

# RYCKMAN HANGED EARLY WEDNESDAY

Joe Rickman was hung Wednesday morning in the stockade around the county jail a few minutes after five o'clock, to pay the penalty for his brutal and atrocious murder of Mrs. Ellen Fox and her fourteen year old daughter, Mildred, on Sunday evening September 28th.

The stockade enclosing the scaffold had been built on the north side of the jail and was fourteen feet high. The interior was lighted with gasoline torches and in the fog the streamers of light made a ghastly spectacle. The twelve witnesses, Sheriff Sticken of Adams county, Sheriff Barth of Mott, a doctor, minister of the gospel, together with a number of deputies and representatives of the press, made up the party who stood inside of the enclosure and witnessed the execution. All during the night the court room was crowded with men who had come here to learn of the execution and witness the event if possible. No disturbance was made at any time and crowd was quite orderly all thru their nightly vigil. Sheriff Anderson had been besieged with applications to witness the hanging and many had come for miles in hopes that they could get in at the last minute, but many were turned away.