

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Farmer Krieder, of Cando, His
Wife and Four Children

MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD

By Albert Bamberger, Nephew of the
Murdered Man—Great Effort
Being Made to Capture
the Villain.

CANDO, July 7.—[Special.]—This usually quiet and happy community has been at fever heat all day. About 6 o'clock this morning the report was brought to town by the 19-year-old daughter of Daniel B. Krieder, a German farmer living two miles from town, that her father and mother and four of their children had just been murdered in cold blood by her cousin, a young man by the name of Albert Bamberger, who has been making his home with the family for some time. Only herself and three little brothers who occupied a room with her had escaped. The tidings of the horrible butchery quickly spread through town and Sheriff McClure organized a large posse to scour the country for the murderer, who was last seen going north toward the boundary line. Telegrams were sent to other towns to intercept the villain. A party of citizens visited the scene of the tragedy, where a horrible sight greeted them. The ghastly bodies of the father and mother and the four children were scattered about the house. After shooting Mr. and Mrs. Krieder he locked Annie, the oldest daughter, in his room while he killed four of the children by shooting them. Not succeeding in killing two of the children instantly with the Winchester rifle, he cut their throats in a horrible manner. Three other children escaped from him and hid about the premises. He compelled Annie to get him some breakfast, put up a lunch and give him all the money there was in the house, \$50. He then took her to the barn and compelled her to comply with his wishes; he bound her hand and foot, mounted a horse and rode away. Annie's little brother succeeded in untying her and she lost no time in coming to Cando and giving the alarm. The sheriff and a posse started in pursuit and at 7 o'clock this evening they were but a few miles behind him, a few miles east of Rolla. The county is terribly shocked and it is more than probable the villain may stretch hemp when captured.

Hunting for Murderer.

DEVILS LAKE, July 7.—A telegram was received by Sheriff Barton to arrest Albert Bamberger for murdering D. S. Krieder, wife and four children. Krieder was a well-to-do German farmer, residing two miles southeast of Cando. Bamberger, the murderer, is a nephew of Krieder and has been working for the murdered man since last fall. The murder was committed early this morning; The officers are scouring the country and will probably capture him.

CANDO, July 8.—[Special.]—The butcherer of the Kreider family is still at large, but can hardly escape. The pursuit, which was necessarily abandoned at dark last night, was resumed and the entire country for miles around was thoroughly searched. This afternoon it was learned that he had been seen by farmers coming into town within a few miles of the boundary line. Sheriff McCune and posse were in hot pursuit. A party of thirty more of our citizens went to Rolla and St. John on the train this afternoon to resume the chase. They were determined to never abandon the pursuit until the fiend is captured alive or dead. He may succeed in getting across the boundary line, if he has not already, but the boundary line will not stop the pursuers and Canadian officers are ready to give any needed assistance. Business men have offered a reward of \$500 for his capture. The county will offer a like amount and the governor has been requested to offer a reward. The coroner's jury found a verdict holding Bamberger as the murderer. Today the four surviving members of the family, Annie, aged 17, Aaron, aged 13, Samuel, aged 5, and Henry, aged 3, left on the train today for their old home in Pennsylvania with the remains of the dead. The murdered children are Bernice, aged 15, Melby, aged 11, Mary, aged 9, and David, aged 7. Bernice attempted to escape by jumping out of the window, but the fiend followed and killed her with a butcher knife, horribly mutilating the body. Aaron, the oldest of the boys who survived, succeeded in making his escape and hiding until the murderer had gone. Whether

the fiend overlooked the two little ones whom he spared or whether he purposely spared them is not known. Annie, the oldest girl, whose life he spared after shamefully misusing her, is nearly crazed from the terrible experience through which she passed and it is feared she may yet lose her mind as she realizes more and more the horrors of the awful scene of carnage. Friends accompanied them on the sad journey. The disposition of the murderer when captured is freely discussed by citizens. But some are now in favor of allowing the law to take its course. Others say it would be worse than a waste of time and money to try such a wretch, and it is very likely that his days will be very few after he is captured. The feeling is becoming more intense every hour although tempered by reason. It now transpires that the cause of the murder was undoubtedly revenge because Mr. and Mrs. Kreider objected to young Bamberger annoying Annie by persistent attentions. The day before the murder, it is said, Mr. Kreider told the young man that he would have to leave, and severely rebuked him for his actions. The remarkable coolness of the murderer while engaged in his horrible butchery and afterwards is amazing. After completing the deed he ate his breakfast with the bodies of Mrs. Kreider and two of the murdered children under his feet and the floor red with their life blood. Looking at the watch of the murdered man he remarked to Annie that he had only been half an hour at the job. When he departed he told her he would never be seen alive.