

## Men Appeal to to Aid Them

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Alex Maragos, proprietor, and employes of the Florient cafe, 2311 Leavenworth street, will supply Christmas dinners to three poor families in their neighborhood, whose names were furnished by the Chief Good Fellow. They will also buy toys for the kiddies.

Nella-Lee Carter Steele, just 7 years old, saved pennies till they totaled \$1.75. Then she came to the World-Herald office with her aunt to present the money.

The Good Fellow fund is as follows:

Previously acknowledged	\$577.80
Dublin school fund, Rogers, Neb.	3.62
A Friend, Columbus, Neb.	1.00
Rural club, Overton, Neb.	3.00
Earl C. Long, Albia, Neb.	5.00
Mrs. E. A. Perrell, Scribner, Neb.	1.90
Maud A. Knappie, Lexington, Neb.	3.00
Good Fellow, Earling, Ia.	1.00
Oscar F. Person, Oakland, Neb.	2.50
Frank T. Ransom	5.00
"M. S. R."	1.00
Circle of Girls	1.40
Roman and Erwin Krecklow, Manley, Neb.	2.00
Iowa Friend	5.00
A Friend, Kimball, Neb.	1.00
Anna Kraker	3.00
C. F. Clark, David City, Neb.	10.00
Total	\$628.52

## THREE COAL COMPANIES PROFITEERS IS CHARGE

Kansas City Grand Jury Finds Counts Against the Sheridan Coal Co.

### NEBRASKA CO-OPERATION

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Indictments charging violation of the Lever act were returned today against three coal companies by a federal grand jury. Coal was sold in several instances, it is charged, at a profit exceeding 100 per cent. The firms indicted included the Sheridan Coal Co., on fifteen counts. The Sheridan Coal Co. is a Nebraska corporation, having headquarters at Omaha. The other two are local firms.

G. A. Rehm, treasurer of the Sheridan Coal Co., upon receipt of the information concerning the federal indictment in Kansas City, Mo., said: "I know nothing about the action of the federal grand jury. So far as the Sheridan Coal Co. exceeding 100 per cent in its profits, I am unable to make any comment. I am treasurer of the concern and have nothing whatever to do with the sales."

George W. McGeath, president of the coal company, could not be reached by telephone, while A. P. Whitmore, secretary, is in Sulphur Springs, Mo., and will not return home until Christmas eve.

## Sets Fire to Home and Kills Himself

Schuyler, Neb., Dec. 20.—Joseph Cech, carpenter, blew off his head with a shotgun today, after he had sprinkled five gallons of kerosene over the walls and floors of his home, boarded the windows and set fire to the place, according to officials. His body was found on the floor of his garage, the empty gun nearby.

# COLE AND GRAMMER PAY FULL PENALTY FOR VOGT MURDER

Go to Death in Electric Chair,  
Claiming Innocence of  
Crime.

## CONDEMNED MEN CALM AS END DRAWS NEAR

(Special Dispatch to the World-Herald from a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.—Alson B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer are dead. At 3:24 p. m. and 3:35 p. m. today they paid the penalty for the murder of Grammer's mother-in-law, Mrs. Lulu Vogt of Elba. Both went to the chair without a whimper, without a word of excuse and both professing innocence of the crime of which they were convicted.

Cole was the less composed at times. In the death cell for two hours before death he sat and talked to his spiritual advisers, Christian Science Practitioners McFadden and Gregory, and with his attorney, John M. Priest.

His face was slightly drawn and a bit pale. Around him were a few books, among them the bible. He took time to write a letter or two at intervals during the conversation. Asked whether he cared to see newspaper men and make a statement to them he said he did not.

Asks for Reporters.

Grammer asked that the representatives of the newspapers be called into his cell. With him were his wife, her roommate, and his father, Charles Grammer, sr.

Standing in the middle of the floor, dressed in a red sweater, linen of immaculate cleanliness, his shoes well shined and his hair combed sleekly back from his forehead, Grammer did not look like a man who was about to die. He did not speak like it. In a clear voice, looking steadily from one to another of his hearers as he spoke, Grammer told the world he was about to leave how he felt toward it. He told of the statement, which would be given out, he said, just as soon as he was dead. He told of how he would give it to his attorney for distribution and he held the statement in his hand as he spoke about it.

"This is my last word to the world," he said. "I am going to die. In a few minutes I will be gone. This will tell you the facts of my case as I state them now, on the brink of another world and as I take my oath so near to death, are true. I ask that this statement be printed. I will never now whether or not it is printed. But I ask you here before I go that you may give it to the world."

Warden Fenton read the death warrant to Grammer at 2:15 and to Cole immediately afterward. Neither appeared materially moved.

Grammer Calls on Cole.

At 2:30 Grammer asked to see Cole. He was taken into the latter's cell which adjoined his on the one side and the death cell on the other. He walked firmly into the room. When he entered the door Cole jumped up and grasped his hand. Looking Cole squarely in the eye Grammer said, "Well, be brave, boy." And Cole, returning the gaze firmly, answered, "I will. You do your part." They shook hands and Grammer departed. Five minutes later Cole asked to see Mrs. Grammer. He was taken by the deputy warden into the cell. The door was closed and what was said remains a secret.

Grammer remained unmoved during his parting from his wife just before he began the march to the death chamber. As he was called by the warden she threw her arms around his neck and kissed him several times. "Allen, I will remain loyal to you while I live," she said. "I will try to lead such a life as you would want me to live and such a life as will enable us to meet later on." Grammer did not answer, but kissed her the last time and went out to the death chamber.

The execution was to have taken place at 3 o'clock sharp, but the arrival of I. C. Munger, the penitentiary physician, and his assistant was delayed fifteen minutes, and as a consequence Grammer was not

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# Grammer Declares He Is Not Guilty of Any Crime

The following statement was given out by Allen V. Grammer shortly before he went to the electric chair yesterday:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am now ready. I have just a word to say. Let me again say I am innocent of anything whatsoever of anything to do with the murder of Lulu Vogt, my wife's mother, and I am meeting death with a clear conscience for which I am most thankful and only wish that I was as innocent of other things, but I am not, and what wrongs I have done I certainly regret and wish I could live my life over again.

It is hard to go and leave my darling wife, she has given up almost everything in order to stand by me through all these trying times, but it seems that I must go. I thank God in Heaven that I can meet death with little or less fear as those who demand it of me. God knows my dear old father has done everything possible for me but my mind has been made up ever since the election returns came in that unless I got some relief through the courts I was done for. I do not know what the other candidates might have done if elected, but I felt confident that my case would have at least received consideration. I do hope that the incoming legislature does abolish capital

punishment. I believe that time will bring about the truth of my case. I do not believe that any man, no matter how bloodthirsty he may be, wants the life of an innocent person and if the men be guilty, two wrongs never make a right and the second is no better than their first in the eyes of God.

I do not wish to be understood as criticizing anyone in this case, but I do hope that the taking of my life will satisfy all, so that no more lives will be taken (so-called) legally or otherwise. So far as I am concerned personally, rather than serve even ten years here, I prefer to end it all right now. This isn't a play house, that some people think it is.

No, friends, if you will allow me to call you such, I am not afraid to die and I am prepared to meet God. God be with every boy here, for only those who have experienced it can know what a life here is. God help the men who are the lawmakers of the land to realize man as he really is, and that no matter how severe the penalty they attach to a crime, it does not sever the crime from them. May God come into the lives of every man in charge of this institution, if he hasn't already, and help them to realize that the inmates are flesh and blood, just as they themselves are.

ALLEN VINCENT GRAMMER.