

# A LARGE FUNERAL.

TWELVE THOUSAND PERSONS ATTEND  
THE KREIDER BURIALS.

Three Counties Are Represented.

PROF. ROSE DAUBER, LEBANON AND LANCASTER DRIVE OR WALK.

All Sorts of Conveyances Used, From the Four-Horse Omnibus to the Dog Cart—Risser's Church, Three Miles North of Elizabethtown, the Place of Interment—Five Ministers Officiate. The Bodies of the Six Victims of Albert Baumberger Exposed to View, and the Throng Very Anxious to See Them—Men, Women and Children Compelled to Leap From the Windows of the Church—Some Are Injured, and a Woman Faints—The Remains Interred in a Trench in the Graveyard—More Facts About the Tragedy.

The funeral of Daniel Kreider, his wife and four children, who were murdered near Cando, North Dakota, on last Friday morning, by Albert Baumberger, took place to-day at Risser's Mennonite meeting house, which is situated on the road from Elizabethtown to Manheim, about three miles northeast from the former place. It was the largest gathering of the kind ever known at a country funeral in Lancaster county, and it is doubtful whether there was ever a larger one anywhere in the state. John H. Risser, father of Mrs. Kreider, the murdered woman, lives on the same road about two squares from the church. There were no services at his house, everything being conducted at the church. There were between 12,000 and 15,000 people at the funeral.

The dead bodies arrived at Elizabethtown on Atlantic Express on Tuesday forenoon. They were in charge of Samuel Brightbill, who also brought with him the four surviving children who were not killed by the brutal murderer. The children were taken at once to the residence of their grandfather, as they were very tired from their long trip, having left Cando on Saturday. Mr. Brightbill, who came with them, is a resident of Cando. He formerly lived at Ansonville, Lebanon county, but moved West some years ago. He is a cousin of the man who committed the terrible deed. At the station at Elizabethtown, the bodies were given into the care of Christian Ober, undertaker, of Milton Grove, who took them to the church and prepared them for burial. They were placed in the basement of the church, where they were to be seen this forenoon.

This is a great neighborhood for people to turn out to funerals in large numbers, but especially is it the case when the deaths are as sensational as these. The oldest inhabitant has never seen anything to compare with the crowd of to-day. There was no excitement or crowd about the Risser homestead during the forenoon, as everybody was sent to the church, where they remained until after the interment was made. As early as 5 o'clock this morning people began to gather at the church, and they continued to come from that until after ten

were lined with sin. Into the hole the people seemed to look with awe, and many lingered about it for hours.

SO ANXIOUS TO SEE THE BODIES.

About nine-tenths of the people who attended the funeral seemed more anxious to see the bodies of the dead people, than hear the sermons or anything else. The bodies were kept in the basement of the church until the time for the burial arrived. The coffins were in a row on the north side. Early in the morning the people were given permission to see the bodies and the way they did it was simply awful. There was but one door to the basement and up to this a mass of humanity surged and swayed for hours. At first so many were allowed in at a time and after they had viewed the bodies they would come out the same way that they had entered. It was soon found that this would not work, as a very small percentage of the crowd would be able to get in. Finally the windows in the end of the basement opposite to where the door was, were removed, and people passed out through them. Even then it was impossible for everybody to enter the basement, although men and women alike pushed, shoved and almost fought each other to get in. Some had their clothing almost torn from them in the struggle, and by the time they got through they were wringing wet from perspiration. One woman fainted while struggling in the crowd and she was carried from the church in an unconscious condition. Others were squeezed and trampled upon, and many were glad to get away with their lives. The curiosity of each person seemed to have the best of them, and some would probably have taken the risk of being fatally injured rather than miss the sight of the bodies. The windows in the rear through which the crowd passed were some distance above the ground and to get out of them, especially for ladies, it was very dangerous. Through the openings they pressed each other and many attempted to get out in pairs. Most of them had to be lifted down and some were slightly injured.

BABES WERE NUMEROUS.

Men and women of all sizes and ages were in the crowd, and the stout persons, who take up the most room, seemed to be very numerous. Even women with babies in their arms risked all the dangers and successfully made their way through the crowds.

The bodies presented anything but a pleasant appearance, as the faces of most of them were discolored and swollen, and on several of them the terrible wounds inflicted by the murderer were visible. The sight did not seem to affect the majority of those who witnessed it, but there were many who declared that they never want to see anything of the kind again.

THE RELIGIOUS CEREMONY.

The services began at nine o'clock and owing to the immense crowd of people it was found necessary to hold two. The one inside of the church was conducted by Rev. Jacob N. Brubaker, Martin N. Rutt and John G. Ebersole, and that on the outside by Rev. Ephraim Nisley and John R. Brubaker, all of the ministers were of the Mennonite church. The bodies were finally interred about eleven o'clock in the presence of the largest crowd of people ever gathered at that church. During the services in the church four surviving children of the murdered man and wife occupied a front seat and they presented a very distressed appearance. They were surrounded by relatives and friends and nobody was allowed to disturb or annoy them by asking questions.

After the funeral the usual big dinner that attends all funerals held in that

out to the stable, where he tied her hands and feet with two stout cords. He struck her in the face with his hand and also beat her with a piece of rope. Leaving her lying down he mounted a pony and rode away. He did not attempt to kill the other three children in the house, and after he had gone Aaron, a five-year-old boy, went to the stable and assisted his sister in untying the cords that bound her. Annie then mounted a horse and rode to the town of Cando, two miles away. She stopped at the store of Samuel Brightbill and told him what had occurred. That gentleman gathered together a posse of citizens and they started in pursuit of the murderer. He was captured on Saturday, sixty miles from the place where the murder was committed. He is now in the hands of the sheriff, but a mob is very anxious to have his life and he is liable to be hung at almost any moment.

WHO THE MURDERER IS.

Every action of Baumberger, the murderer, shows him to be a blood-thirsty villain. There are some people who think him to be of unsound mind, while others say that he is sensible enough and his only reason for killing the family was that he was angry because his bad conduct was criticised by some of them. Others say that he was in love with the oldest daughter, but her parents were opposed to him. There is a story to the effect that the girl was outraged by him, but that has not been authenticated. After he killed the family he coolly said to Annie: "It only took me twenty minutes to do that job," and then rode away.

Baumberger is 22 years of age, and was born at Campbelltown, Lebanon county. He is a son of John H. Baumberger, who formerly lived at Campbelltown, but moved to Lebanon two years ago. He now lives at 1,103 Lehman street, and is employed in the Colebrook furnace. Albert was always a wayward lad, and had the reputation of being very profane and full of fight. Six years ago he left Campbelltown, running away from home. He stole his way on freight train to Missouri, and went thence to Dakota, somewhat farther east than Cando. He worked as a farm hand for his cousins, Samuel and David Brightbill, on a ranch for a time, and then went to the state of Washington, where he was a cowboy. He afterwards returned to work with his cousins, and for ten months past he had been with the Kreiders.

A Mob Clamoring at the Prison Door.

Shortly after dark Tuesday evening a number of determined men arrived at Grand Forks from Cando, N. D., and proceeded at once to the county jail. They were followed by an immense crowd and by 10 o'clock at least 1,500 people had gathered and began clamoring for Baumberger, the murderer of six members of the Kreider family near Cando. The sheriff however, made a strong show of force and the mob slowly withdrew. The mob is in consultation on the outskirts and it is believed that a concerted and successful attack will be made on the jail.

SUMMER LEISURE.

Alexander Stevenson, of Drumore township, and daughter, Miss Eva, left Lancaster, on Atlantic Express to-day for New York. They sail to-morrow on the State of California of the Altan steamship line for Londonderry, Ireland. They will remain abroad for several months visiting friends.

Jacob B. Long and wife left Lancaster to-day for Philadelphia. To-morrow they will leave for Chicago on one of