

## MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE.

**Verdict in the Case of John Moore, Charged with Killing His Five Children—Moore Escapes and Is Captured.**

Hutchinson, Kan., May 6.—The trial of John Moore ended last night with a sensation. The case went to the jury at six o'clock, and at eight o'clock the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. Court was adjourned immediately and there was a big demonstration from the crowd, which gave prolonged applause. After the verdict Moore's attorney asked him as he bid him good-by to tell him if he had killed his children. "If I did I don't know it," was all that Moore said. Then his indifference, which has been his chief characteristic, left him and he cried piteously. No sooner had Moore been taken from the courtroom than he made a dash for liberty. Several shots were fired after him by the sheriff, none of them taking effect. The whole crowd joined in the chase, creating a wild scene. Moore ran several blocks to the home of his father-in-law, M. W. Franklin, where he entered the house and fought like a wild animal at bay. The report was spread that a mob had taken Moore from the sheriff and half of the town was aroused. Moore was captured after a short struggle and was taken again to jail.

### STORY OF THE CRIME.

Moore killed his five children here on the morning of March 20. After crushing their skulls and cutting their throats he burned the house over them. A post-mortem examination was held and the evidence of foul play detected. The coroner's jury charged Moore with the murder. His defense was made on the ground of epileptic insanity. No witnesses but Moore and his wife could be found to prove that he was subject to epileptic fits, and Moore's actions immediately after the tragedy argued that he was in possession of his reasoning faculties at the time. The defense made a hard fight, but the state's case was too strong.

**Sickening Accident Near Joplin.**