

Horrible Tragedy

YOUNG MAN KILLS HIS FATHER IN DEFENSE OF HIS MOTHER

As a culmination of a family trouble of several years standing, Fred Cramer was shot and instantly killed, soon after six o'clock last evening, at his home in the south part of town. There have been frequent quarrels between Mr. Cramer and his wife and the son who is supposed to have done the shooting, has of late taken sides with his mother and was probably trying to shield her when he did the deed.

The mother and two boys were in an up-stairs room when Mr. Cramer returned to his home about six o'clock and there does not appear to have been any preparations for the evening meal. According to the story of the boy, his father came up stairs with a club and he warned him not to come farther. Upon his advancing nearly to the top of the stairs the boy, placed the revolver almost against the unfortunate man's head and fired. The bullet entered his head slightly above and a little to one side of the left eye, passed out at the back of the neck and death must have been almost instantaneous.

Arthur Cramer, the boy who confessed that he did the shooting, is sixteen years old. He has lived here several years and was regarded as a bright, industrious boy, and bore a good reputation. The father was a painter by trade, a good, industrious mechanic, but was known to be abusive to his family and Mrs. Cramer has asked for protection at various times and has also been known to threaten to kill her husband, and the boy was probably abetted by his mother in doing the foul deed.

Marshall J. J. Murphy arrested both the boy and his mother and they occupied cells in the city jail last night. Coroner Mitchell of Mapleton arrived this morning and an inquest was held this afternoon, the jury being E. S. Davis, C. O. Steen and W. J. Thompson. As a result of the finding of the jury, young Cramer was held for murder and Mrs. Cramer was held as an accessory and both were sent to the county jail at Fargo, in charge of Marshall Murphy and O. T. Griffiths, there to await trial for the deplorable crime.—Page Record.
