

### Grocer, Slain in Gun Fight; Pets Only Witnesses

#### James J. Spellman Loses in Last Encounter With Robbers; Without Escapes

Two pets were the only witnesses to the final and fatal meeting of James J. Spellman, 65, grocer at 1106 North Seventeenth street, and a bandit Thursday night.

A dog, chained in a rear corner of the store, and a cat on a pile of sacks behind the counter, were the only other occupants of the store when a bandit entered, began firing at the door and escaped without loot.

Spellman fought, as evidenced by two empty shells in the revolver which was held tightly clutched in his hand when he was found. He had been struck by three of the bandit's bullets, one in his head, another in his chest and another in his arm.

Dozen Attempts  
For years Spellman has been reputed a "fast man with a gun in time of trouble." During the 25 years that he has operated his little store there have been more than a dozen desperadoes attempt to rob him but never has he lost anything through a theft except when provisos have broken into the place during his absence.

Police believe that the slayer knowing of Spellman's reputation as a fighter, entered the store with a revolver in his hand. When Spellman saw the bandit he is thought to have reached for his own weapon, which he kept in his pocket, and frightened the bandit into shooting.

The bandit fired six shots altogether, three striking Spellman and three crashing into the wall behind him. Spellman fired twice, but neither of his bullets took effect. Both were found on the floor of the store. One of the bandit's bullets pierced a can of beans on the shelf, another punctured a can of olives and then passed through a can of corn. The third, which went wild, was found embedded in the ceiling.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 8:30 a. m. at the home and at Holy Family church at 9. Father P. F. Conroy officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary cemetery.

### Ox Team Woman Pioneer of 1869 Dies at Age of 85

Plainview, Neb., May 16.—Mrs. Sarah Smith died at her home here at the age of 85. In 1869, with her husband, she moved from the east by ox team to Dixon county, Nebraska, where they lived for 20 years. Then they moved to Central City, Neb., and subsequently to Plainview. Mrs. Smith had 13 children, seven of whom have died; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Last August she was stricken with paralysis, since which time she has been almost entirely helpless. Her husband survives her.

### Falls City Party Starts on Eastern Trip by Auto

Falls City, Neb., May 16.—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Workman, Miss Carrie A. Keim and Frank Lichty of Falls City have started on a trip to the east in an automobile. Mr. Lichty, a business man of Falls City, is a member of the board of the Ashland college and intends to be present for the commencement exercises. Other members of the party will continue to Washington, New York City, Boston and other points of interest.

### Rev. R. W. Livers Chosen Conference President

Hooper, Neb., May 16.—The 69th semi-annual convention of the North Platte conference of the Evangelical Lutheran synod of Nebraska, held in Grace Lutheran church here, elected the following officers: Rev. R. W. Livers, Hooper, president; Rev. William A. Klink, West Point, vice president; Rev. G. E. Mortensen, South Sioux City, Neb., secretary-treasurer.

### School Head Goes With Students on "Sneak Day"

Blue Springs, Neb., May 16.—On Blue Springs High school "sneak" day this week, Superintendent L. J. Douchal and Miss Zouchal piloted autos containing the students from here to Lincoln, where they were guided through the state penitentiary, insane asylum, new capitol grounds, state museum, state farm, Antelope park and a number of the large stores.

### Schroeder Estate \$60,000.

Columbus, Neb., May 16.—A large part of the \$60,000 estate left by the late G. A. Schroeder, pioneer Columbus miller, who died in Columbus last week, will be administered by his son-in-law, L. M. Getzen, local real estate man, according to provisions of the will which have been filed in probate court here. An income of \$2,200 cash is to go to the widow each year. The remainder, aside from the trust fund, will be divided equally between two daughters and one son, Mrs. L. M. Getzen, Columbus; Mrs. J. J. Mahoney, Andover, Mass.; and Walter Schroeder, San Francisco.

### Road Lined With Elms.

Kearney, Neb., May 16.—A tree planting project on the cemetery road, started two years ago, was concluded by the Chamber of Commerce with replacement of six trees which had failed to weather the winter. A total of 410 elm trees have been planted along the drive, eight blocks long, at a cost of \$1,200.

### Workman Falls 170 Feet With Load of Concrete; Not Permanently Injured

Lincoln, May 16.—Falling 170 feet with a load of concrete and living to tell of the descent was the experience of Nicholas Glantz, about 50, who was recovering from his injuries in the Lincoln sanitarium here today.

Glantz was riding on a load of concrete on a construction hoist used to erect a new smoke stack at the gas and electric light company plant. The hoist reached the top, stopped and then began to fall back.

Physicians today declared he will suffer no permanent ill effects.

### Mamma Goes Where Papa Goes; Both Taken Back Home in Taxi

By International News Service.  
Chicago, May 16.—Mamma went where papa went in the wee, sma' hours this morning and the night life of gay Wilson avenue was treated to the spectacle of harassed Mr. Arthur Rider turning and dodging in an effort to shake off determined Mrs. Rider who clung only in her nightgown, was after him in full cry.

"You'll have to lock me up, too," announced his wife. "He don't get away from me until I explain." The shivering policeman who had draped his coat about Mrs. Rider proved a Solomon. He hailed a taxi and took the Riders home, so that Mrs. Rider might prove that the man and woman her husband had found in his home upon his late arrival were only some country cousins he never had met before.

### NOTED HIKER SHOT IN RAID ON HOME

Kingston, N. Y., May 16.—A gang of men armed with sticks and rocks and at least one gun attacked the home of Edward Payson Weston, 85-year-old world famous pedestrian, who resides on a farm in the Plu-tarch mountains, last Monday night, it became known today. They shot Weston.

Weston, with housekeeper and son, reside on a farm which he purchased there some time ago when he retired. The boy was adopted by Weston. Weston barricaded himself in one room in the upper part of the house. The gang smashed every window of the house and broke down the door. During the attack Weston was shot in the leg. The motive of the attack is a mystery.

Kountze Improvers to Meet.  
The monthly meeting of the Kountze Place District Improvement club will be held tonight at 8 at Lyceum hall, Twenty-second and Locust streets. A program has been arranged.

### ACCUSED BOND THIEF ACQUITTED

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—The federal jury at noon today returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the trial of E. P. Butler, charged with robbery of \$1,500 of federal reserve bonds at Nebraska City, October, 1920.

Butler was accused by John W. Blair, Leavenworth convict, with being his accomplice in the robbery. The defense maintained, however, that Blair was endeavoring to "frame" Butler because of the latter's failure to furnish him with money while in prison.

### LINCOLN WOMAN SUES BROTHERS

Lincoln, Neb., May 16.—Taking of testimony was begun in district court today in the damage suit brought by Edith Vakem against her two brothers for \$10,000. Miss Vakem alleges her brothers entered into a "conspiracy" to defame and ruin her reputation.

### Attempt Made to Kill Samardick

#### Police Believe Gun Battle Was Directed Against Officer's Life.

Police are regarding seriously the gun battle between Prohibition Agent Samardick and his agents and a number of unidentified men at Twenty-fifth and Poppleton avenue Thursday night. About 100 shots were exchanged it is said. Frank Callahan was arrested; a gun was found near him.

It is believed that the gang which did the shooting had followed the Samardick squad all day waiting for a chance to assassinate the dry officer. The word has gone out in the underworld that Samardick must go, it is alleged.

Samardick continued his raids this morning, angry because of the affair.

Persons arrested by Samardick Thursday night are:

Lewis Cain, 2014 Poppleton avenue; John Ruffino, 1312 South Twenty-second street; Joseph Sero, 2207 Poppleton avenue; George Kyrimo, alias George Brown, 512 South Thirtieth street, and Beulah Kyrimo, John Woods, 2212 South Thirtieth street; E. McHugh, Millard hotel; John Rino, 1321 South Twenty-second street; Elmer O'Reilly, Thirtieth and Davenport; Sunny Furlong, Fourteenth and Webster streets. All are charged with liquor law violations.

This morning Samardick arrested the following for dry law violations: Nellie Sekay, 421 South Sixteenth street; Polly Wain, 516 South Nineteenth street; Maria Richardson and Mae Carlson, 503 South Forty-second street.

### Commercial Travelers Convened at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., May 16.—The 27th annual session, Nebraska grand council, United Commercial Travelers, convened here today with a fair attendance of delegates.

Address of welcome was given by C. L. Allen, president of the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce, and response by Grand Counsellor D. F. O'Brien.

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At 1 p. m. a secret session of the grand council was held. Visiting ladies were served with luncheon at the Young Women's Christian association rooms and from 2:30 to 5 p. m. were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eck.

acting as toastmaster. This was followed by a dance. Saturday's session will include a meeting of the grand council and an auto trip about town.

powwow held indoors. Shenandoah, Ia., May 16.—Weather conditions caused the Indian powwow in honor of Chief Waubensie to be held indoors at the Empress theater. The outdoor pageant, "The White Princess," was abandoned. Edgar R. Harlan of Des Moines, curator of the State Historical society, spoke. Young Bear, from the Tama county reservation, was a guest. R. Ferguson talked on "Chief Waubensie."

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