madison.

Mrs. George Spear and daughter, Erma, are home from Clark, where Mrs. Spear was called by the illness of her mother.

Henry Wiles, who recently arrived in Norfolk from Dover, Maine, is clerking in the Davenport shoe store.

F. M. Jennings, the Black Hills representative of the Faucett-Carney Candy company, is in West Point on a brief visit home.

M. M. Faucett, president of the Faucett-Carney Candy company, not having been in the best of health, is enjoying a week's rest from the road.

Engineer Al. Burling, who has been working between Missouri Valley and

Lincoln, was here visiting with his family yesterday.

George Schwartz went to Missouri Valley this morning to take examination for a position as fireman.

A. T. Taylor went to Atkinson yesterday to take care of an engine in the gravel pit.

Mrs. John Hinz returned home from Omaha last night where she has been visiting.

Misses May and Ruth Shively returned home from Omaha last night. They had been visiting friends.

Mrs. Robert Craft went to Pierce today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Hight left for Denver for a few days visit with Mr. Hight's brother before going to their home in LeMars.

Bug Bernette, who is working in Fremont, was up to spend a couple of days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bernette.

Mr. Slinger of Fremont is here switching in the yards this week.

Herman Salzwede of Laurel, Neb., is home on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Salzwede.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hallett Trimble, a son.

May baskets were in the air and on the doorsteps Tuesday night, and Norfolk little people were happy. Scores of the little baskets, fringed with variously colored tissue paper and filled with dainty sweets, were left at as many homes to surprise the recipients and puzzle them as to the senders.

With some accounts still outstanding it is estimated that the net receipts from the Norfolk band minstrels and program advertising will bring about \$350 into the band treasury. The money thus received will not only be sufficient to provide the band with uniforms but will also help to meet current expenses connected with the organization. The new uniforms have not been selected but will be secured in time for use on Decoration day.

Beyond the one announcement that Water Commissioner August Brummond would be reappointed for another year's service Mayor-elect C. B. Durland has declined to make any public statement relative to the list of city appointments to be submitted by him to the city council on the coming into power of the new city administration. The new municipal year commences on Tuesday, May 7, and on that date Mr. Durland and the other successful candidates at the recent city election will be conducted into office. The list of appointive officers whose term of service expires with the present administration is as follows: E. H. P. Weatherly, city attorney; J. Hay, chief of police; Wm. Uecker, night police; W. H. Livingstone, Junction police; August Brummond, water commissioner; street commissioner, (vacant); August Graul, engineer at the pumping station.

### Newport News.

Dan Kleckner of the late firm of Dodd & Co., who traded their stock of general merchandise here to F. A. Huston for a section of land at Neligh, is now at Neligh making improvements on the land preparatory to establishing a residence upon it.

The following were recent visitors in Newport: Mrs. Peacock and son, D. Peacock, G. M. Anderson, J. E. Estlack, Milo, Fred and Frank Hatton, Mariaville; Rev. E. E. Dillon, M. H. Vargason, J. M. and Frank Bassett, J. J. Ehlers and M. Jerred, Kirkwood, R. B. Traner, H. Prindle, J. O. De-guard and Miss Rosa Hindspeth, Atkinson; F. H. Hamlet, Mills; Dr. George Hemingway, O'Neill; Emil Johnson, Brockburg; H. H. Everett, Stuart; Dr. J. A. Meehan and Dr. C. H. Root, Bassett; M. Koenig, Naper; J. E. and James Cook, Simpson; Frank Ammon and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Brown, Hammond; John L. Towle, Sheridan, Wis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Anderson, a son.

A young man who was intoxicated slept out in the snow all night the other night and was nearly frozen when found. He was a stranger here.

### RAN AWAY WITH PLOW.

Team of Horses Drag Plow for Mile and a Half.

A runaway occurred in the field at the Raasch farm, where the horses became frightened at a train while the boy who had been driving left the field for a few minutes. The team ran a mile and a half before they were played out plowing the hard road.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fauble, jr., went to Omaha Thursday to purchase a stock of goods.

August Huebner went to Stanton Saturday.

Miss Mary Brisso has gone to Pierce to make her home.

Mrs. Anton Huebner went to Tilden Saturday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Sonne.

Henry Austin went to Pierce Sunday to visit his sons.

Frank Modrow returned home after a week's visit in Stanton.

A surprise party was given at John Raasch's home Tuesday, the occasion being Mrs. Raasch's birthday.

Hadard and Pleasant Valley will play baseball Sunday on the Pleasant Valley diamond.

### Is Run Over by Disc.

Lindsay, Neb., May 1.—Special to The News: Joe Kans, a farmhand working for Joe Buettner, was run over by a disc and escaped with a wrenched knee and torn clothes. The horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him under. It happened when both physicians, Dr. Evans and Dr. Tobkin, were out of town attending the county medical meeting at Columbus.

## THE SPIRITUAL POETRY

MISS MARGARET THOMPSON ADDRESSES MINISTERS.

DEFINES POETRY OF POWER

Professor of English Literature in Doane College Held Her Audience by Charm and Coherence of Thought and Sympathetic Delivery.

Holding the interest of her audience by the charm and coherence of her thought and by the effectiveness of her low sympathetic delivery, Miss Margaret Thompson, professor of English literature in Doane college at Crete, addressed a northeast Nebraska audience in the First Congregational church last evening on "The Spiritual Element in American Poetry." Miss Thompson's lecture occupied the Tuesday evening part of the Tuesday session of the Elkhorn Valley Association of Congregational churches now meeting in annual convention in the First Congregational church of Norfolk. In addition to the visiting pastors and delegates in attendance at the sessions, the Tuesday evening lecture was enjoyed by a large number of Norfolk people.

Distinguishing between the poetry of intellect and between that poetry which, having something of the spiritual becomes the poetry of power, Miss Thompson reviewed the spiritual element as it appears in the American poets of the nineteenth century. The attitude of these American poets of fame toward nature, humanity and God was illustrated in detail by quotations from the poems in question. Miss Thompson saw in the inspiration of the American poets a resisting force against present day materialism. She said in part last evening:

"We find that the spiritual element has strong, vital expression in American poetry. This fact means much to us as citizens of America and of the world; and it may mean vastly more to us than it does now if we but will. We hear much of the predominance of the materialistic spirit in our country today and we are too little stirred by the seriousness of this peril. Without vision the people perish, and we all know that the materialistic spirit is as deadly to vision today as in the days of Solomon. This hour affords neither the time nor the place for discussing the various means of overcoming this tendency towards materialism. But one means I urge. The law of growth implies food and exercise. If we wish this life of the spirit to be strong in ourselves and in our children we must give it abundance of pure, wholesome, nourishing food and an opportunity to express itself again and again in terms of our own individualities. We are most fortunate in having these soulful singers of the pure lives and readily interpreted page as our own countrymen, singing of our own skies and landscapes, with their birds and flowers, and of our brothers and sisters and family history and thoughts and ideals.

"If we but make them companions and comrades first of all in our homes and then in our schools, knowing them through and through, we shall find them very potent in helping us to overcome undue emphasis on material things by developing within us what they have in such rich measure: sensitiveness to beauty; a deep feeling for nature; the spirit of brotherly love; a high conception of the purpose of life here and now; a deep reverence for God; and earnest inquiry and meditation concerning the life beyond that 'bourne from which no traveler returns.'"

An organization of the association for the two days session in Norfolk was effected yesterday afternoon. Rev. J. J. Parker of Genoa, a former pastor of the First Congregational church of Norfolk, was chosen moderator. J. E. Taylor of Neligh, principal of Gates academy, was selected as clerk.

Under the topic of the "Tri-Church-Union" Rev. C. H. Crawford of Bloomfield brought before the association the proposed union of the Congregational, Methodist Protestant and United Brethren churches. Mr. Crawford favored the plan of union and the trend of the discussion that followed was in the main favorable to the union of the churches. It is probable that a loose confederation of the churches will precede an organic union of the three churches. The question of union is to come before the national council of the Congregational churches meeting next October in Cleveland. The following committee was named by the moderator yesterday to draw up resolutions expressing the attitude of the northeast Nebraska association on the tri-church-union: Rev. Victor Clark, Neligh; Rev. W. J. Turner, Norfolk; Rev. John M. Hines, Norfolk; Rev. C. H. Dames, Pierce; Rev. C. H. Crawford, Bloomfield. The committee was instructed to report today.

Interest was aroused yesterday afternoon in Rev. J. J. Parker's discussion of "Theological Interest in England," and in the book review of Gordon's "Through Man to God" by Rev. J. J. Klapp of Stanton.

## JACK KNIFE KILLS JACK RABBIT

Carl Reiche's Aim Lands Game—Then the Rabbit Revived.

One Jack-knife, and one Jack-rabbit down!

It was the skillfully aimed Jack-knife of Carl Reiche, a prominent farmer living several miles south of Norfolk and director in the school of

his district, which plunged through the April air and bowled over a swiftly copping Jack-rabbit on the meadow.

When Mr. Reiche picked up his target, it was a lifeless Jack-rabbit. When he got home with his game he was bewildered to see the silly Jack-rabbit come to life again. A knock behind the ears completed the second killing.

## THIS COMMITTEE PAYS OWN WAY

Union Depot Committee Will Work at Its Own Expense.

C. C. Gow was installed in his office as secretary of the Commercial club at the meeting of the directors Tuesday morning in the office of D. Mathewson & Co. Mr. Gow at once entered upon his new duties. Of the directors Messrs. Burnham, Mathewson, Degner, Mayer, Carney, Durland and Hoffman were present.

Looking towards a conference to be held with interested railroad officials in Omaha in the interests of the proposed union depot for Norfolk, A. J. Durland was authorized to select a committee of Commercial club directors and other citizens to confer with the railroad officials at Omaha, the committee so selected to defray its own expenses. The conference with the officials of the several roads will probably be held in Omaha within the next few days.

Secretary Gow was instructed to secure renewals of membership in the Commercial club and to make an effort to bring new members into the organization.

The directors voted that in the future their meetings would be held promptly at 8:30 a. m. on the weekly meeting date.

It was also resolved by the directors that in the future all information touching Commercial club affairs should reach the public only through the hands of the secretary.

## THE BURGLARIZED STORE

RAY CASSELL, AGED NINETEEN, HAS PLEADED GUILTY.

ROBBERY WAS AT MADISON

Dan Q. Nicholson's Merchandise Store at the County Seat Was Entered and Robbed and a Youthful Farmhand Has Confessed His Guilt.

[From Tuesday's Daily.]  
Ray Cassell, aged 19, a farmhand working near Madison, Tuesday admitted being guilty of the burglary of Dan Q. Nicholson's general merchandise store in Madison on last Saturday evening, according to advice received from Madison by County Attorney Jack Koenigstein Tuesday afternoon. The goods taken from Nicholson's store were said to be valued at \$125. Cassell, according to the information furnished the county attorney, consented to waive the preliminary examination in the county court and to enter a plea of "guilty."

The burglary occurred after 12 o'clock Saturday evening, entrance to the store building being effected from the rear through the cellar. The goods were found Tuesday morning by Cassell's employer, E. T. McGehee, wrapped in a sack in an old house on the McGehee farm. Mr. McGehee's suspicions had been previously aroused by the absence of his farmhand late Saturday evening and by suspicious acts following his return.

Cassell, who gave his home at Steele City, Neb., and who has been working around Madison for about two months, was taken to the county seat Tuesday. Admitting his guilt, he declined to offer a defense. After Cassell's plea of guilty is formally entered in the docket he will receive his sentence following the convening of the district court in Madison on May 27. Because the young prisoner offered no resistance to the charge filed against him Tuesday the presence of the county attorney was not required in Madison.

### Aid Society Entertains.

Butte, Neb., May 1.—Special to The News: The M. E. Ladies Aid society entertained members of the Congregational Ladies Aid society yesterday afternoon at the beautiful home of Attorney W. T. Wills. About fifty ladies were present and a most elegant lunch was served by the hostesses.

The state of Nebraska, Madison county, ss.

In the matter of the estate of William R. Braasch, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against William R. Braasch, late of said Madison county, deceased, that the time fixed for filing claims against said estate is twelve months from the 6th day of May, 1907. All such persons are required to present their claims with the vouchers to the county judge of said county at his office in the city of Madison, in said Madison county, on or before the 7th day of May, 1908, and that all claims so filed will be heard before said judge on the 7th day of May, 1908, at 1 o'clock p. m.

It is further ordered that notice to all persons interested in said estate be given by publishing a copy of this order in the Norfolk Weekly News-Journal, a weekly newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, for four consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day of April, A. D., 1907.

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