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HELD FOR MURDER.

Frank Barker Bound Over to the April Term of the District Court.

Frank Barker, charged with murdering his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel Barker and wife, was brought down from Hastings, Saturday afternoon, where he had been taken as a precaution against mob violence.

Very few people were at the depot to meet the train when it came in, though the city was crowded with people from all parts of the county. Deputy Sheriff Foe had been informed at Blue Hill that a mob of fifteen hundred people was at the depot, threatening to lynch the prisoner when he arrived. Arrangements were made with the train officials to pull through the station should the report prove true. Instead of the mob of fifteen hundred, there were hardly more than a dozen people

seen the Barkers last on Sunday preceding the discovery of the crime. He also told of having given a check to Frank Barker in exchange for \$100 cash the day after the murder is supposed to have been committed.

Van Negley, who, with his wife, spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Dan Barker, and were probably the last persons to have seen the murdered couple alive, testified that Dan Barker had made arrangements with him to butcher a hog some day the following week, and that he had made no mention of any intention to leave the country. On the contrary, when the two men were looking over the stock on the place, Dan had pointed out to Negley the stock which he intended to keep as breeders and milk cows. The Negleys left the Barker home about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Arthur Wolcott, proprietor of the Inval meat market, testified as to Frank Barker's working for him put-



DANIEL BARKER.

ALICE BARKER.

(By courtesy of the Red Cloud Nation.)

to meet the train, and there was no demonstration whatever.

Barker was taken immediately to the court house, which was packed to suffocation, and it was with difficulty that the officers made their way through the crowd with the prisoner.

The accused was arraigned before County Judge Keeney, the indictment was read and he pleaded not guilty. After a few preliminaries the state began the introduction of testimony.

Attorney Chaffin, for the defense, asked that the witnesses for the state

bring up on Monday following the disappearance of Dan Barker and wife.

Sheriff McArthur was called and testified as to the finding of the bodies.

Guy Barker, the 16-year-old brother of the accused, who had been released from custody on bail, was next put on the stand and stated that his brother Frank arrived at his father's home Monday morning between half past 1 and 2 o'clock, and changed his clothes, but did not go to bed, saying he was going to Dan Barker's to spend the remainder of the night, in order to be there early in the morning to do the chores. Guy Barker himself had been at the home of Dan Barker frequently between the time of the disappearance of the murdered couple and the arrest of Frank Barker for the murder, but had accepted Frank's story of their having left for Denver.

The testimony of Guy Barker closed the case for the state and the hearing was adjourned until 8 o'clock in the evening.

At the evening session of the court Attorney Chaffin offered a demurrer to the evidence and moved the discharge of the prisoner on the ground that no case had been made against him. After arguing the matter for more than an hour the demurrer was withdrawn, and after a short argument on the motion to dismiss the court overruled the motion and the defense was asked to introduce its witnesses.

Wm. Renkel, at whose home Frank Barker spent the evening after church Sunday, was called and testified that Frank Barker had been at his home as late as 12 o'clock Sunday night.

This closed the giving of testimony, and after arguments which lasted till nearly midnight the case was finally submitted.

Judge Keeney, who had heard the inquiry with the utmost fairness and patience, decided that under the evidence he had nothing to do but hold the accused to appear at the April term of the district court, without bail.



FRANK BARKER.

Accused of murdering his brother and sister-in-law. (Courtesy of the Nation.)

be separated, and after a lengthy argument the request was granted.

Eli Bennett was the first witness called for the state. He testified to the manner of finding the bodies, describing the place and also the position of the murdered couple when unearthed.

Andrew Arnold, who owns the place on which the Barkers lived, testified as to the time when they were last seen alive. Asked whether Dan Barker had



WHERE THE BODIES OF THE MURDERED COUPLE WERE FOUND (By courtesy of the Red Cloud Nation.)

expressed any intention of leaving the country and going to Denver to live, Mr. Arnold stated that Barker had expressed no such intention; on the contrary, all his conversation had been expressive of his intention to remain on the place, and referred to plans for the future.

Charles Hunter testified to having

There is no sympathy whatever for the accused man, the general opinion being that the authorities have the guilty party in custody.

The crime for which Frank Barker is held was undoubtedly the most cold-blooded and deliberately planned murder ever committed in Webster county. The crime was not the work of an in-

sane person, neither can the excuse of anger or hatred be advanced, as the brothers had never quarreled, so far as known. Frank Barker, the accused man, showed no emotion whatever when told of the finding of the bodies.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS

The funeral services of Daniel Barker and his wife, Alice Barker, were held at the Methodist church in Red Cloud Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. L. Hutchins, Rev. Wm. Hauptmann and Rev. J. M. Bates.

The church was crowded with sympathy giving relatives, friends and neighbors of the grief-stricken parents of the murdered man and woman.

The grief of Mrs. Barker, mother of Dan and Frank Barker, was particularly affecting, and many were moved to tears.

Following the sermon, those present were allowed to view the remains, which were afterward laid to rest in the Red Cloud cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Finkenbinder.

Mrs. Alice Finkenbinder, wife of Michael Finkenbinder, living two miles west of Red Cloud, died Tuesday at Boulder, Col., from the effects of an operation performed a few days before. Mrs. Finkenbinder had been an invalid for about ten years.

Alice Smith was born in Pennsylvania August 23, 1858, and was about 50 years and 6 months of age when she died. In early life she removed to Illinois, where she was married about thirty years ago to Michael Finkenbinder. They came to Nebraska from Illinois nineteen years ago.

Mrs. Finkenbinder was a member of the Dunkard church, with which she became united about seven years ago.

The remains of Mrs. Finkenbinder were brought to this city Thursday and the funeral services were held at the Brethren church at 2 p. m. yesterday, conducted by Rev. Conrad Fitz, pastor of the church. Interment was in made in the Red Cloud cemetery.

Horse Sale.

The undersigned will sell at public sale on the Moon ranch, 2 1/2 miles west of Red Cloud, Neb., on February 26, 80 head of good horses, consisting of 25 span of mares and geldings, well broken and ready for use. These horses are well bred and good weights, ranging from 1000 to 1300 lbs; also, 26 head of young stuff coming yearlings and two years old. Bear in mind this stuff is exactly as advertised and will be sold to the highest bidder. A credit of nine months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security. Sale will begin at 10 a. m. sharp.

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For every dollar paid on subscription, by either new or old subscribers, the person paying the same will be entitled to four guesses on the total number of admissions to the World's fair at St. Louis on opening day, April 30, 1904. The person making the nearest correct guess will be presented with a handsome \$100 buggy, absolutely free. The buggy will be on exhibition Peterson's implement house.

To enable subscribers to form an estimate on the probable attendance, we give the following figures on previous similar events:

Number of admissions on opening day at Philadelphia Centennial, 1876..... 186,672
At opening of the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893..... 137,557
At dedication day of St. Louis World's Fair, April 30, 1903... 103,337

I. O. O. F. Drill Contest.

Arrangements are being made to make February 26th this month a date of record of Odd Fellowship in this city. A fine \$25 gavel is offered by this lodge for the best drill work by the competing teams from various lodges in the district. Guide Rock and Superior have already entered and many more are expected. The object is to perfect the initiatory ceremonies and by fraternal rivalry develop the best there is in the work. Many prominent Odd Fellows will be here from all parts of the state.

The institution here is in a flourishing condition numbering more than a hundred members and besides their ministrations of love, relieving the sick and the distressed, they have their own hall and besides a comfortable sum of money on hand and have recently refitted their hall so that their quarters are the very best.

A banquet will be held in connection with the drill which will be held in the Woodman hall and the general public is invited. The W. R. C. will furnish the good things to eat and will charge thirty cents a plate for the same. The proceeds are to go to the old soldiers' monument fund. Here is an opportunity of having plenty to eat and to listen to toasts and a short musical program and at the same time help a worthy cause by contributing to this proposed monument. By the way, have you bought a button? By so doing you will help the soldiers' monument fund. Would you miss it?

Real Estate Transfers.

Transfers for week ending Wednesday, February 10, furnished by J. H. Bailey of Webster County Abstract company.
Chas M Smith and wife to Joseph Fray Mills ne4 28-8-11 wd..... 3000
C E Perkins Trustee to Chas M Smith ne4 23-8-11 wd..... 2400
Michal Cleary to Kathleen Cleary nw4 20-2-10 wd..... 3200
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