

THE CENTREVILLE TRAGEDY.

An Entire Family, consisting of Five Persons, Murdered in St. Clair County, Ill.—Revealed for the Astonishment of the World.

The most ghastly murder, perhaps, ever perpetrated within the State of Illinois was committed a few miles south of the town of Centerville, in St. Clair County, Ill., on the night of March 19, in which five human souls passed from this world to the hereafter in the prime of their manhood.

Thirty-five years ago there came to Centerville a German, Friedrich Stelzner, who settled down as a farmer. With honest toil and studious economy he and the good farm added other acres to their domain.

Although the murder was committed on the night of the 19th, nothing was known of it until the afternoon of the next day, when Benj. Schneider, a neighbor living about half a mile from the farm, came to the house to get some seed potatoes which the land had promised him the day before.

The Stelzner house is a plain one-story frame containing three rooms—a sitting room, also occupied as a sleeping room; a bedroom, and a kitchen with an open porch in the rear.

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comparatively safe no matter what stood ahead.

Night came on, and at ten p. m. I left the house to go to my humble bed. I had one bed in the room, and the bed was made by Deekin Pogran. As I approached the bed I fell into a tray of water. I had only had five drinks, and I felt a longing for more.

I determined to do it. I went to my room and got a bottle and went to the alley with the barn stool. Cautiously I climbed the fence I crept into the barn and crawled up to the barrel which held the water. I was enveloped in Cimmerian darkness, and I was not aware of the fact until I heard a rustling sound.

It was a very well, "Parson," said he, his eyes were full of tears. "You drapt your knife skillfully. Did you spose I wuz sich a fool as to leave all this likker all over the place?"

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