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Much attention is given here to the testing of the eyes and the making of glasses. We are successful in all lines of work because we have the necessary knowledge and skill and also modern instruments.

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OPHTHALMOLOGIST.**



**WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD**

The Elkhorn B. & S. association will make you a loan to build or buy on favorable terms.

T. E. ODIORNE, Secretary.

**PARISH**

would be better worth the living for teamsters and others who have occasion to use the thoroughfares for any purpose. A freeze-up would have a contrary effect.

The painters of Norfolk have entered upon their season's work with an energy that promises a much improved appearance of the city after the season has closed. Already a number of store fronts have been painted and more are to receive the same treatment, while the number of residences that will be improved by new dressings of paint is not to be approximated, but it is conceded that there will be an unusual amount of that kind of work done in the residence portion.

An encampment of the I. O. O. F., a higher branch of that order, is to be instituted at Neligh tonight and the degrees conferred on a number of applicants. Visitors will be present from several neighboring encampments to assist in the work. The following delegation from Elkhorn camp of this city, left for Neligh on the noon train: C. E. Doughty, past grand patriarch; S. R. McFarland, Rev. J. F. Poucher, E. A. Lowe, O. E. Saterlee, A. O. Koob and S. F. Dunn. At the train they met Grand Patriarch J. C. Shaw of Tekamah, who goes to take a part in the proceedings.

Spring temperature asserted itself to a gratifying degree yesterday. The mercury rose until it stood in the tube at the highest point it has attained since October—69 degrees—which is a near approach to a temperate condition. Under the warm sunshine, the grass started, the buds on the trees began to swell, and a day or two more would have brought into life sleeping vegetation. People were enticed out of doors to work in the yard or garden, or to take a walk in the open air. The condition was too good to last and the promise of the weather bureau for colder weather and storms was carried out this morning, when the wind was in the north and the clouds hung heavy and low, ready to precipitate snow or rain at a moment's notice. It was nice while it lasted though and the people will wait and long for more.

Pickerel at Karo's  
 Two good milch cows for sale cheap. Mrs. C. A. Alexander, North Eleventh street.

**For Sale.**  
 300 bushels 6-rowed barley. Will ship in sacks to any point. 50 cents per bushel at Norfolk.

S. HOYT,  
 428 South Third street.  
**Celery.** Karo.

**WANTED—Two or three lots in a good location.** J. H. CONLEY.

**Wanted.**  
 We have several customers looking for houses and lots, ranging in price from \$700 to \$1,500. Anyone having such properties for sale are requested to come in and list same with us.

**GARDNER & SEILER.**  
 Apply at once. \$100 a week to apprentices. J. & E. DURLAND.

A snap in a house in good location, \$450 if sold quick. J. H. CONLEY.

**Special Notice.**  
 All parties using city water under the flat rate have had a statement of the amount due from November 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903. No more statements will be sent. If you find that the water does not flow, it is a sign that the water rental has not been paid. Give this your immediate attention and save cost.

Respectfully,  
 C. F. W. MARQUARDT,  
 Water Commissioner.

Two hundred head range horses, \$35.00 per head, on board cars at Tilford, S. D. All colts from 1903 thrown in. For sale by G. R. Seiler, Norfolk.

**A Guaranteed Attraction.**  
 Geo. H. Spear, resident manager: You may give my guarantee to the patrons of the Auditorium for "The Everlasting Devil's Auction," as being the only and original production, and that it bears nothing of an immoral or unsavory nature and can be attended by the most refined and will meet with their unanimous approval.

A. B. BEALL.  
 Anticipating the usual rush for seats which is the invariable rule everywhere else, at least, the sale for "The Devil's Auction" on Saturday, March 14, will open at box office at 9:00 a. m. on Friday making a two days, instead of one day sale, as usual.

GEO. H. SPEAR,  
 Resident Manager.

**Fresh oysters today.** Karo.  
**For Sale.**  
 \$1,000 buys eight-room house on Second street.  
 \$1,200 buys seven-room house on Seventh street.  
 \$1,600 buys six-room house and two lots on Tenth street.  
 \$1,500 buys s-x-room house and two lots on Ninth street.  
 \$950 buys good house at the Junction.  
 \$2,000 buys fine home on Fourth street.  
 \$1,600 buys a good 80 acres five miles from Norfolk.

**GARDNER & SEILER.**  
 When Chas. H. Yale originally produced his famous spectacle the "Devil's Auction," it was called "The Devil's Auction" or "The Golden Branch." After a few years Manager Yale christened it "The New Devil's Auction." A few more and it was known as "The Newer Devil's Auction." Then came "The Newest Devil's Auction." Then "Forever Devil's Auction." Then again, "The Forever and Ever Devil's Auction," and finally upon reaching the 20th edition it became "The Everlasting Devil's Auction," and as it remains "everlasting" upon this its 21st edition, it seems as if Manager Yale has reached the limit of its titles. At the Auditorium Saturday evening.

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**FOR MEN,  
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**The Palace Shoe Store**

**FRIDAY FACTS.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. August Fisher welcomed a 12-pound boy to their home in this city this morning.  
 Norfolk Rebecca lodge is to give a box social to the Odd Fellows of the city and their ladies on Wednesday evening of next week.  
 The West Side whist club met last night with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Salter and attempted to forget the pleasant weather outside in a series of interesting games.  
 The occupants of some Norfolk buildings would be decidedly inconvenienced by a cold wave at this time, as the furnaces in a number of them have been under water for several days and there has been no opportunity for providing heat while the flood was asserting itself.  
 If the warm weather would but continue until the lumps and ruts had been worked out of the street and roads, life

**NIEGENFIND HUNG**

**Pierce County Murderer Paid Penalty at 12:53 Today.**

**HE WAS COOL UNTIL THE LAST.**

**Trap Was Sprung by System of Electric Buttons.**

**HIS EXECUTIONER UNKNOWN.**

**Shook Hands With Officers—Looked Around, Smiled and Said Nothing—Realized Awfulness of Crime—Desired Burial at Pierce.**

Lincoln, March 12.—Special to The News: At the touch of an electric button Gottlieb Niengenfind went to his death on the penitentiary scaffold this afternoon. The fiendish slayer of his former wife and father-in-law swung in the fatal noose at 12:53 o'clock. A few minutes after the trap had been sprung, Niengenfind was pronounced dead by the physicians.

Up to the moment the rope was slipped about the criminal's neck, he was perfectly cool. As he approached the scaffold he said nothing. Just before the black cap was put over his head, Niengenfind looked around, smiled and shook hands with his minister, Mr. Allenbeck, and the officers. Then he stepped calmly into position and received the hangman's noose.

"You be at the phone Saturday morning and I'll tell you all about it," said Niengenfind to his guards last night before retiring for his final sleep on earth. Then the condemned man went to bed in his cell and slept soundly until 6:30 o'clock this morning. Today a delegation of Salvation Army officers brought flowers to the murderer. In talking this morning he said that he realized the awfulness of his crime and that he was ready to pay the penalty. He also stated that he hoped for divine forgiveness.

As a last request Niengenfind asked that he might be, if there were no objections, buried in the cemetery at Pierce. It was there that his victims were laid to rest. If there were objections to his interment there, he took as a second choice the Wyuka cemetery at Lincoln. The body of the dead man will be on exhibition tomorrow forenoon at the Troyer undertaking rooms in Lincoln.

There were present at the hanging Warden Boemer and Deputy Warden Jones; Dr. Willmuth, Dr. Green and Dr. Houcks as witnesses, and the Rev. Mr. Allenbeck, who accompanied Niengenfind to the scaffold. The prisoner ate a hearty dinner just before noon.

Nothing interfered with the execution of the court's decree. Every detail was arranged yesterday and nothing of the work remained today except the springing of the trap. The scaffold was placed in the west cell of the penitentiary, which was vacant, and it was so arranged that no one may ever know who dropped Niengenfind into eternity. There were four electric buttons in a row, only one of which was connected with the engine of death. Each one of four different men, selected by the warden, had a button assigned and had been instructed to press at a given signal. Just at that instant must spring the fatal platform, and the lifeless form of Gottlieb Niengenfind, who but an instant before had been a living being, must drop with a dull thud as a part payment for his wrong doing.

**STORY OF THE CRIME.**

**Deeds for Which Gottlieb Niengenfind Hanged Today.**

The story of the awful double murder and assault for which Niengenfind died this afternoon, is tragic in the extreme and sent a shudder through Norfolk six months ago yesterday which has not wholly worn away since. The crime for which his neck was slipped into the hangman's rope was committed 11 miles north of this city on First street, and was the killing of his former wife, Anna Peters; the killing of his father-in-law, Albert Breyer; the shooting of his mother-in-law and an assault upon his sister-in-law, Lena Breyer. This is the list of diabolical deeds of which Niengenfind was guilty in an awful half hour just at sunset on the evening of September 11. The count upon which he was tried and condemned to death by Judge Boyd was the murder of his wife; the other counts were held in case of further need.

In April, 1901, Gottlieb Niengenfind and Anna Peters, a young widow, were married in Pierce county. Dislike developed between Niengenfind and his father-in-law, Albert Breyer. Several months later Niengenfind decided to move north into Wisconsin. His wife was afraid of him and dared not go. He left in an angry mood and nothing was seen of him nor heard from him until the day of the murder. Meanwhile a little son had been born to his wife, which was 5 months old at the time its mother was shot away from it. On the morning of September 11 Niengenfind went to the home of his father-in-law, where his wife had remained, and asked to see the child. He was vicious and a chance to steal the infant was refused him. He went away, cursing and muttering dire threats. He walked to Pierce and his anger rose. By the time he reached the town he was crazed with rage and bought a revolver. Then to-

ward evening he turned around and started back to the Breyer home.

**Murder in His Eye.**

Along the way he met people with a sullen look and an ugly glare. Just as the harvest sun was sinking down behind the hills and casting a shadow over that peaceful old farm yard, Niengenfind came through the gate. Albert Breyer, a kind old German who had lived in the good will of his neighbors for 31 years, was standing at the barn door, with a pitch fork in his hand, finishing up the work of the day—closing his life forever. With an oath the vicious devil played a gun upon the old fellow and began to fill him with lead. One after another, a half dozen hissing bullets sank into the body of Albert Breyer and then, the firing capacity of the weapon having been exhausted, the empty shells were thrown out and the cylinder reloaded. At the noise, the farmer's wife hurried to the side of her mate and began to help him, reeling with pain, toward the house. They had gained but a yard, however, when the second charge of bullets came. One missed the man and pierced the shoulder of the aged woman, while six more were lodged in the frame of Breyer. For this a second reloading had been necessary. Then came the one-time wife of the murderer. When she saw what had happened she started around the barn to escape his fiendish fire. He saw this and turned to meet her. As she rounded the corner shot her down in her tracks, with three quick balls from the fatal barrel.

Glancing back to make sure that his first victim was done for and reassuring himself that the woman whom he had promised to love and protect would rise no more, the brute turned away and started down the side of a little ravine which ran through the yard. He had gone but a few steps when he met Lena Breyer, a 19-year-old sister-in-law, face to face. She was returning from a neighboring farm, where she had run to give the alarm.

**Assaults Sister-in-Law.**

Without an instant's hesitation Niengenfind leveled the gun at her head and then, with all the boundless force of a man insanely mad, grasped her in his arms with hellish intent. But he knew not with whom he had to reckon. Lena Breyer had been reared on a farm and had driven a mower and pitched hay in the field. Every muscle of her body was developed like those of a trained athlete and she could meet the fellow blow for blow. Added to her strength was the iron determination to protect her honor and she fought harder and harder. For several moments they struggled furiously there on the slope of that ravine, the one a masculine beast whose mind knew no law except the basest instincts of the animal that he was; the other a woman, striving with all the strength and energy that she had, and even staring death in the face, to protect her God-given virtue of femininity.

**The Girl Won.**

Lena Breyer won the battle. Pounded into physical subordination by a 19-year-old girl, Gottlieb Niengenfind was also whipped into moral cowardice by the woman. He had a loaded gun with which he could have taken her life in an instant; one which had already shot her three nearest relatives; and another killing from which would be immaterial to him so far as his fate was concerned. But he respected Lena Breyer and let her live. "I guess I won't kill you," he said, and disappeared with an ugly laugh down into the ravine.

Albert Breyer, riddled with a dozen balls of lead, lived all that night and until sunrise of the following morning. He talked freely and signed a will; then he died and was stretched out, beside his daughter, in the home.

Shortly after the murdered farmer passed away, a reporter for THE DAILY NEWS arrived on the scene and gave the story to the public early that afternoon.

**His Escape and Capture.**

After he had done his deeds, Niengenfind went to a farm house a few miles away and spent the night, unknown as a murderer. The next morning he was driven to near Winside and secured work on a farm, driving cattle. The country was hunted high and low all the next day by posses of men who were bound to take the law into their own hands if he was caught. Pictures were sent over the country and trains were watched. Blood hounds from the state penitentiary were tried but no trail was satisfactory. For a time it was thought the fellow had made good his escape. A reward was offered by Pierce county of \$300 and another by the state of \$200 for the capture of Niengenfind.

Five days passed and no clue could be found to the missing man. Several suspicious looking men were arrested, but none was Niengenfind. Then, on Wednesday afternoon, September 17, the culprit was located near Winside. With a shot gun, a rifle and a revolver, his body was filled with nearly 75 lead pellets and he was finally taken by Dave Leary, Perry Booram and Frank Lease. Until he was brought to his knees, Niengenfind fought like mad and nearly struck the three men with his half dozen bullets. He was severely hurt but recovered and was taken to Lincoln to await his hearing.

**Sentenced to Die.**

In the district court of Pierce county Niengenfind was tried on the charge of murdering his wife and the case given to the jury on October 31. The jury was out 24 hours, two men holding for life imprisonment. Finally the death penalty was fixed, however, and the date set by Judge Boyd was March 13—this Friday, between sunrise and sunset. That penalty has now been paid by Gottlieb Niengenfind, and his ugly head, without whose existence the farm of the one-time Albert Breyer might now be a happy home, rests limp and lifeless and cold upon his beefy shoulders.

**Republican Convention.**

A delegate convention of the republican electors of the city of Norfolk and of the school district of the city of Norfolk, is hereby called to meet in the city hall on Thursday evening, March 19, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination the following candidates to be voted for at the election to be held April 7, 1903, viz:

Mayor, clerk, treasurer, engineer and two members of the board of education and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it. The representatives at said convention shall be as follows:

First ward 5, Second ward 10, Third ward 18, Fourth ward 3, outside precinct 5.  
 It is recommended that the various wards hold caucuses for the purpose of electing delegates to said convention and for nominating one councillor for each ward on the Wednesday evening preceding such convention.

AL JOHNSON,  
 J. W. RANSOM,  
 M. C. HAZEN,  
 W. H. LIVINGSTON,  
 Committeemen.

**First Ward Caucus.**

The republican electors of the First ward are hereby called to meet in a mass caucus on Wednesday evening, March 18, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. at the city hall, for the purpose of nominating one councillor, the election of five delegates to the city convention to be held the following day, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

AL JOHNSON,  
 Committeeman.

**Second Ward Caucus.**

The republican electors of the Second ward are hereby called to meet in a mass caucus on Wednesday evening, March 18, 1903, at 8 o'clock, at the office of J. W. Ransom for the purpose of nominating one councillor, the election of ten delegates to the city convention to be held the following day, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

J. W. RANSOM,  
 Committeeman.

**Third Ward Caucus.**

The republican electors of the Third ward are hereby called to meet in a mass caucus on Wednesday evening, March 18, 1903, at 8 o'clock at the city hall, for the purpose of nominating one councillor, the election of eighteen delegates to the city convention to be held the following day, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

M. C. HAZEN,  
 Committeeman.

**Fourth Ward Caucus.**

The republican electors of the Fourth ward are hereby called to meet in a mass caucus on Wednesday evening, March 18, 1903, at 8 o'clock at the Junction hose house for the purpose of nominating one councillor, the election of three delegates to the city convention to be held the following day, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

W. H. LIVINGSTON,  
 Committeeman.

**Trout and catfish.** Karo.

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 Buys a good all wool cloth Cap, any shape you want.

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 Buys the best silk lined and the best of materials. Every one guaranteed and all bear the Union Label.

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12 Bishop Block.