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FRANK BARKER IS HANGED

Webster County Double Murderer Forfeits Life on Gallows.

GOVERNOR DOES NOT INTERFERE

Barker Early Loses Hope and Writes Despondent Letter to Sister in Inmate—Impassive to the End.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—Frank Barker, the Webster county double-murderer, was hanged in the state penitentiary this afternoon. The trap was sprung at 2:37 o'clock, and nine minutes later he was dead. His execution occurred just three minutes before the time expired in which he could legally be hanged, the mandate of the court having ordered the warden to execute the man between the hours of 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock. The execution was delayed until the last minute that Barker's attorneys would have every opportunity to secure a stay of execution, either from the governor or from the courts.

Barker met death without a tremor; he walked from the hospital between two guards, 100 feet across the yard, through the warehouse to the steps of the gallows, up the steps, apparently without fear. In a whisper the executioner asked him if he had anything to say and in a low voice he replied "no." The straps were adjusted, the trap sprung and the law had been vindicated before the sixty or seventy-five people present realized that the executioner was even ready to begin.

Only one citizen of Webster county, where the crime was committed, was present at the execution, Charles Walters, a brother of Mrs. Alice Barker, one of the condemned

man's victims. Barker's last request to Warden Bremer was to refuse admittance to any one from Webster county and his wish was respected except in the case of the relative and he was admitted according to law. Fifteen citizens of the vicinity of Invale and Red Cloud were at the penitentiary seeking admission, as were four sheriffs, but they did not get into the death room, until after the execution.

"No evidence has been shown to me that convinces me I should interfere with the process of the law and save Barker from the gallows," said Governor Sheldon at the end of the long-drawn-out conferences between him and Judge Hamer and others pleading for the condemned man. "It is my judgment Barker is as much as any person under similar circumstances could be."

Judge Hamer, when he received the governor's ultimatum, raced from the penitentiary back to town as fast as he could go to seek a rehearing on the insanity plea before some district judge.

Governor Visits Barker.

Governor Sheldon, with Attorney General Thompson, went to the penitentiary this morning for the purpose of having a final interview with Barker. The governor held a long conversation with the prisoner, and even then was not satisfied what to do. Judge Hamer was at the prison and talked with the governor again, showing him an Ohio supreme court decision which held that a person is insane when he has an uncontrollable impulse. Governor Sheldon left the penitentiary undecided, and asked the warden to delay the execution until 2:30 p. m., but on his return to the state house, finally concluded not to grant further reprieve.

Barker Had Little Hope.

Barker passed a restless night. He has never been confined in the death cell, but as if he were not condemned to die. Yesterday he appeared to give up hope and last night he spent a good deal of the time writing a letter to his sister, Miss Alice Barker, at Invale. In this he told her that when a boy he far from realized that he was to grow up to be a man who would die on the gallows.

"God knows I was accountable for what I did," he wrote, probably leaving out the word "not," which, from the tenor of the whole letter, he intended to include.

After sleeping restlessly during the night, Barker got up and called for the newspaper in which he read the account of his hearing last night before the governor. He lost all hope at once and had little courage this morning frequently giving expression of discouragement at the prospect of intervention by Governor Sheldon.

Warden Bremer took Barker from his cell and brought him up stairs at the penitentiary this morning and did not place him under the conditions usual for a prisoner under death sentence. After a bath he ate his usual breakfast calling for nothing out of the ordinary. Hon. Church Howe was consul to Sheffield some years ago and was very popular with the large commercial interests there. The fact that he is one of the chief guests at a gathering of some of the most eminent men of England at a dinner of the character, where no foreign guests are being entertained, goes to show his popularity there.

Church Howe Honored Guest.

AUBURN, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—In a paper received here yesterday by Hon. H. R. Howe, the Daily Telegraph of Sheffield, England, is the notice: "As already announced, General Sir John French will be the chief guest at the Chamber of Commerce dinner to be held at Cutler's hall on the 24th instant. Other guests will include Rt. Hon. C. B. Stuart-Wortley, M. P.; Sir Howard Vincent, M. P.; Mr. Tudor Walters, M. P.; Sir William Holland, M. P.; the lord mayor (Alderman H. P. Marsh), the master cutler (Mr. H. H. Bedford), the bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Quirk), Mr. J. F. Hope and Major Church Howe, United States consul of Manchester." It will be remembered that Hon. Church Howe was consul to Sheffield some years ago and was very popular with the large commercial interests there. The fact that he is one of the chief guests at a gathering of some of the most eminent men of England at a dinner of the character, where no foreign guests are being entertained, goes to show his popularity there.

KILLED BROTHER FOR PROPERTY

Barker's Crime Cold-Blooded Murder to Secure Personal Gain.

LINCOLN, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Frank Barker was convicted of the murder of his brother, Daniel Barker, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Daniel Barker, on the night of February 1, 1904. The Barkers lived on a farm a few miles from Invale in Webster county. Upon reaching home Frank Barker shot his brother who opened the door for him and then went to the room where Mrs. Barker slept and shot her. He then carried the bodies to a cow shed on the premises and buried them in a shallow grave in this shed. Neighbors missed the Barkers and upon being questioned, Frank Barker said they had sold out and moved away. A search revealed the bodies of his victims four days after the murder and Barker was arrested. He was convicted and sentenced to be hanged by the district court of Webster county, May 14, 1904, and his execution was fixed for September 2, 1904. The case was appealed to the supreme court which affirmed the decision of the lower court and the date of execution was fixed for June 18, 1905, the court having granted a suspension of sentence pending the hearing of appeal.

June 11, 1905, Judge Hamer, who had not been in the trial in the lower court, but who appealed the case for Barker, started insanity proceedings in the district court of Lancaster county. Judge Holmes refused to summon a jury and the case again went to the supreme court, which reversed the ruling of the lower court. At this stage of the proceedings, Governor McKeskey gave Barker a reprieve for two years, fixing the date of his execution for June 18, 1907.

No further steps were taken by the attorneys for Barker until June 12, 1907, when insanity proceedings were again started before Judge Holmes. District Judge Frost took the proceedings and summoned a jury, which disagreed, the vote standing 6 against 5. A second trial

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Last Saturday was the most remarkable day of our business career—never before did the rush start so early and continue so persistently. From 7:30 A. M. until 9:30 P. M. we were simply unable to care for all who came—many went away empty handed, not dissatisfied, just disappointed, but realizing that bargains such as ours were well worth striving for most of them returned this week and were well repaid for their trouble.

NEVER BEFORE DID WE START THE SECOND WEEK WITH SUCH ASSORTMENTS as await you now—never before did we have so many broken lots and never before were we so determined to clean them up. If you are as determined to save half your clothes money as we are to sacrifice half the price—come here Saturday and we'll both be benefited.

Men's \$7.50 Suits for—	Men's \$10.00 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$12.00 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$15.00 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$18.00 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$20.00 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$22.50 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$25.00 Suits and Overcoats for—	Men's \$30.00 Suits and Overcoats for—
3.75	5.00	6.00	7.50	9.00	10.00	11.25	12.50	15.00

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\$3.00 Suits for \$1.50

\$3.50 Suits and Overcoats for \$1.75

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\$4.50 Suit and Overcoats for \$2.25

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Beatrice Pioneer Apathetic.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Harrison S. Cook, one of the earliest settlers of Beatrice, was overcome by fumes of gas in his bathroom here tonight and died soon after being found by members of his family. Mr. Cook, who was 77 years old, was a member of the Nebraska association which founded Beatrice fifty years ago, and had resided here continuously. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

New Postmaster Surprised Them.

OXFORD, Neb., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The appointment of E. P. Reichardt as postmaster of this place, announced today, was something of a surprise, for while he was the only applicant for the office, it was known that the present incumbent's term does not expire for some weeks. Postmaster Reichardt, however, had tendered his resignation to the department some time ago, a fact apparently not generally known.

Nebraska News Notes.

PLATTSMOUTH—Judge H. D. Travis and son have been paying 40 cents for corn, and yesterday the other elevator sprung the price to 51 cents.

COLUMBIA—Marion LeRoy Stiles and Miss Gertrude Bertha Chapin were married at the Grace Episcopal church on January 15 by Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Westcott.

HUMBOLDT—V. Holan of Narka, Kan., and Miss Rosa Horalek of this city were united in marriage at the home of the groom's son-in-law, Joseph Holecik, in Humboldt township.

OSCEOLA—The funeral of S. H. Byers was held from the family residence Friday morning. Mr. Byers, with his family, had lived within three miles of Osceola for the last twenty-five years.

BEATRICE—Mrs. John Olinghouse was called to Miles, Ia., yesterday by the death of her father, Henry Menneke, who was 90 years of age. He had been a resident of that place for sixty years.

PERU—Dr. H. B. Ward, dean of the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska, will lecture in the Normal chapel January 23. His subject will be "Animals and Their Relation to Disease."

PAPILLION—The chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, A. Blanzel, is quarantined at his home, his son being down with smallpox, which is very prevalent in the west end of the county.

TECUMSEH—Oswen Anderson, who lives in the Crab Orchard neighborhood, lost all the fingers of his left hand except the little one. He was feeding a cornsheller and got his hand into the cog wheel.

BEATRICE—Miss Stella Day, until recently a resident of Beatrice, was married last evening at Manhattan, Kan., to Emil Redmon. Mr. and Mrs. Redmon will make their home on a farm near Alma, Kan.

BEATRICE—Dr. W. M. Thomas of Pickering yesterday received announcement of the death of his father, Dr. J. W. Thomas, which occurred at Weeping Water, Neb. Deceased had lived there since 1867, and was 82 years of age.

AUBURN—Ex-District Judge W. H. Kellgar of this city has again resumed his legal practice. This week his partnership formerly existing between Kellgar and Fer-

neau was again resumed, with Ed Ferneau as the junior partner.

TECUMSEH—E. M. Planagan of Tecumseh has entered the employ of the Canton Bridge company and will represent that concern in this territory. His headquarters will be in Omaha and he will move his family to that city next month.

BEATRICE—A. H. Bode, an agent of the United States bureau of immigration and naturalization, is in the city examining the records of District Clerk Quin and collecting data concerning the citizens who are American by adoption.

BEATRICE—Vesper chapter No. 3, Order Eastern Star, held a largely attended meeting last night, which was addressed by Mrs. Ellen Dolan, worthy grand matron of Nebraska. Several candidates were initiated, after which a banquet was held.

PERU—Mr. Jay Gorgan, an officer of the Young Men's Christian association of this place, was elected a member of the executive committee of the Student Volunteer Movement association at the annual state convention, held in Lincoln January 9 and 11.

AUBURN—The stockholders of the First National bank of this city held their regular annual meeting Thursday of this week.

All the old directors were elected and the old executive officers and working force of the bank retained. Reports show that the bank is in the most flourishing condition of its history.

STROMBERG—The Mission church has decided to give the "piano" a farewell reception by selling the old paragon next Saturday at public auction, having it moved off the ground it now occupies and erecting a new modern residence for their pastor this spring.

AUBURN—The Missouri Pacific road at this place is cutting down its force. The freight business is light and the yard forces of mechanics, roussou men, etc., is being reduced. The working hours have been cut from ten to eight hours, with a corresponding decrease in wages.

PLATTSMOUTH—In Justice Archer's court a man giving his name as Clark and claiming Pittsburg, Pa., as his home, was bound over to the district court on the charge of having robbed the house of A. Rander, a farmer residing near Leutville, while the family were away from home.

HASTINGS—The Adams county Board of Supervisors has made an estimate of

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