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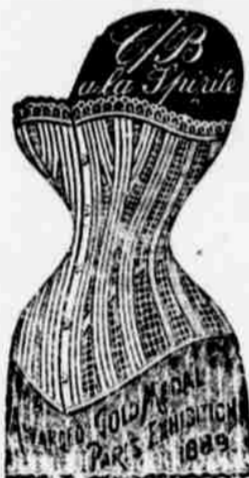
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The spot enclosed in the white line and marked with a cross shows where the bodies of Daniel and Alice Barker were found buried in the cow shed.

Walnut Creek.
Tom Blankenbaker has a large field of corn listed in.
Fruit trees of all varieties are full of buds and blossoms and promise a bountiful crop as it is surely too late for frost.
Pastures are unusually backward this

spring. The good rain of Tuesday and Wednesday will make the grass flush in a short time.
Mr. Sutton finished listing Saturday.
Mrs. Mary Heaton who has been seriously ill is slowly getting better.
Use Superior furniture and piano luster. F. P. Hadley.

BARKER GUILTY!
Penalty Fixed at Death by Hanging.

At 9:30 o'clock tonight the jury in the Barker murder case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and fixed the penalty at death by hanging. Barker did not seem to realize that he was a doomed man, and maintained an air of indifference when the verdict was announced.

The Jury.
The following are the jurors who were selected to try the case:
CHARLES COWLEY Batin
FRANK VAVRICKA Batin
LOUIS VAVRICKA Batin
A. R. SALADEN Pleasant Hill
A. HEATON Elm Creek
JOSHUA FULLER Cowles
J. R. GREENHALGH Cowles
JAMES McBRIDE Cowles
OSCAR R. BOYCE Elm Creek
A. FRINGER Guide Rock
JOHN BAKER Bladen
WILL KENT Garfield

The hearing of testimony in the trial of Frank Barker, charged with having murdered his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel and Alice Barker, early on the morning of Monday, February 1, came to a close at ten minutes to 3 yesterday afternoon.

The prosecution has been ably and vigorously conducted by County Attorney Elmer U. Overman, assisted by his former law partner, L. H. Blackledge.

The defense, represented by J. R. Mercer of this city and John Stevens of Cambridge, has strongly contested every point made by the prosecution, and created considerable favorable comment by putting their client on the stand to testify in his own behalf.

At 3:20 yesterday afternoon L. H. Blackledge began the opening plea for the prosecution. His argument lasted for an hour and three-quarters. He summarized the evidence, pointing out the defects and flaws in the testimony offered by the defense, showing that the state had refuted by competent witnesses all of the material contentions of defense. In conclusion he made a strong plea for the conviction of the accused and the infliction of the death penalty.

John Stevens, assistant counsel for the defense, made the opening plea for the defense. He began his talk with an arraignment of some of the state's principal witnesses. He also sharply criticized the prosecution for an alleged attempt to induce one of the defense's witnesses not to appear in court. He closed his argument with an eloquent and impassioned appeal to the jury for leniency, should they find the defendant guilty.

Court then adjourned until 8:30 this morning.

When court convened this morning J. R. Mercer began the closing argument for the defense, which lasted for over three hours. Mr. Mercer made a calm, concise statement of his client's case, and those present in the court room were apparently favorably impressed with his manner of handling his subject.

At half past 1 this afternoon County Attorney E. U. Overman began the closing plea for the prosecution. Step by step he followed up the evidence as introduced, pointing out the inconsistencies and weak points in the evidence. After carefully and clearly reviewing the testimony for the prosecution, Mr. Overman made a vigorous plea for the conviction of the accused, and asked that the penalty be fixed at death.

The Testimony.
W. J. Vance of Inavale was the first witness. He last saw Dan Braker alive on the Sunday preceding the discovery of the murder; talked with Dan about putting up ice the next week. No cross-examination.
Chas Hunter was the second witness for the state. His testimony was practically the same as he gave at the preliminary hearing, and related to

business transactions with Frank and Dan Barker. No cross-examination.
Cloyd Cummings testified to the finding of the bodies of the murdered couple detailing the position of the bodies in their temporary grave.
Eli Bennett also testified to the finding of the bodies of Daniel and Alice Barker, and described the positions and conditions of the bodies when found. He was not cross-examined.
Arthur E. Wolcott, proprietor of the Inavale meat market, for whom Frank Barker was putting up ice about the time of his arrest for the murder, told when he last saw Dan Barker alive; saw him at Charles Hunter's place, and afterward, at about 11:30 on Sunday, January 31, in the forenoon, saw him drive away from Inavale in company with Andrew Arnold. No cross-examination.

Dr. R. F. Raines, coroner of Webster county, was next called, and stated his occupation as that of a practicing physician. Was summoned

Nothing new was developed in the re-direct examination.
Dr. Danerell was the next witness. Has practiced medicine 27 years. Testified to finding two bodies. Not positive how Dan Barker was dressed when found. Told of examination of body and described the course of the bullet, which severed a vein and caused death; could not determine length of time life lasted after wound was inflicted, but death must have resulted in a few minutes; was positive there was but one wound; thought victims were lying down when shot. Hole where bullet made its exit was perceptibly larger than the one where it entered. The difference in the size of the holes would indicate which was the exit.
Eli Bennett was recalled and testified to assisting in removing the bodies from the grave using a shovel and his hands in uncovering the corpses.
County Attorney Overman exhibited to the jury the bullet taken from the body of Mrs. Barker.



E. U. OVERMAN, County Attorney of Webster County.

Miss Renkel on the Stand.
Miss Lizzie Renkel, 17 years of age, with whom Frank Barker had been keeping company, and who was one of the strongest witnesses for the prosecution, was the next witness. She had been acquainted with Frank Barker for about two years and had known Dan Barker for six years, but had never been at the home of Dan and Alice Barker. Had kept company with Frank Barker for a year and a half and was engaged to be married to him. On Friday night, January 29, Frank Barker took her to a dance; he told her that Dan and Alice were going to Denver to live, and spoke to her

about half past 7, at her father's home. Frank said that he had bought Dan's stuff, and that he had driven Dan and Alice to Red Cloud Monday evening, where they would take the 6 o'clock train Tuesday morning for Denver. He told her that he saw them pass on the train Tuesday morning and that they had waved to him. He said he had bought everything except the carpet, which Alice took with her. Frank wanted Lizzie to marry him at once, but she refused to do so, without her parents' consent. They had made arrangements on Sunday evening to ask her parents' consent.

On cross-examination Lizzie Renkel explained that she had fixed the date of Frank's first speaking to her of Dan and Alice's intentions to go to Denver as January 29, by knowing that the following Monday was the 1st day of February. Frank was anxious to marry at once but she refused to fix a date earlier than March 2. Frank had previously told her that Dan and Alice did not want anyone to know they were going to Denver. She and Frank had spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Roy Matkins, whose wife is Barker's sister. They went to church in the evening, and from church again went to the home of Matkins, leaving there between 10 and 11 p. m.; were at the Renkel home alone for an hour before the return of Charles Renkel, at which time Frank showed the revolver. heard the clock strike 12, and also looked at the clock. Frank stayed for an hour or an hour and a half. Witness said the revolver appeared to be a new one, but failed to identify the revolver which was shown to her by the prosecuting attorney. She thought nothing strange of Frank's having a



FRANK BARKER.



J. R. MERCER, Counsel for the Defense.

to the Barker home February 5 in official capacity. Told of the finding of the bodies and their removal from temporary grave to the Barker house, where the inquest was held. Examination showed that the death of Dan Barker had resulted from a wound from 38 caliber bullet, which entered the right side between the first and second ribs, ranging downward and emerging between the sixth and seventh ribs. There was no other wound. Death was caused by hemorrhage and shock of bullet. The body of Alice Barker was also examined the Sunday evening following the inquest. It was dressed in union suit and nightgown. The doctor said the bodies had been buried not more than three or four days. The death of Alice Barker was caused by a bullet which entered the face below the right eye, ranging downward and backward, lodging at the base of the brain, causing a wound five inches deep. The bullet was placed in evidence, and was identified as the one found in Alice Barker's head at the autopsy. Death was instantaneous, the shock of the bullet paralyzing all functions of life.
On cross-examination by Mercer, the coroner positively identified the bullet offered in evidence. The doctor stated that a bullet would destroy the tissues, while a sharp instrument severs them. This was the doctor's first experience in examination of bodies killed by gunshot wounds.

of buying Dan's interests, saying that they could then marry and make their home at the place where Dan and Alice were then living. Frank said that he would buy all their property except their clothing and keepsakes, and stated that if they made up their minds to go to Denver they would leave Monday or Tuesday, and said he would have to take them to the train. It was not generally known they were going; they wanted it kept quiet. Witness next saw Frank Barker on Sunday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon Frank said he had not yet purchased Dan's interests, and said he would have to give him \$1000 for the same. He lacked \$250 of having the required amount of money, but would be able to borrow that. Frank Barker remained at the Renkel home until a late hour Sunday night. At midnight Miss Renkel's brother Charles came home, looked at the clock and remarked the time. Frank drew a revolver and asked Charles if it was not a "daisy," to which he replied "yes." Lizzie said the gun was of no account, not being loaded. Frank replied that he had some loads for it out in his buggy. Frank left the Renkel home at about 1:30 a. m., saying he was going to Dan's to spend the rest of the night, as he had to put up ice in the morning. He said that if he bought out Dan's interests he would let her know by Tuesday or Wednesday night. She next saw Frank Tuesday evening at

revolver, as she had seen him with one in his possession at previous times. Witness said Frank had spoken of renting another place, before trying to buy out Dan. Tuesday evening Frank told witness that he was at Dan's Monday morning, having gone to bed at 4 a. m. and arising at 5 a. m. He also said that he was at Dan's home alone on Monday night.
Andrew Arnold, on whose farm Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barker lived, was the next witness called and stated that he met Dan in Inavale about noon Sunday and walked toward home as far as Mr. L. Olmstead's where they parted; also stated that Dan had said nothing about leaving and first noticed disappearance of Dan on Monday afternoon. He also saw on the following Friday the bodies disinterred and removed to the house. Witness was then shown a plat showing house and buildings surrounding it. He stated he thought house was about 150 feet from public highway, and large barn about same distance from house.

A. C. Baggwell, who now lives on the farm where the murder was committed, was next called and testified as to correctness of the plat.
Chas. Hunter was then recalled and stated that he had known Dan Barker for about 15 years; also said he was at Dan's January 29th, and told also of