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FOUL MURDER

**Woman Killed by Her Divorced
Husband.**

**MRS. JOS. NICKMANN SHOT DOWN
WITHOUT WARNING.**

**A Neighbor Shot But Not Fatally
Wounded.**

A murder which was entirely without provocation was committed at a late hour yesterday evening 40 miles northwest of Kearney. The murderer was Joseph Nickmann. The murdered person was his lately divorced wife. The story of the tragedy was brought to the city this forenoon by Fred Jasper and Chas. Stockdale, residents of the neighborhood where the crime was committed.

It was not possible to get from Messrs. Jasper and Stockdale an authentic account of the shooting as they were not witnesses and what they had learned about it had been picked up in fragments. It seems however that Mrs. Nickmann had been stopping with the family of a farmer in the neighborhood named Gilg. She had been spending the early part of the evening at the home of another farmer by the name of Glotter. About dusk she was returning to the Gilg residence. On the way she met another neighbor by the name of Anton Janisheck and it is presumed that the two very naturally en-

gaged in conversation. The murderer then disappeared and had not since been seen when our informants left home this morning.

Sheriff Nutter, County Attorney Brown and others started for the scene of the murder about noon, accompanied by several citizens. It is the opinion however of Messrs. Jasper and Stockdale that Nickmann will not be taken alive if dis-

Mrs. Nickmann secured a divorce from her husband at the recent term of court and was given alimony. The neighbors never know of any trouble between them and did not know what her grounds of action were. They had both been reticent about their affairs and nothing was known farther than that it was a case of incompatibility. It was evidently not the separation that preyed upon Nickmann's mind, but the loss of the money he had been compelled to pay as alimony, in return for which she had deeded

to him all her right of dower in his real property. Mrs. Nickmann was in Kearney July 3 and it is supposed that Nickmann followed her, for he was looking for her with a revolver when he was disarmed by a member of the police force. Since that time he had doubtless been working himself up into a first class case of "emotional insanity." Mr. and Mrs. Nickmann were between fifty and sixty years old. Their only children were two grown sons of the husband, she having been his second wife.

Julian and Fairchild Were There.

Constables Julian and Fairchild, who were in Sartoria township yesterday on official business came in this afternoon from the scene of the murder. They were stopping in the neighborhood last night and were awakened after going to bed to join the pursuit. Their story differs but little from the particulars above except that Nickmann sent Janisheck from the Gilg residence to Glotter's to get Mrs. Nickmann. Nickmann followed and secreted himself and team in a

Those who know Nickmann speak of thickets about half way between the two him as a well to do, quiet, well behaved houses. When Janisheck and the woman man except occasionally when in liquor, reached the spot he sprang out with revolver in hand, seized the woman, and at various times to shoot somebody, and placing the weapon close against the he was prepared to carry such a threat body shot her through the heart. He into execution without notice as he at then turned on the man and shot him as ways carried a loaded revolver.

has been previously stated.

Janisheck got back to Gilg's and gave the alarm. A posse gathered with loaded shotguns about twenty in number, Julian and Fairchild being with them. They found the team in the thicket, but waited for daylight to make a raid, meantime guarding the ravine to prevent escape. When daylight came Nickmann was found dead in the thicket, having cut his throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife.

The neighbors who were nearly all Germans were terribly enraged over the affair and if Nickmann had been found alive would have made short work of him. As it was they refused to touch the remains pending the arrival of the coroner.