

**A HORRIBLE CRIME.**

**A FATHER, MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN KILLED.**

North Dakota the Place—Pennsylvanians the Victims—A Relative the Murderer—Their Burial in This County.

On Friday morning of last week one of the most atrocious murders ever recorded was committed near Cando, North Dakota, and the horrors of the deed have been intensified in this section, by the bringing of the remains of the murdered ones to this county for burial. The victims were Daniel S. Kreider, his wife and four children, while the murderer was a distant relative, Albert Bomberger.

The details of the terrible deed as reported are as follows:

On Friday morning Miss Anna Kreider came into Cando 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 an awful spectacle of wholesale butchery—the father 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 7-year old boy lying stiff and stark where they had fallen from wounds inflicted by a double-barrelled shotgun in the hands of Albert Bomberger, a farm hand.

The father was the first victim; then the mother and the children in the order named. Miss Annie, by piteous supplications, induced the fiend to spare her life and those of her remaining three 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 demanded all the money in the house, which Annie got for him, it amounting to about \$50 and then criminally assaulted the girl. It is stated, 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 town, necessarily leaving her little brothers alone with their dead parents.

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Kreider, and at nine o'clock proceeded to the church where the services were held. The services in the church were conducted by Revs. Jacob N. Brubaker, John G. Ebersole and Martin N. Ratt, whilst on the shaded grounds outside the church another service was conducted at the same time by Revs. Ephraim N. Nissley, John K. Brubaker and J. Fishburn. These impressive services lasted over an hour and during all this time there was a throng at the basement door crushing and crowding to get inside to view the remains of the six victims. Several women fainted and some had the life almost crushed out of them, so dense was the crowd there.

At eleven o'clock the six coffins were lifted and carried to the burying ground near the church where in one huge grave, seven by fourteen feet in size, six lead lined rough boxes were standing into which the bodies were reverently lowered and the solemn services of the occasion were concluded—one of the saddest scenes that can well be imagined and one that cannot soon be forgotten by the assembled multitude.

The following are the ages of the members of the fearfully stricken family:

Daniel S. Kreider, aged 36 years, 8 months and 20 days.

Barbara Rissor Kreider, aged 36 years, 7 months and 16 days.

Burnice Kreider, aged 13 years, 5 months and 27 days.

Murby R. Kreider, aged 11 years, 9 months and 13 days.

Mary K. Kreider, aged 9 years, 7 months and 27 days.

David R. Kreider, aged 7 years, 8 months and 13 days.

The surviving children are Annie, aged 15; Aaron, aged 5; Eva, aged 4, and Henry, aged 2 years. The three little ones cannot realize the horrors of this terrible tragedy, but to the oldest, Annie, it has been a most fearful ordeal. But fortunately in their great bereavement they have kind grandparents left, who have taken charge of them, so that they are not left entirely alone in their sorrow.

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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 Cando, and after a day's chase he was overtaken and captured at Delora, Manitoba, about sixty miles north from the scene of his bloody deed. The people were terribly excited and fearing that Bomberger would be lynched in Canada, he was taken in a round about way to Ramsey county and lodged in jail, where he now is, but it is stated that there is such a feeling against him that in all probability he will yet be lynched.

The murdered man was a well-to-do farmer, living two miles southeast of Cando, North Dakota. The family moved west from Lebanon county 15 years ago, and, after living in Missouri several years, moved to North Dakota. Mr. Kreider, the murdered man, was a half brother of Editor Joseph H Kreider, of the Anville Journal, and of H. H. Kreider, treasurer of the U. B. Mutual Aid society, whose home office is in Lebanon. Two brothers, Andrew and David, live at Anville. His wife was a daughter of John H. Risser, who resides near Risser's Menonite church in Mt. Joy township, this county.

Bomberger, who committed the wholesale murders, is but twenty years of age and had been employed on the Kreider farm for about ten months. He is a native of Campbells-town, Lebanon county, and his parents now reside in Lebanon. He left home about six years ago and led a wild, roving life as a cowboy in the west.

The only reason thus far assigned is that it is believed that he was embittered against the Kreiders, as he had to be reproved sometimes for his bad acts. It is also thought that he wanted to marry Annie and that her parents were opposed to this. But these are only surmises.

### Buried in This County.

Samuel Brightbill, a resident of Cando, also formerly from Lebanon county and a cousin of the murdered Mr. Kreider, after communicating with friends in the east, at once set to work to prepare the bodies of the murdered ones for shipment east and on Saturday evening Mr. Brightbill, with the six coffined bodies and the four orphaned children started from Cando, on their long and terribly sad journey to this county. On Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock they arrived at Elizabethtown, this county, where Undertaker C. Ober, of Milton Grove, took charge of the bodies, and conveyed them at once to Risser's church, two miles distant, where they were placed in the basement of the church and prepared for burial.

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The funeral was held on Wednesday morning and the occasion brought together the largest assemblage ever witnessed at a country funeral in this county, and perhaps, in this State. As early as four o'clock the people began to congregate and by six o'clock, when the doors of the basement were opened there was already a very large crowd assembled. People continued pouring in from all directions in carriages, omnibuses, spring wagons, large farm wagons, and every other kind of vehicles, while hundreds from the surrounding neighborhood came on foot and hundreds of others who had come to Elizabethtown and Bellaire by railroad, from distant parts of Lancaster, Dauphin and Lebanon counties, were obliged to walk also, not being able to procure enough teams to carry all thither. All the grass fields about the church were opened for the placing of the vehicles while in addition all the roads leading to the church were blocked for more than a mile. Altogether there were over two thousand vehicles and the number of persons assembled is variously estimated at from 8,000 to 15,000.

The relatives of the family had assembled at the house of Mr. Risser, the father of the murdered Mrs.

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