

MURDER!

B. K. Climie Formerly of This Place Shoots and Kills O. P. Ziner.

Special to the Courier.

Dickinson, N. D., May 16, 1904—B. K. Climie shot and killed O. P. Ziner today. Inquest tomorrow.

Such is the startling information received at this office Tuesday morning. It appears from a letter received through the mail on the same day that B. K. Climie and Ziner, from whom the former purchased his ranch, had been having trouble all spring over the wintering of cattle which culminated last Monday in Climie shooting and killing Ziner. Climie then went into Dickinson and gave himself up to the authorities claiming he did the shooting in self-defense. It is said that Ziner was a hard man to get along with and it is reported that he shot and killed his brother three or four years ago but we do not know whether this is so or not. Climie is naturally hot tempered. We sincerely hope that he will be able to prove that the deed was done in self-defense.

THE ZINER KILLING.

Special to the Fargo Forum.

Dickinson, N. D., May 17.—There seems to be no doubt but that the killing of O. P. Ziner at his former ranch, thirty miles from here, was a cold blooded murder. Ziner had sold the ranch to a man, named Climie, formerly of Cooperstown. A herd of cattle was left there to be wintered. There was ample hay for the stock if they had been handled by an experienced man, but the hay was all fed and some of the cattle died. This angered Ziner and there had been some ill feeling over the matter. Ziner went to the ranch Sunday. Later Climie came in and surrendered himself, claiming that he shot in self-defense and stating that he had been fired on by Ziner. The first shot that hit Ziner, went in at one shoulder, broke the neck and lodged in the other shoulder, and after the man fell it looked like he had been shot again, which tore off the back of his head. A pistol with one empty cartridge was found near Ziner's body.

Ziner killed a brother some years ago and was acquitted at the coroner's inquest, as the affair seemed to have been an accident.