

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE.

No Trace of Alexander, Who Killed Hall at Madison.

IT WAS A COLD BLOODED CRIME.

Fiend Deliberately Shoots Down His Victim, Secures the Money in Sight and Escapes—The Sheriff Looks into the Muzzle of His Gun.

Although the sheriff and a posse of men have been searching the country since early Saturday morning, no trace has yet been found of Wm. J. Alexander, the man who foully murdered Charles Hall at Madison on the evening of July 4. The supposition is that Alexander keeps in hiding in a corn field during the day and travels at night, and that in this way he is making his escape from the country as rapidly as possible. Much of the corn is now so tall that it would be easy for him to conceal himself, and the sheriff and his men might pass within a short distance and not discover him.

County Attorney Mapes was in Madison all day Saturday investigating the case. The inquest and post mortem was held Saturday morning, Coroner McMahon of Newman Grove having driven over in response to a telegram notifying him of the crime. It was found that the bullet, a .38-calibre, had penetrated Hall's right side immediately above the right lobe of the liver, passing through the lobe and lodging in the spinal column.

Charles Hall, the murdered man, was a barber, about 30 years old, and his home was in Omaha. At noon on the 3d of July he left his chair with the understanding that he would be back on the morning of the 5th. He wanted to make a little extra money and he thought the celebration at Madison presented a favorable opportunity for doing so. In company with Charles Belgrade, he started early in the morning on a cigar game, Alexander, the murderer, being employed as a capper. Toward evening they moved into Smith's saloon and opened up a tub game.

About 9 o'clock Alexander came in and passed through to the back room, where Belgrade had hung his coat, in the pocket of which he had left a .38-calibre revolver, and as this was subsequently found missing it is supposed that Alexander took the weapon. Returning to the bar room, he approached Hall, who was standing near the front window, and muttered something in a low tone, unintelligible to the others in the room. Hall was heard to reply, "You will have to see the boys about that." Alexander said something further in a low voice, when Hall was heard to exclaim, "You wouldn't shoot?" An instant later Alexander had whipped out the gun, and sent a ball crashing through Hall's body.

Hall staggered over to the bar, his hand over the wound, and calling for some one to hurry for a doctor, he sank insensible to the floor. He was carried to the rear room of the building, where he died an hour and 10 minutes after being shot. After firing, Alexander walked over to the gambling table where two men were sitting and on which was a stack of money. One of the men attempted to secure this but as he glanced up he looked into the barrel of the weapon that had just done such terrible execution, and he quickly decided that he did not want to save the coin. There was quite a crowd of men in the saloon at the time, and they attempted to disperse, but Alexander's command to remain where they were had its effect. When he had pocketed all the money on the table, he invited those sitting near to pass over their loose change, which they did without unnecessary delay. It is supposed that the murderer secured \$50.00 or \$70.00.

Alexander then walked across the street, down to a livery barn, where he stopped to talk with a man, then walked out to the farm of O. S. Christian, a mile and a half south of town, where he was employed as a farm hand.

In the meantime, Marshal O'Brien and Sheriff Clements had been notified of the murder, and they drove out to the Christian farm, not with the idea of finding him there but to get his description and such other data as would lead to his identification. They tied their team at the gate and started up the walk. They saw a man standing in front of the open door, and when they had proceeded part of the way to the house he halted them and wanted to know what they were after. About this time the man ordered a boy to close the door, thus leaving him in the dark. The sheriff made a light response to the man's challenge and kept walking toward him. When within about eight feet of him the man sharply commanded, "Stop! or I'll kill you!" Then Clements saw that the man had a revolver leveled at his head and there seemed to be no doubts but that he meant every word of his threat. Meanwhile the fellow had been quietly backing up until he reached the edge of the porch on which he was standing, then suddenly he dropped off into the darkness and has not been seen since.

Alexander is described as about 5 feet 7 inches tall, 28 years old, weight 130 pounds, has a smooth shaven face,

brown eyes and dark hair. He has only been in Madison three weeks, a portion of which time he worked on the water works ditch and then hired out to Christian as a farm hand. Among his effects was found a discharge from the army, from which it was apparent he had seen service in the Philippines. He had enlisted at Carlyle, Ark., in 1900 in company I, forty-fourth infantry, United States volunteers, and had been honorably discharged from the service in May, 1901. It is apparent from his letters, which he had carefully kept, that he was quite a ladies' man, one letter telling the story of a woman who left her home and husband for him, while several others could hardly live until he returned to them.

The remains of the murdered man were taken to Omaha Saturday afternoon for burial. He was married, but had no children.

A fine line of fly nets and dusters at Nordwig's. Come and make a selection while the stock is complete.

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

The Lutherans have decided to build an addition to east between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to the orphan's home at Fremont. It is expected to have the addition completed in time to be used this winter.

Now is the time to bring in repairs to Paul Nordwig's harness shop.

NORFOLK'S GAME.

Locals Take One From the Originals by the Score 6 to 3.

One of the most interesting ball games of the season was played on the Norfolk grounds yesterday afternoon between the Omaha Originals and the home team. A large crowd, almost equal to that on the Fourth, was in attendance and took a deep interest in the game, which was closely contested and distinguished for the brilliant team work on both sides. A feature of the game was Galaska's work in the box for the locals, which was magnificent, and he deserves a great share of the credit for winning the game for Norfolk. With three men on the bases and one out during one inning, he fanned the next two to bat in one, two, three order, after having given the first three balls, thus saving the day for Norfolk. Wilkins had his family well in hand and the team was materially strengthened by the addition of the expected Wilkinson who played last season. He played at short and there were few balls coming his way but that were interrupted and placed where they were most needed.

The batteries were: Originals—Welsh, Scully and O'Keefe; Norfolk—Galaska and Wilkins. "Dad" Turner was the umpire and gave general satisfaction.

The score was 6 to 3, the larger number being that of the locals while the visitors were compelled to content themselves with the smaller end of the string.

Besides the delegation from Tilden down to see the game there were a number from Battle Creek, Pierce and other towns in the vicinity.

Rex Poultry Food matures the fowl and is an egg producer.

Simply sprinkle or spray on chicken roasts. Lee's Lice Killer does the rest. Sold by all druggists.

Letter List.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the postoffice July 8, 1902:

C. L. Adams, Vol. Hyde, Mr. Kraup, Mrs. Lyman, W. H. Lynch, H. H. Magee, Roy Sherman, John L. Souls, S. Secord, O. S. Trigg, William Wood, Chas. Wyeth.

If not called for in 15 days will be sent to the dead letter office.

Parties calling for any of the above please say advertised.

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Buy your harness of Paul Nordwig, who sells the cheapest and best. Duffey's old stand.

THE NEWS keeps its job department up-to-date with the latest faces of type and does its work in approved style.

Application for Liquor License.

In the matter of application of Sam Schneider for liquor license.

Notice is hereby given that Sam Schneider did, on the 30th day of June, 1902, file his application with the clerk of the board of trustees of Meadow Grove, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors on a piece of land in block 4, Meadow Grove, Nebraska, described as follows: Beginning at a point one hundred and ninety-eight (198) feet due west of the extreme southeast corner of said block four (4) running thence north one hundred and twenty-four (124) feet, thence south one hundred and twenty-four (124) feet, thence east thirty-three feet to place of beginning, from the 30th day of June, 1902, to the 30th day of April, 1903, inclusive.

If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from the 3rd day of July, 1902, said license will be granted.

I. G. ALYEA,

Village Clerk.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES.

Burt Mapes has gone to Ewing.

F. L. Estabrook was a passenger for Madison this morning.

W. M. Rainbolt made a business trip to Meadow Grove today.

Chas. Lodge and family returned from a visit to New York yesterday.

Mrs. O. A. Harshman of South Norfolk returned last night from a visit to Wisner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard have returned from their wedding trip to Manning, Iowa.

Hazel and Glenn Armstrong of Wisner are visiting at the home of Fred Koerber at the Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thurber and their son, Hyle, went to Pierce today for a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. Marie Armstrong, principal of the school for the feeble minded at Beatrice, is visiting with Mrs. C. H. Brake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hummel of Sioux City, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Brummund since the Fourth, returned to their home today.

Miss Etta Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Smith, northwest of town, left on the noon train for Fayette county, Iowa, where she will teach school during the fall and winter.

The Loyal Mystic Legion will hold a special meeting on Thursday evening of this week for the purpose of initiating quite a number of new members under the guidance of Deputy Arnold.

A party of South Norfolk people have gone to Long Pine for a camping outing. If the same sort of weather prevails there as here it can be imagined that they are not having a very splendid time.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was in town from Madison this morning. He reports that nothing further has been heard from Alexander, who shot and killed Charles Hall at Madison on the night of the Fourth.

There was quite a number of people in the waiting room at the Junction depot last night waiting for the delayed train and sometime during the night the till was robbed, the thief getting a few dollars in change. It has been impossible to learn who did the job.

The waterworks whistle failed to sound the signal for turning the lawn sprinkler off last evening and it is stated that some of the property owners allowed the water to run on their lawns all night. They should have shut it off whether the signal sounded or not.

Dame Rumor has it that shattered china ware, broken chairs and demolished furniture, in general, are the results of a fierce disturbance in the domesticity of one of Norfolk's homes, early this morning. It is hard lines but there are, it seems, prospects for a peaceful settlement.

Word has been received from Neligh that, owing to the bad weather that has prevailed and interfered with the success of the North Nebraska district G. A. R. reunion at that place, the reunion will be continued over Sunday, and meanwhile those who have been endeavoring to enjoy themselves there will wish for improved weather conditions.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Salter very prettily entertained a few young people at their home on South Twelfth street last evening for Misses Adelle Cady, of St. Paul, Clara Mackin of Omaha, Blanche Losch and Grace Losch of West Point and Mr. King of Omaha. Keen designs in paper hats and ties, a guessing contest, music and dancing were pleasing features of the evening. Mr. King was successful in winning the prize offered. Dainty refreshments were served in the parlors.

Carroll Powers has been elected principal of the high school at Chehalis, Wash. Chehalis is a city of about 3000 inhabitants, the schools are exceptionally good and the salary for the place is eminently satisfactory. Mr. Powers graduated from the state university this year with honors, was valedictorian of the class of '98 from the Norfolk high school and has made an extraordinary record. His offer is a fitting recognition of his ability and the position will be well handled.

The ball game at Creighton yesterday afternoon resulted in a score of 6 to 1 in favor of the Creighton team. The game was lost in the first two innings and the loss is charged up against the account of Bucklin who was out of form. His first eight throws were balls and five of the scores were made while he was in the box. Wilkinson pitched the last seven innings and but one score was made during that time. Henderson and Carroll composed the battery for Creighton. The Creighton team will play at Neligh Saturday and will play a return game on the Norfolk ground Monday.

Henry A. Semmler, aged 63 years, died at his home on North Tenth street at noon today, from paralysis and complications. Yesterday he was apparently as well as usual, but this morning about 5 o'clock, the usual hour for arising, Mrs. Semmler failed to awaken him. A doctor was summoned and it was found that one side of the stricken man was completely paralyzed. The stroke had affected him so completely that he was unable to speak, and from the time he was stricken until the end

DELINQUENT TAXES CAUSE TROUBLE.

Make a Large Indebtedness Against State of Nebraska.

If All Taxes Were Paid Promptly, Commonwealth Would Be Out of Debt.

(Issued under Authority of the Railroad and of Nebraska.)

We give below a statement of various amounts that are due the different State funds:

Statement of the uncollected taxes in Nebraska and the different funds in which they were delinquent on November 30, 1900:

General	\$2,417,742.65
Sinking Fund	182,415.96
School Fund	581,917.63
University Fund	394,548.07
Penitentiary Fund	7,772.13
Bond Fund	452.04
Capitol Building Fund	14,129.82
Reform School Fund	6,259.67
Normal Building Fund	807.92
Institute Feeble Minded Fund	12,903.07
Live Stock Indemnity Fund	8,113.48
State Relief Fund	9,794.96

Total \$3,631,857.40

Add Levy of 1901 \$1,232,391.72

Total \$4,864,249.12

Amounts paid into State Treasury from December 1, 1900, to May 26th, 1902 \$2,081,186.08

Balance uncollected May 26, 1902 \$2,783,063.04

The purpose in the collection of tax is to raise money with which to carry on the government. It is the duty of the State officers to certify out to the various counties a rate of levy that should raise sufficient revenue with which to carry on the business of the State.

This duty has been attended to by the various administrations, but there has been a material default in the payment of

NOTE.—From 1893 to 1900, the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley Railroad paid 16 8-10 per cent of it's net earnings for taxes.

came he did not utter a word. Most of

the morning he was unconscious and

failed to recognize the members of his

family. His wife and one daughter,

Mrs. H. E. Glissman, were at his bed-

side during the forenoon. He gave a

faint sign of recognition to his daughter

at one time and then lapsed into un-

consciousness again. Everything that

was possible in the way of medical

science was done for the stricken man

but it availed nothing and the end came

at the hour stated. Mr. Semmler was

one of the early settlers of Norfolk,

coming here with the first colony from

Wisconsin some thirty years ago. For

years he was engaged in business here,

conducting the meat market of which

his son-in-law, Mr. Glissman is now

proprietor. He was well known and

many of the people of Norfolk and

vicinity will be sorry to learn of his

sudden death. Besides a wife he leaves

four daughters to mourn his loss. They

are: Mrs. Pollock of Omaha, Mrs. H. E.

Glissman and Mrs. W. J. Rupert of

this city and Mrs. Paul Karo of Lyons.

Mrs. Rupert went with her husband to

Hooper yesterday for a week's visit, but

was notified of her father's sickness by

telephone as was also Mrs. Pollock.

Mrs. Karo has also been notified and

all are expected to arrive today or to-

morrow. The funeral will be held

Friday afternoon.

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

Tim Carrabine is here from Sioux City on business.

President G. A. Luikart of the Citizens National bank went to Omaha on the noon train, on a business trip.

Miss Dot Thornberg, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Caldwell, returned to her home in Oakdale yesterday.

Dr. C. A. McKim left today for Salina, Kansas, where he will visit his mother and other members of his family for about ten days.

Clyde Hayes left today over the Union Pacific for Oxnard, Cal., to assume a position in the chemist's department of the sugar factory at that place.

The barometer stands at 30.10—higher than it has been for a long time—and is a favorable indication that the stormy weather has ceased for a few days.

Dr. H. J. Cole writes from Morgantown, West Virginia, that he and his family are having a most delightful vacation, but expect to be home on the 12th.

Engineman Fred Ellerbrook of the F. E. & M. V., who has been on a run out of Norfolk for some time, moved his family here from Fremont the first of the week.

Miss Nettie Dortsch, stenographer for Judge Barnes, left today for a visit in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, expecting to be absent until some time in September.

Hon. J. J. McCarthy of Ponca, republican candidate for congress in the Third district, is here consulting with his chairman and secretary regarding the work of the campaign.

Marshall Leavitt, who has been visiting his parents here for several days, returned to Omaha yesterday to resume his position as lineman for the Western Union Telegraph company.

County Engineer W. H. Lowe goes to the northern part of Knox county to do an important job of surveying which

will take him about ten days. He will also attend the coming term of district court in that county.

The Fremont library board has let a contract for erecting the new Carnegie library building at that place to P. J. Credon & Sons of Omaha. The contract price was \$11,660. The firm is to be given until November 20 to complete the building.

The following base ball item of interest to the Norfolk fans appeared in the Sioux City Journal of yesterday: "Kennedy, formerly with the Sioux City league base ball team, but later with Rock Rapids, Iowa, has signed with the Norfolk, Neb., team. He gave as a reason for his withdrawal from the Brownies a little disagreement between himself and Grandpa Greene."

Judge and Mrs. J. B. Barnes entertained a company of young people last night at tea in honor of the out of town visitors Misses Adelle Cady, Clara Mackin, Blanche and Grace Losch and Mr. King. The lawn was beautifully illuminated by Japanese lanterns and after lunch the young people enjoyed the evening at games and social amusements. Ping-pong was a pleasing feature of the evening's enjoyment.

The weather situation in this vicinity has improved wonderfully during the past 24 hours. The sun has been shining brightly during most of today and the mud has dried rapidly. The railroad trains are somewhat behind time yet but are rapidly getting back to schedule time. If the weather will but remain fair for a few days now the farmers will lay pessimism aside and be given to rejoicing.

The flood of Pebble Creek at Snyder carried away the lumber yard of Conrad Schneider and he estimates his loss to be about \$5,000. His son was on horseback endeavoring to prevent some of the damage when his horse was knocked senseless by a floating plank and drowned, while the boy managed to save himself by swimming ashore with a piece of lumber as a float. The butcher of the town was compelled to climb a tree to escape the fury of the flood and was kept in his refuge for several hours.

A lot of Fremont farmers were induced to buy cheap groceries at dear prices by agents who promised to have a carload of fence posts, binding twine and barb wire there in a few days that they would sell at much less than the market price and in order to take advantage of the bargains the farmers must buy a bill of groceries. The farmers got the groceries but that carload of bargains is yet to be heard from. The victims have probably never committed to memory that maxim, "Patronize Home Industries," else they never would have bit.

The Norfolk ball team will go to Randolph for two games this week, to be played Thursday and Friday afternoons. Captain Wilkins' brother, who has been with the Des Moines league team, will soon be here and will pitch his first game for Norfolk on Sunday against the Creighton team. Kennedy, who has recently been signed from the Rock Rapids, Iowa, team, will play short stop for Norfolk. Jack Davey will resume his position at the second bag, being there for the Sunday game. With these additions to the Wilkins family it is probable that they will be

equal to almost anything they may tackle and good games may be expected.

Charles A. Madsen has resigned his position as pharmacist with Geo. B. Christoph and expects to leave Sunday for Missouri Valley, Iowa, where on Monday he will enter upon the duties of a new and responsible position, that offers flattering inducements. Mr. Madsen has had an experience of about seven years at the business, three years of which time he spent with Mr. Christoph and four with Mr. Forney, making seven years of continuous service at the same location, which speaks well for his ability to hold a position at his calling and argues that he is a steady and industrious young man, which is known to those acquainted with him. He is popular in society circles of Norfolk and has a large number of friends here who will wish him unqualified success in his new location.

The crop bulletin issued from Lincoln by G. A. Loveland, section director, gives the following as the crop conditions for Madison and neighboring counties for the week ending Monday, July 7: Madison—Corn has good growth; rye being cut; too wet for haying. Antelope—Some rye cut; crops doing well; heavy rain. Boone—Fall wheat heavy and about ready to harvest; oats lodging slightly; corn clean and growing well; pasturage fine. Cedar—Wheat and oats headed out and look fine; corn growing fast; hay plentiful; pastures good. Knox—Some corn cultivated for the last time, corn growing well; grass and potatoes good; oats badly lodged. Pierce—Some hay spoiled by rain; most cornfields coming out nicely; oats and wheat rank and show good head; good crop of hay. Platte—Harvest retarded by heavy rain; some grain on bottom lands will not be cut; corn growing well, needs more sunshine. Stanton—Wheat and oats heading and look well; potatoes will be large crop; corn has grown well, too wet to cultivate. Thurston—Too wet to cultivate corn, some fields very weedy, but generally looking fair; wheat and oats promise big crop. Wayne—Corn cultivation and haying delayed by rain; small grain maturing finely; one-third of corn laid by.



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