

MUELLER IS SENTENCED

MAN IN STANTON COUNTY WHO SHOT WIFE AND PARENTS.

FIFTEEN YEARS IS SENTENCE

Man Who Shot His Child-Wife and Her Father and Mother, Will go to the Penitentiary—Solitary Confinement on Each Anniversary of Crime.

Stanton, Neb., June 9.—August Mueller, the fiend who shot and tried to kill his girl-wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hohncke, has been sentenced to the state penitentiary at Lincoln to serve a term of fifteen years in prison, as a penalty for his crime. On the twenty-second day of March each year he will spend the day in solitary confinement, that being the date of his crime. Application for new trial has been made to the supreme court, as a new trial was denied in the court here.

Mueller was found guilty of shooting his wife, this being the fourth count in the charges against him. On two counts he was found not guilty.

The jury in the case were: R. Y. Appleby, foreman, Louis Melcher, A. L. Rasmussen, Joe Rosmarin, Charles Luedeke, Jr., Otto Luedeke, William Wagner, Adam Denny and J. Kurtz. The trial cost Stanton county \$633.60.

Story of the Crime.

August Mueller was a farmer in Stanton county who married the 15-year-old daughter of Frederick Hohncke, who was in a delicate condition of health at the time. The girl was afraid of him and her parents interfered and took her home with them.

On March 22 Mueller appeared at the home of Hohncke and demanded to see his wife. Words followed and Hohncke ran upstairs to get a gun. Mueller fired at the old man, then placed his revolver's nose at the breast of his child-wife and pumped a bullet into her. Another bullet grazed his mother-in-law's hand.

Miraculously, the girl lived, the bullet having struck a rib. The old man suffered blood poisoning and it was feared he would die or lose an arm but he survived.

Mueller was captured at Pender, after fleeing on a horse.

SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

Don Cameron is home to spend Sunday.

P. C. Anderson of Bristow is in the city today.

Aug. Meyer of Stanton was in the city yesterday.

Miss Bessie Deuel is here from Meadow Grove.

E. D. Lynch of Oakdale is a Norfolk visitor today.

Clarence Russell of Wayne was in Norfolk yesterday.

Bob Eccles made a business trip to Fremont this morning.

Alex Peters left last night for Terry, S. D., to visit a sick brother.

Miss Mabel Stevens of Omaha is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Thiel.

W. W. Weaver of Meadow Grove was a business visitor yesterday.

Mrs. F. J. Schula and Miss McGuire went to Wisner today on a visit.

S. S. Parsons, A. H. and S. W. Blair of Gross, Neb., were here yesterday.

Miss Irma Martindale has gone to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to visit a sister.

C. H. Johnson and D. Lindeman of Center were in the city yesterday and today.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Hansen arrived home last evening from a visit in Falls City.

Chas. Osborne of Bonesteel passed through the city this morning to attend the opening of the crowd reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Evans of Omaha, state piana tuners, are in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and children of Utica are visiting in the city over Sunday.

Robt. Munt of Dallas, S. D., passed through the city today enroute home from Omaha.

Mrs. C. Evans and daughter, Mrs. Ahlmann of Meadow Grove were in the city yesterday.

Peter Best, who has been in the city for some time, returned to his home in Stanton today.

Miss Eleanor Coffeen will return to her home in Omaha tomorrow after a visit with Miss May Durland.

Miss Verna Weed, who has been visiting Mrs. C. D. Sims, has returned to her home in Charter Oak, Iowa.

G. D. Butterfield and W. N. Huse went to the lawyers' camp near Neligh today to remain over Sunday.

Miss Bulah Demmer returned to her home in Creighton today after an extended visit with Mrs. M. P. Ryan.

Albert Gouch of Ft. Randall, S. D., passed through the city today enroute home from a business trip to Mitchell, S. D.

Prof. F. M. Gregg of Peru stopped over night with Rev. Thos. Bithell on his return home from the Wayne county institute.

Mrs. A. A. Bley of Madison spent last night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Barnes, in the city, returning home today.

Mrs. W. J. Barnes of this city and granddaughter, Margaret Bley of Madison, went to Lynch today to visit Mrs. Barnes' sons.

John Idle left today for Oklahoma to visit his parents, who were recently damaged to the extent of losing their buildings by a cyclone.

Otis J. Baughn, assistant cashier of the Burke, S. D., State bank, and proprietor of the Gregory Times, passed

through Norfolk this morning enroute for Kentucky, his former home, on an urgent business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mueller returned to their home in Lyons today after a visit with Mr. Mueller's brother, Rev. Mueller of this city.

Prof. A. F. Dugger of Wayne was a passenger for Lincoln this morning. Prof. Dugger was principal of the Anoka, Neb., school the past year.

A. H. Winder, one of the proprietors of the Norfolk Shoe company, who makes his home in Boulder, Colo., is in the city looking after his interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe of Randolph are visiting in the city. Norton Howe went to Randolph to look after his brother's business during his absence.

Mrs. J. H. Hay from the south part of the state, who has been visiting her son, Chief of Police Jim Hay, left this morning for Emerson to visit a brother.

Attorney A. A. Welch returned to his home in Wayne this morning from the lawyers' camp near Neligh. He expects to go back to camp this evening and remain over Sunday.

Ernest J. Sias of the Redpath Lyceum bureau of Lincoln, Neb., was in the city last night enroute home from Wayne where he delivered an address to the Eighth grades of Wayne county.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Slaughter of Naper, Neb., were enroute to Wayne to visit relatives this morning. Mr. Slaughter will return to Norfolk this evening to take the initiative in the Elks lodge.

Misses Julia Andress and Elsie Sprague, teachers in the Chadron schools, spent last night with their friend, Miss Rena Olmsted. They left this morning for their homes in Crete and Belgrade.

Clifford Wells of Creston passed through Norfolk today for Neligh to visit his brothers. He was accompanied as far as Norfolk by his father, John Wells of Creston and Uncle E. D. Wells of Madison.

Among those in town to attend the piano recital of Mrs. Beals last night were Miss Zora Patterson, Pilger; Miss Beulah Bordner, Stanton; Lloyd Moler, Chris Powers, Adah Childers, Leona Morey, Edyth Nelson, Pierce.

William LaValle of Sioux City, T. D. Moran and family of Sioux City, T. J. Harney and family of Wagner, S. D., and N. M. Collins of Sioux Falls, who were here to attend the LaValle funeral, have returned to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mayford will leave tomorrow for Danville, Ill., where they will attend the marriage of Roy Seymour, formerly of this city, on the 12th inst. They will visit in Chicago and other points before returning.

Mrs. Bear and Pilger have had awnings placed at the front windows of their office.

The Shrieking Sisterhood will entertain this evening at the home of Misses Bertha and Clara Manske.

J. Stenge's baseball hand is getting along nicely. It is badly swollen yet but will soon be so that he can remove the bandages.

N. A. Rainbolt is the happiest man in town today. He went fishing yesterday and his piscatorial success was remarkable. Twenty-five nice bass was his catch.

W. M. Robertson and family will, the first of next week, move into the residence recently purchased by Mrs. Robertson from A. Karo on Phillip avenue and Fourth street.

G. F. Idle received a letter this morning from his parents in Oklahoma, stating that a recent cyclone had destroyed all of their buildings. They escaped destruction by taking refuge in the cellar.

N. K. Brown, an old citizen of Plainview, died quite suddenly there yesterday. The remains were taken to Atwater, Minn., his former home, for burial. His son, Albert, and daughter, Mrs. Sorenson, accompanied the remains.

Mr. and Mrs. Leik entertained last evening in honor of Miss Edith Marty and Miss Bulah Demmer of Creighton, who have been visiting Mrs. M. P. Ryan. Cards and music was the order of the evening. Refreshments were served.

D. A. Martindale and family and D. D. Martindale are now domiciled at 505 South Eighth street. D. A. Martindale is a commercial traveler and has been living at Lynch, Neb., while D. D. Martindale has made his home in Pierce.

Chas. Rice is remodeling the interior of his place of business. The ceiling is being covered with steel, the walls are to be papered and new chandeliers are to be put in. The main chandelier is to be six arm combination gas and electric.

On June 21 and 22 the old settlers of this vicinity will give a picnic at Hadar. Speeches in German and English, recounting the events that have transpired since the first settlers came up the valley forty years ago, will be the principal feature. There will be music and refreshments and people will take advantage of this event to enjoy a pleasant and profitable outing.

The Norfolk delegation to the lawyers' camp near Neligh, arrived yesterday afternoon, and according to a letter received from Burt Mapes this morning they are having a great time. Lots of fine fish are being caught. Ten pickerel were caught yesterday that weighed over five pounds each. There are bass, croppies and catfish galore. One catfish was caught that weighed twelve pounds.

O'Neill Frontier: George Gillman was adjudged insane by the commission Tuesday and taken to Norfolk by the sheriff yesterday. It was rather an unusual case. Gillman, who is quite well known in the northern part of the county, started for Idaho. He

landed in the vicinity of Weiser, where he was taken in charge by the authorities as an insane person. He was sent by them to Lincoln, this state, and there Sheriff Hall got him and brought him to O'Neill after somewhat of a struggle in which the patient had to be put in the straps. At times he would appear as rational as anyone and again would become violent or go off into a state of semi-consciousness. Sheriff Hall says during his stay in Lincoln he was kept in the asylum and that when he took charge of him to take him to the depot he became violent as they were being driven along in a hack. Gillman started to "clean out" the sheriff and in the struggle that ensued they were both thrown out of the hack. The sheriff finally got him subdued and he came peacefully the rest of the way. He spent the day in jail here Monday and Tuesday, at times was sullen or in a semi-conscious condition, refusing to eat anything on Monday. At the hearing before the commission Tuesday he appeared rational and told a rather remarkable story. He said he remembered nothing of his trip to Idaho only that he got on the train at Atkinson and changed cars at Fremont.

JUNCTION NOTES.

Rumblings of the Rail and Clicking of Wires in the Railroad Yards.

The old rickety sidewalk on First street between Second and Third avenues is being replaced by a new one.

Mrs. W. N. Perry of Elgin is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law, E. B. Perry.

Henry Hasenpflug is the proud papa of a bouncing baby boy that is now almost a week old. P. W. Hull says it is red headed but he sends it kisses by telephone just the same.

Engine No. 1181 passed through the Junction yesterday morning enroute to the shops at Missouri Valley for repairs. This is the engine that turned over with Engineer Hamp Nelson near Chadron about ten days ago.

Engineer James Malsl left yesterday for Chadron to work on the pile driver.

The boys at the round house had a new one to deal with yesterday. It was an old C. & N. W. standard engine, No. 173, and was the smallest that has ever been in this house. It is supposed to be one of the first engines belonging to the company.

Mrs. T. A. Taylor and daughter are visiting in Lynch, Neb.

Mrs. Halle, who has been visiting with Mrs. T. A. Taylor for several days, has returned to her home in Lynch, Neb.

Miss Mable Strain, who has been spending a month with Mrs. Chas. Long, has returned to her home in Lynch, Neb.

Mrs. Deman, who has been suffering severely for some time from a cancer, has undergone an operation and is getting along nicely.

Mrs. Kennedy went to Sioux City today to visit her daughter, Agnes.

Theo. Heitman, well known in Norfolk, died at his home in California last Tuesday from injuries received by being run down by a motor car.

James McCarty of Norfolk, uncle of the young man, on hearing of his accident, which occurred about two months ago, went to California. He found his nephew badly injured about the head, his body terribly bruised and his feet burned by coming in contact with the electric current. He rallied, however, and it was thought he was on the road to recovery when Mr. McCarty left there last week. It was, therefore, a severe shock to his mother, living here, and Mr. McCarty when they received the sad news. Besides the relatives here, he leaves a young wife to mourn his loss.

ACCEPTS CALL.

Rev. Mr. Clay Will o to Holdrege Last of Next Week.

Rev. Mr. Clay of the Baptist church, formerly of Norfolk, has accepted a call from the Holdrege church and will leave the last of next week to take charge.

ENDORSES MICKEY.

Dr. George L. Miller Writes, Standing by Governor in Stand.

A Lincoln report today says that Governor Mickey has received a letter from Dr. George L. Miller of Omaha, endorsing his stand taken in connection with the Norfolk insane hospital matter.

J. L. MILLER ARRESTED

HORSE BUYER CHARGED WITH FRAUD TODAY.

ISSUED CHECK, HAD NO FUNDS

Man Who Came Here From Rock County and Who Has Been Here For Some Months, Gave Check to Frank Jarmer for \$40—Says Can Square it.

John L. Miller, who has been doing more or less horse buying in and about Norfolk for some months and who came here from Bassett, was arrested this morning by Constable Conley on a charge of fraud in issuing a check for \$40 to Frank Jarmer on the Norfolk National bank, without having funds in the bank to meet the check. The warrant was sworn out in Justice Lambert's court and was served on Miller at 11 o'clock.

Miller declared that he could fix up the matter and telephoned to Long Pine to get funds from a bank but had not yet received an answer and therefore the constable is still holding off the preliminary hearing.

HE RAN AWAY WITH CIRCUS

NOROLK MEAT MARKET MAN IS A BORN-CONTORTIONIST.

TRAVELED WITH THE RINGLINGS

When That Show Was Wagon Affair, He Ran Away From His Iowa Home and Rode Bareback Horses, Walked Tight Wire and Bent Himself.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Anyone who has ever traveled with a circus gets crazy to go back to the canvas homes and sawdust rings, according to a Norfolk man who ran away from home to join Ringling Brothers' circus. This is Lou Cousins, an employe in the R. E. Thiem meat market today, who has traveled with almost every show on the road at one time or another, doing contortionist, high wire and bareback riding stunts.

"When that circus came to town the other day," said Cousins, "I just got crazy to go back on the road. Everybody does, who has ever had anything to do with a show."

Born a Contortionist.

Cousins was one of the men who was born a contortionist, with naturally loose joints, so that even today he can throw his joints out of shape in any way desired.

"I was living in a little town over in Iowa," he said, "eighteen years ago, when Ringling Brothers came along with their wagon show. I had been doing contortionist stunts around town and had done bareback riding. So I was crazy to go with the show. And once in the game, it was hard to break away, for there is a fascination about it."

"You only have to work two hours a day, get all you want to eat, your transportation is provided for, and you lead an easy life with pay ranging from \$20 to \$35 per week. But say, when you work, you work hard. It is something fierce, getting out and going through the performance twice a day."

"And then it has its drawbacks. You don't get to bed until after midnight, you rumble along over the rails and get little sleep, and the first thing you know in the morning, somebody comes along and wakes you up."

"You're always on the go, and never have any permanent home. In the winter time you join a theatrical vaudeville company and travel around with that until spring opens the circus fields again."

Clowns Are Good Acrobats.

"Is it true that clowns are among the best acrobats in the circus?" was asked.

"It is," said Cousins. "Clowns have to do the same stunts that regular men do, only they have to affect an awkwardness. With this complication tacked on, it becomes necessary for a clown to be a very superior acrobat."

"Some contortionists are born loose-jointed," said Cousins, "and some are made. Those that are manufactured lie for hours at a time in oil in order to get their joints limbered up, but, although the treatment lasts for a time, they die within a few years. It saps all their strength right out."

Dares Not Think of It.

"No, I dare not even think about going back," said Cousins, "for then I get crazy. I don't dare attend a circus performance, for I want to get right up out of the reserved seats and climb down into the ring, to get up on the high wire and ride the big horses."

"But after all, driving a meat wagon is better as a regular thing, and swinging a meat ax is better than swinging Indian clubs in the long run, so I'm going to stay in Norfolk."

TUESDAY TIDINGS.

Miss Mable Alderson of Humphrey is in the city.

Miss Belle Turner of Pierce is a Norfolk visitor.

Chas. Peyton of Winnetoon was in the city yesterday.

Presiding Elder Tindall left this morning for Omaha.

J. H. Husted of Wayne was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook of Pilger were in the city yesterday.

Miss Maude Hoerger left yesterday for Fairfax to visit relatives.

J. E. Hannegan and Wm. F. Peltzer of Hoskins were in the city yesterday.

Dr. Campbell of Creighton made a business trip to Omaha this morning.

Misses Elvora and Minnie Sochtgen of Hoskins are shopping in the city today.

H. J. Graves has gone to Holt county to look after his ranch for a short time.

Dr. Clark, the dentist, and J. S. Hancock of Stanton were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Leslie Harper of Deadwood is visiting relatives in Plainview and Creighton.

Mrs. Caroline Hitchcock of Pierce returned to her home today after a visit in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Christens of Fairfax were passengers for Sioux City this morning.

Miss Clara Nelson of Plainview went to Wayne yesterday to attend the Nebraska normal college.

News, passed through Norfolk this morning for Fremont where they will attend the normal college.

Dr. Mackay made a professional call to Madison today.

Miss Lillian Purdy of Madison was a Norfolk visitor today.

R. E. Wright has gone to visit his family at Lebanon, Mo.

Capt. A. C. Logan returned to his home in Center, Neb., after several weeks' visit with relatives and friends in the east.

Division Supt. C. H. Reynolds left today for a trip over the Lincoln branch.

Mrs. F. T. Ambroz of Dixon, S. D., is in town enroute to Tilden to visit her sister.

J. V. Johnson is quite ill with appendicitis and will submit to an operation tomorrow.

Road Master P. J. Stafford went west today to look after duties connected with his work.

A new daughter was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hill at Hadar this morning.

Geo. Chambers of Niobrara and B. N. Saunders of Center, Neb., returned to their homes from the lawyers' camp near Neligh.

Jess Calvey was in the city today on his way home to Creighton from Lincoln where he had been attending the state university.

Harry J. Kimball, Jr., superintendent of circulation of the Daily Statesman of Boise, Idaho, passed through the city enroute to Creighton to visit relatives and friends.

R. J. Tate, real estate dealer of Plainview, in company with three other gentlemen passed through Norfolk this morning enroute to Cheyenne county to look at land. Mr. Tate has recently located a number in that county.

The West Side Hose company will meet at firemen's hall at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Bear and Pilger operated upon Mr. Munsterman yesterday for a cystic tumor in the cheek.

Robt. Schoenfeldt is hauling lumber for a fine new residence on his farm northwest of Norfolk.

Elmer Fox, who is very ill, suffering from abscess of the lungs, rested easier last night but is very weak.

A. H. Klesau and family drove to the Elkhorn today on a fishing trip. They were prepared with a bounteous picnic luncheon and expect to spend a pleasant day.

Miss Alice Pollock entertained a few friends last night in honor of her friend, Master Herman Tappert, who is soon to leave for Omaha, where he has a position.

R. H. Gienson, who has been a fireman on the Northwestern road here for some time, has been promoted to the position of engineer and took his first engine out today.

O. H. Graul has resigned his position with the Geo. B. Christoph pharmacy and has gone west. Just where he will locate he has not yet decided.

C. A. Weston's barn, which burned, was insured in the Farmers' Mutual Insurance company for \$200 and six head of horses, three of which burned, were insured for \$600 in the same company. The horses that were burned were left in the barn until yesterday, awaiting inspection by the insurance adjustors, but it was impossible to leave them longer and a neighbor's harness was brought into service to haul the dead animals off the farm, all of the Weston harness having burned. It is said that the fire was undoubtedly set by a tramp, as a neighbor had just seen a tramp go by the house with a cigar in his mouth, and Mr. Weston had only been out of the barn fifteen minutes when he discovered the flames in the hay loft. A chain used as a tie-rope for one horse, the finest in the barn, proved to be the undoing of that animal, as it was impossible to break the chain and the horse was killed. Mr. Weston went into the fire barefooted, and was somewhat tramped on by the horses.

BLAMES MEN AND COMPANY.

Norfolk Railroad Men and Northwestern, Accused by Verdict.

The coroner's jury concluded its inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Engineer Murphy, who was killed in a collision at California Junction on the night of June 3, and has returned the following verdict:

We, the coroner's jury, find that Engineer John F. Murphy, an employe of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, met his death at California Junction, Iowa, on June 3, 1906, while in the discharge of his duties by being crushed under his engine, No. 1098, which was overturned and ditched, caused by colliding with engine No. 1283, in charge of Engineer R. E. Wright, and said accident was caused wholly by the violation of rules governing the meeting of trains by Engineer R. E. Wright and Head Breakman W. Fox and in the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company's neglect in not seeing that the headlights are covered when in the clear at this junction point.

M. S. Ellis, T. M. Gilmore, F. W. Myers.

First Death in Order.

Grand Island, Neb., June 9.—Special to The News: R. O. Adams, formerly editor of the Democrat here, but later cashier of the bank at Trenton, died last night at Omaha after an operation for appendicitis.

While he lived here he organized "The Western Bees," a fraternal insurance company, and was elected supreme president. His was the first death to occur under the organization. He leaves a wife and five children. The funeral will be at Trenton.

HALF MILLION INCREASE

BIG GAIN IN MADISON COUNTY, ASSESSMENT SHOWS.

EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETS

County Commissioners, Sitting as Board of Equalization, Will Remain in Session at Madison Until Thursday Night—Slight Gain in Norfolk.

An increase of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 in Madison county valuation over a year ago has been brought out by the assessors in the work that has just been completed by them this spring. The county board of equalization met at Madison yesterday and will continue in session until Thursday night, for the purpose of equalizing the assessments. Up until this afternoon not a single person had appeared before the board with a complaint to offer.

Norfolk shows not a very large increase in value over a year ago. The assessment this year is said to have been more thorough than it has been in the past, and much property that formerly was skipped has this year been found by the assessors.

The assessed valuation is one-fifth the real valuation.

WEEK WAS WARM.

Deficient Rainfall and Excess Sunshine Were Features.

Lincoln, Neb., June 12.—Special to The News: The following general summary of weather conditions for the week ending June 11.

The week, as a whole, was warm, with deficient rainfall, and with an excess of sunshine.

The daily mean temperature averaged 2° above the normal in the eastern part of the state and 1° below normal in the western. The maximum temperatures occurred generally on Tuesday or Wednesday, and they were mostly between 86° and 92°.

The minimum temperatures were below 50° in most counties during the greater part of the week. The minimum temperature for the week was about 50° in eastern counties and nearly 10° lower in the western.

The rainfall was much below the normal except in Gage, Pawnee, Johnson and Nemaha counties. In these counties local thunderstorms occurred Tuesday and Wednesday, with rain-falls ranging from 1 to more than 3 inches. In most of the remainder of the state the rainfall was less than a quarter of an inch, while in large areas no rain occurred, or only a sprinkle, with an amount too small to measure, fell.

Madison.

Sunburned and blistered, surcharged with the vigor and enthusiasm absorbed from hill and vale and stream, during a week's trip in the wilds of Wyoming, Dr. Smart returned home yesterday evening. During this time he rode over two hundred and fifty miles in stages and horseback, had shooting and fishing and outdoor sport to his heart's content.

The wedding of Claude Reed of the firm of Reed Bros., and Miss Florence McGeehee, daughter of Albert McGeehee, is announced to take place in the near future.

Jacob Henderson and Mrs. Winifred Loomer were married today at 10 a. m. by Rev. J. M. Bothwell of the M. E. church in the parlor of their own home on Third street. Only near relatives witnessed the ceremony. The groom to this union is a well known merchant of this city, having for several years conducted Madison's only furniture and undertaking establishment.