

YOUNG MAN TRIES TO KILL GIRLS' PARENTS

OBJECTION TO MAN'S ATTENTIONS TO DAUGHTER RESULTS IN SHOOTING—FUGITIVE IS STILL AT LARGE.

Finley, N. D., April 4.—Citizens headed by Albert Sparrow, sheriff of Steele county, and Oscar Johnson, chief of police of Hope, are scouring the woods in the vicinity of the Sheyenne river near here today for John Nagel, 30, farm hand, who late on Saturday night fired 8 or 10 shots at Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hendrickson, at their farm home, because they had objected to his attentions to their daughter, Miss Josie Hendrickson.

After threatening the lives of the couple several times during the winter, Nagel is said to have gone to the Hendrickson home between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday and after Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson retired, he began firing immediately. Two shots hit Hendrickson, one in the forearm and the other in the side, causing lacerated wounds. Authorities have issued a warrant for his arrest. The complaint on which it was issued charges shooting with intent to kill. Authorities believe that Nagel is partially demented.

Nagel is believed to have concealed himself at the farm home until Mr. and Mrs. Hendrickson retired. From the bedroom window, he opened fire on the couple.

Hendrickson went into a small clothes closet to get a gun and to barricade himself and wife against Nagel. Nagel entered the house and placing his gun against the clothes closet door fired three times through the door.

When the two shots struck Hendrickson he was forced to give up his hold on the door. Hendrickson chased the assailant into the yard, during which time Nagel fired at him several times, his aim going amiss because of darkness.

Nagel, according to authorities, started to cut telephone connections so that the Hendrickses could not spread the alarm. Mrs. Hendrickson saw him through a window. He turned and fired two shots at her.

After the shooting Nagel went to the rural church a mile distant from the Hendrickson place to find Miss Hendrickson. He told the young people, gathered for a social evening, that Miss Hendrickson was wanted at home by her mother. Fearing for her safety they informed Nagel that she was not at the church.