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FRANK BARKER WILL HANG

Supreme Court Affirms Decision of the Lower Court.
Friday, June 16, the Day Set for Execution.

Frank Barker, who murdered his brother and brother's wife in Webster county, will be hanged at the penitentiary on June 16. This was the decision of the supreme court Wednesday in an opinion handed down after a careful consideration of the case. The court finds that the murder was most brutal in character and was premeditated, hence finds no mercy for the convicted man. The sentence will be carried out by Warden Beemer as in two other cases recently. On account of the nature of the crime, it is unlikely that any interference in Barker's behalf will be made and less likely that if any is made, it will be successful.

The opinion is written by Judge



FRANK BARKER

Barnes and is concurred in by the entire court. Barker, who is but twenty-three years of age, murdered his brother Daniel Barker and sister-in-law, Alice Barker, near Red Cloud, February 1, of 1904, that he might become possessed of the house, property and farm and marry Miss Lizzie Renkel, a young woman of Inavale, who had promised to become his wife as soon as he had procured a home to take her to. Previous to the murder Barker had been one of the most popular young men of the community, although he was a nephew of Madson,

lives the execution of the death penalty, we have carefully read the whole record and examined every question presented in order to make sure that the trial court had properly and carefully guarded the rights of the accused; and after due consideration our conclusion is, that the record shows the commission of one of the most brutal and deliberate murders recorded in the history of the state; that the facts and circumstances disclosed therein are not only consistent with the guilt of the accused, but in consistent with any other rational conclusion, and in the trial of the case there is no reversible error.

For the foregoing reasons the judgment of the district court is in all things affirmed, and it is ordered that Friday, the sixteenth day of June, 1905, be, and the same is hereby affixed and appointed as the day for carrying into execution the judgment and sentence of the district court.

A Malicious Newspaper.

A pair of the Red Cloud boys against whom judgment was found for jumping a board bill in justice court in this city last week, went from here to Bloomington to catch the "fyer" for home and there made themselves so obnoxious to the local beaux that they were treated to a volley of not overly fresh eggs. It should be a lesson to the young ladies of other towns as well as Bloomington to be more particular of the company they keep.—Franklin Sentinel.

The above is a sample of the stuff the Franklin Sentinel has been printing about some members of the Red Cloud football team for several weeks past. The Red Cloud boys went to Franklin under a guarantee that their expenses would be paid. After their arrival there they were informed that they would have to pay their own expenses. This they refused to do, and the proprietor of the hotel brought suit against three members of the team for the amount of the board bill. The case, after numerous delays, finally came to trial before a justice of the peace at Franklin and judgment was rendered in favor of the landlord. One of the attorneys for the prosecution admitted that the boys had not been given a fair deal at Franklin. The suit was appealed to the district court and is still pending.

As to the reputed "egging" received by two of the boys in Bloomington, there is more than one side to the story. It is said the cowards who did the egg-throwing struck one young lady in the back of the head and then ran. It is not to be wondered that the young ladies of Bloomington and Franklin prefer the company of young men from Red Cloud and other towns when they have such cowardly curs at home to deal with. Just what is the cause of the sore spot in the heart of the editor of the Franklin Sentinel we have not been able to learn, but it is possible that at some time in the dim past some lady has preferred the company of a Red Cloud boy to that of the bilious editor—which is not to be wondered at.

MARRIAGES

Elgie G. Current of Orleans, Neb., and Miss Minnie Steinke of Blue Hill were married last Friday by County Judge Keeney.

John S. Kindscher of Guide Rock and Miss Mary McPherson of Bostwick, Neb., were united in marriage by Judge Keeney Wednesday afternoon, April 5.

Teachers' Examination.

Teachers' examination will be held in the office of county superintendent Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15. ELIZABETH MARKER, County Superintendent.

Assessors' Instructions.

County Assessor Richard Turner has promulgated the following comprehensive instructions for the benefit of his deputies and the taxpayers of the county:

To the Local Assessors of Webster County, Nebraska:

Gentlemen—I have formulated some rules for your guidance, and respectfully request each local assessor to be careful to follow the instructions as hereinafter set forth.

First—Spell each name correctly.

Second—Write the names plainly, so as to cause no bother in reading them.

Third—Make your figures plainly.

Fourth—Be as neat with your papers as possible.

Fourth—See that your schedules are added correctly, and that you have made no mistakes in your valuations.

Sixth—Local assessors must note all men subject to military duty, between the ages of 18 and 45.

Seventh—Every male inhabitant in each road district over the age of 21 years and under the age of 50 years must be listed to pay a labor tax, unless they are specially exempted by law.

Eighth—Be sure and write in a column opposite the name of each person assessed his postoffice address.

Ninth—When listing fire insurance companies write the name plainly, and where the company is located, and the name of the agent.

Tenth—Be sure that all property listed is placed in the proper school and road district.

In taking the statistical report of the product of farms, you should see that each parcel of cultivated land is not listed more than once, each deputy listing the statistics in his own precincts and no other.

In assessing hay and grain of all kinds, take the home market price as a basis for your valuation and consider the quality of each and the distance from market.

Under the old law stock of all kinds was assessed as common stock, the assessor recognizing no distinction between fine stock and common stock. Under the new law all property, of whatever kind, must be valued at its actual value. All stock being fattened for market should be valued by the average weight, taking the home market prices as a basis for your valuation, taking under consideration the grade and quality of stock being fattened.

Under the new law, judgments that have not perished are to be taxed just as if they were tangible property. They must be reported, with other credits, at face value, to be assessed at 20 per cent, the same as in the case of saleable property.

The following is an illustration of the method of assessing elevator men: The elevator man lists his elevator at \$3500; he lists \$1000 of grain on hand and \$500 of cash in the bank to check against in the purchase of grain, making a total of \$5000 on which he desires to pay taxes. This amount of property is listed by the assessor, and then the books of the concern are inspected. They show an average capital in use during the year for the purchase of grain to be \$5000; from this \$5000 is deducted the \$1000 of grain on hand and the \$500 of cash on hand, leaving \$3500 concealed or unaccounted for. This missing amount is listed by the assessor as grain in transit or capital tied up in contracts, and is added to the original \$5000, making a total of \$8500 to be assessed.

Telephone—Local assessors must assess to each person his share or interest in any telephone company (except the Nebraska Telephone Company), which is assessed as a company, and each person must be assessed for his interest in said company's wires, poles and phones, except phones that are leased. Such persons are required to list said phones and name of company owning them, and sign the schedule as lessee. Barbed wire used as phone wire must not be assessed as phone wire if assessed as barbed wire on the farm.

Merchandise—Merchant No. 1 lists his merchandise for \$1500; merchant

No. 2 lists his merchandise at \$1000. The assessor, on viewing the two merchandises, arrives at the conclusion that there is no difference in the value of the two stocks. The assessor should scrutinize closely in order to do justice to each and every taxpayer. You have a remedy under section 57.

Household Furniture—The assessor should investigate as to quality, quantity and kind of material. For instance, take two houses; they contain furniture of the same pattern and to all appearances of the same quality and value. On investigation or information you find the beds in one house are feather beds, of the best quality of feathers, and in the other house they are straw beds. If the household goods of these two taxpayers were valued the same there would be an injustice done and the object of the law would be defeated.

Merchandise and household furniture are not the only property where differences in regard to valuation will arise. The above two descriptions apply to every bit of all kinds of property to be assessed. The law is impartial in who it hits. The assessors must be impartial in their assessment of every taxpayer. Scrutinize closely for all tangible and intangible property. Endeavor to see all tangible property and to get a true description and valuation of all intangible property. Use your best judgment in arriving at the true value of all kinds of property. This is the requirement of the law, and by obeying it the assessors will do honor to themselves and justice to each and every taxpayer.

The net credit ruling applies to five items in the personal property schedule: Nos. 3, 4, 13, 15 and 85. Obligations owing of a similar nature may be deducted from these and from nothing else.

Indebtedness must not be deducted from money on hand, either in bank or otherwise.

For the listing of real property and improvements, etc., that shall have become subject to taxation since the last previous listing of the property in the county, see section 109 of the new revenue law.

In answering the list of questions in the schedule the party being assessed must answer "yes" or "no" to each item. Whenever he has no property as named under such item, the word "none" must be written opposite such item.

Every person required to list property should verify by his oath a statement of all property which he is required to list. See section 49 J.

RICHARD TURNER,
County Assessor.

Garfield Post Resolutions.

At the meeting of Garfield post last Saturday evening the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Major Williams Warner has been recently elected to the Senate of the United States, and,

Whereas, As members of this post we recall with affection and gratitude his faithful and valuable services as commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and his noble and patriotic conduct as a volunteer; and,

Whereas, We have been privileged to meet him when engaged in thoughtful, earnest and eloquent discussions of the questions pertaining to the highest welfare of the country and have learned to love and esteem him as a man and citizen; therefore be it

Resolved, first, That this post record its pleasure in Major Warner's advancement and congratulate our distinguished comrade on the enlarged opportunity for useful service before him.

Second—That copies of this resolution be given to the press and forwarded to Major Warner.

Passed in James A. Garfield Post No. 80, G. A. R., April 1, 1905, Red Cloud, Neb.

JOS. GARBER, Commander.
F. N. RICHARDSON, Adj.

Land Sales.

If you want to either buy or sell land, write or see C. F. Cather. No charge if no sale.

SLUGGED AND ROBBED.

C. T. Smith of North Branch the Victim of Thugs.

C. T. Smith, a farmer from near North Branch, Kan., claims to have been slugged and robbed of \$40 by two strangers with whom he had been making the rounds Wednesday night. Smith's story is that the alleged hold-up occurred at the entrance to the stairway leading to the rooms over J. O. Lindley's restaurant. The accused men, who gave their names as Dailey and Ambrose, had been drinking and playing cards with Smith during the evening, and Ambrose had engaged to go to work for Smith on the farm. After the saloons closed the strangers invited Smith to spend the night with them at Lindley's lodging house, and when they got him in the stairway they held him up and relieved him of his money. The officers were notified, but no trace of the alleged footpads was discovered until Thursday morning, when Sheriff McArthur found Dailey in Paul Storey's clothing store making some purchases. While the sheriff was reading the warrant to him Dailey made his escape through the back door, but was captured in the west part of town after an exciting chase. Ambrose was later arrested at the cemetery, where had gone in company with a woman who is a stranger in Red Cloud.

County Attorney Walters appears to doubt Smith's story as to manner in which he became separated from his money, as it is known that he had been gambling with the men, and has declined to prosecute unless Smith puts up a bond for costs. Smith left for the country this morning to secure a bondsman.

Farm Loans

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C. F. CATHER, Red Cloud, Neb.

The Chief and the weekly State Journal, \$1 a year.

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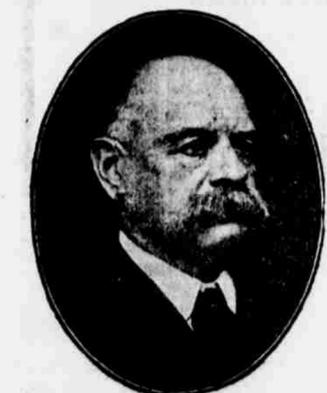
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First: that Royal Baking Powder is healthful and makes wholesome food.

Second: that Royal Baking Powder makes food good to taste.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE



JUSTICE BARNES,

Who Wrote the Opinion Handed Down by the Supreme Court.

the Kansas murderer who killed three women in a fit of anger in the fall of 1903. Barker's victims were both shot and their bodies buried beneath the eaves of a cow shed, where they later were discovered by a searching party.

The court in its decision finds that there is ample evidence that Barker premeditated the crime several days before its commission and overrules every one of the many contentions of Barker's counsel. In its concluding paragraph the court refers to the crime as follows:

For the reason that this case in-