

NEIGHBORS HUNG HIM.

Griggs County Farmer Sum- marily Handled for Ill Treating His Wife.

Knocked a Tooth Out Because She Would Not "Obey" Him.

Him.

Legal Separation Granted by Judge Glaspell Discloses Much Cruelty.

Jamestown Alert:

A degree of absolute divorce was today granted by Judge Glaspell to Julia Solberg from her husband, Ole, of Dazey, Griggs county. Not only does she get the legal separation desired, \$50 attorney's fees and the custody of the children, Henry Odin, and Mabel Luella, age nine and five respectively, but also alimony. He is required to pay her \$100 per annum for four years.

According to the testimony introduced she was eminently entitled to separation. They were married in Valley City May 29, 1884 since which time Solberg treated his wife in a cruel and inhuman manner. During June, five years later, while the wife was sick with lung fever Dr. Juell, of Dazey, her attending physician, prescribed eggs and milk. Solberg then owned "more than twenty laying hens which laid more than ten eggs a day" but he, with malice and aforethought, gathered the eggs and hid them. "That thereon, on account of the act of the defendant in this regard Solberg was hung by his neighbors with a rope sufficient to end his existence, if he had been left to himself." But on his promise to treat his wife with kindness and consideration for her well being the indignant neighbors let him down from the post in front of his house where they had him strung up.

She was in constant fear of her life on account of the cruel and inhuman treatment which he inflicted upon her and many times was compelled to run to the neighbors for protection from her drunken lord and master upon his return from Dazey well filled up with whiskey.

In her testimony the wife also stated that upon one occasion she had been helping Ole in the harvest field. They were cleaning up some oats and as it was late in the day she said she would go to the house and prepare supper. He wanted her to stay and assist in the work and when she replied that she could not help him and get the evening meal at the same time he struck her in the mouth with a hammer and broke off a tooth. This little incident of wifely affection happened eight years ago. She found life with her husband unbearable and spent a short time in Wisconsin. While absent it is said he secured a divorce—April 7, 1894—claiming she was in Minnesota and he was unable to secure service of the papers upon her. However, upon her return this fraudulent divorce was ordered set aside at a cost to her of \$275 and then she took an innings. She not only asked for a legal separation, etc.,—everything that was granted her—but the quarter section of land where she lived with Ole for so many years. The court did not grant this, but gave her alimony instead. She now has the care of her children and works out for her living.

A number of letters written in Norwegian, also a bill of sale of all of Ole's property, given to his wife to protect himself upon a certain occasion, was among the "exhibits" that accompanied the testimony.