

BOMBERGER HANGED

THE HEARTLESS WRETCH WHO MURDERED SIX OF THE KREIDER FAMILY.

Two Thousand Persons View the Execution, Which Takes Place in a Valley—His Last Night Card Playing.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 19.—A Cando, N. D., special to the *Dispatch* says: At sunrise this morning the crowds that began to gather last night to witness the hanging of Bomberger, the sextuple murderer, were on the hills around the enclosure in which the execution was to take place. This is located in a valley, one mile south of the town, and a good view can be had from the surrounding hills, where over 2,000 people stood all morning awaiting the end of the murderer and ravisher of his relatives.

Bomberger spent the night playing "seven-up" with his guards, and ate a hearty breakfast this morning. He was a trifle excited, but otherwise showed no feeling whatever. Yesterday he talked with a clergyman but refused to see him again this morning. He remained at the jail until 12:30 o'clock, when the sheriff started with him for the place of execution, accompanied by deputies and witnesses.

The scaffold was built in an enclosure, but faced so that the murderer stood for his last view of earth before his execution with his eyes resting on the place where he murdered his friends.

Bomberger was hanged here this afternoon. The drop fell at 1:36 o'clock.

Bomberger calmly bade his friends good bye, ascended the scaffold at 1:30 and was bound. He again refused to hear the clergyman and said: "I have but a few words to say. I am sorry for my crime and hope no one will follow in my footsteps." The drop fell and his crime against the law had been punished.

None of his relatives being here to take charge of the body, it will be buried in the potters' field at this place.

The crime for which Bomberger to-day gave up his life was one of the most brutal in Northwestern criminals annals. On the morning of July 7, last, he murdered his employer, Daniel S. Kreider, his wife and four children, because of some words, with Kreider, and in order to satisfy his criminal passion for the latter's fifteen year old daughter, Annie Kreider. The Kreider family came here from Lancaster county, Pa., where others of their relatives still live, and settled on a farm two miles from this place. Bomberger had been employed as general utility man about the farm for nine months previous to the tragedy. He had made advances to Annie Kreider, but had been repulsed, and on the evening before the murders, she had threatened to tell her father of his actions. This threat was brooded over all day, and at daylight Bomberger went to Kreider's room and shot him with a shot gun as he lay asleep. He then went to the kitchen where Mrs. Kreider was preparing breakfast and shot her. Annie was locked in his own room, and he next killed Bernice, aged 13, Murvey, aged 11, Mary, aged 9, and David, aged 7.

The youngest of the girl's throat was cut to make sure of death. He spared the three younger boys in answer to the supplications of Annie, the oldest child. Next he compelled the girl to prepare his breakfast while the mutilated body of her mother lay on the floor at her feet. Coolly and deliberately he ate his breakfast, drove the girl to his room and afterwards to the barn, assaulting her criminally several times. After tying her fast and locking her in the barn, he saddled a horse and made for the Manitoba border. The little ones left alive soon released their sister and she gave the alarm. Bomberger managed to make his way unmolested to Deloraine, Manitoba, where he was captured late Saturday night, only forty hours after the murders. Only by the vigilance of Sheriff McCune was he saved from the pursuing lynching party, which nearly captured him on three occasions. For safe keeping the murderer was taken to the Grand Forks jail, where he made a full confession of the crime. When brought up for trial he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to hang. Since his sentence he has been sullen and at times inclined to play insane, but has made no attempt to escape the penalty for his crime, except that he has once or twice expressed himself as believing that he might have escaped with his life if he had insisted on a trial. The crime was of so diabolical a nature that no effort in the direction of executive clemency was attempted. Bomberger was distantly related to his victims.