

BUTCHERED A FAMILY.

A HIRED MAN'S MOST HORRIBLE DEED.

Six Members of a Lebanon County Family
Who Had Moved to Dakota Mur-
dered by the Hired Man, a
Distant Relative.

Daniel S. Krider, a well-to-do German farmer of Cando, North Dakota, his wife and five children were murdered on Friday morning. A nephew of Krider, Alfred Bomberger, is accused of the crime. The Kriders went West from Lebanon county, Pa., fifteen years ago.

The Kreider family moved West from Lebanon county fifteen years ago, and after living in Missouri several years moved to North Dakota. The murdered man's name is Daniel S. Kreider, and he is a half brother of Editor Joseph Kreider, of the *Aunville Journal*, and of H. H. Kreider, treasurer of the U. B. Mutual Aid Society of Pennsylvania, whose home office is in Lebanon.

His wife, who was also murdered, is a native of Lebanon county, her maiden name being Rissler. Her parents live near Conesago. Bomberger, the murderer, is a native of Campbellstown, Lebanon county, and is about twenty years old. His father lives in Lebanon. The particulars of the awful tragedy have been very meagre, and the friends of murderer and victims are trying in vain to find a reason for the young man's bloody deed. None of those who knew the young man there can imagine him as dabbling in the blood of his relatives, and the only reason they give in the absence of more particulars is that he must have become insane. It is likely that some of the murdered man's brothers will leave as soon as possible for Cando.

DETAILS OF THE AWFUL CRIME

Unparalleled in Its Fendishness and Without a Motive.

CANDO, N. D., July 8.—The following details are at hand of the murder of the Kreider family, who were natives of Lebanon county, Pa.:

This community was paralyzed yesterday morning by the arrival of Miss Anna Kreider, whose father resides on a farm a mile and a half from here, but partially dressed and almost frantic with the startling announcement that her father's family were butchered by the hired man. Citizens who hurried to the homestead found the awful spectacle of the wholesale butchery. The father was lying in his bed, the mother in the room where she had been preparing breakfast, three girls, aged respectively 13, 11 and 9 years, and one seven-year-old boy were lying stiff and stark where they had fallen from wounds inflicted by a double barrelled shot gun in the hands of Albert Bomberger, a farm hand. Bomberger was a distant relative of the family and has been in Mr. Kreider's employ about nine months. The father was the first victim, then the mother and children in the order named. Miss Anna, by piteous supplications, induced the fiend to spare her life and those of her three remaining little brothers. At the muzzle of his gun he compelled her to prepare his breakfast, with the corpse of her mother lying at her feet. He ate leisurely, then criminally assaulted the girl and, tying her in the barn to prevent her escape, he saddled her favorite pony and deliberately rode away northward. With the aid of one of her brothers Miss Kreider succeeded in freeing herself and making her way to the town, necessarily leaving her little brothers alone with their dead parents.

As soon as the alarm was given a dozen or more of Cando's citizens started northward in pursuit. They struck the trail of Bomberger, who was evidently making for the boundary line, distant about forty miles. At Snyder Lake, twelve miles north of here, he was heard of at 6:15 p. m., four miles east of Rolla, thirty miles north of here and ten miles south of the boundary. The whole northern end of the county is alive with men looking for him and it is confidently expected that he will be captured.

Bomberger seems to have been chaffing under some imaginative want of attention from Mrs. Kreider, who was apparently entirely satisfied with his work, but from all that could be learned he had no stronger motive for the crime than innate depravity. When he left he robbed the house of all the money he could find, about \$50, and some other valuables.