

LIBERTY REFUSED MAN WHO SHOT RIVAL

Mail Bandit Convicted in Bluffs

Crime Carries Sentence of Five Years on Each of Four Counts; Jury Out One Hour and 40 Minutes. Fate Known Wednesday

Fred Poffenbarger, jr., 23, was found guilty on all four counts of abstraction of valuables from the United States mails, with which he was charged, by a federal jury at Council Bluffs Saturday afternoon. The jury returned its verdict at 5:30, after an hour and 40 minutes of deliberation. Poffenbarger's partner in the \$3,000,000 Council Bluffs mail robbery was found guilty Friday on five counts of stealing mail pouches. The pair will come before Federal Judge Martin J. Wade next Friday for sentence. The penalty they face is five years in the federal penitentiary for each of the four of which they have been convicted.

Defendant Confident

Poffenbarger was light-hearted when summoned to hear the verdict of the jury. "It couldn't be a verdict of guilty," he confided. "Anyway, it shouldn't be," he added. A smile was on his face as the verdict was read. It remained, although a trifle less sincere, after the reading. "I can't compliment the jury on that kind of a verdict," he declared as he was led from the court room. The defense sprang a surprise and greatly expedited the trial Saturday afternoon when they announced that no witnesses for the defendant would be placed on the stand.

Arguments Waived

Both government and Poffenbarger's counsel waived argument and the case was given to the jury at 3:50, after the formal instructions by Judge Wade. "Insurance companies, not the government, have prosecuted this case," Poffenbarger stated in his cell Saturday afternoon. "Former District Attorney E. G. Moon and an insurance man came to me while I was in the Leavenworth penitentiary and offered me \$10,000 if I would tell them the location of the \$1,500,000 in insurance bonds which were not recovered after the robbery. "Keep Me In Jail."

"When I told them that I had burned mine and that Collins had thrown his in the Missouri river, they told me they would keep me in jail the rest of my life." Moon, who was placed on the stand Saturday afternoon by the government, denied offering the money when cross-examined by Poffenbarger's attorneys. Collins and Poffenbarger pleaded guilty to mail robbery in 1920 and were sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years. The sentences were reduced to five years because of technicalities. The pair were re-arrested as they left the prison several months ago at the termination of their terms. "If I ever get clear of this," Poffenbarger said Saturday, "I'm going to hire myself out on some farm and try to regain my health. Prison food has ruined my stomach." Poffenbarger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poffenbarger, sr., who have been in constant attendance at his trial, were not in the courtroom when the jury's verdict was announced.

ICE DEALER TO APPEAL SUIT

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—M. L. Rawlings, Wymore (Neb.) ice dealer, against whom a verdict of \$3,000 was returned by a jury in the district court in favor of Taylor & Helmig, ice dealers at that place, for the loss of their ice crop in 1923, when, it is alleged, Rawlings opened the dam on Indian creek, lowering the water, filed an appeal today to the supreme court, alleging 23 errors in the court's instructions. The plaintiffs sought \$5,000 damages. The trial of the case consumed several days, during which time a large number of witnesses from Wymore were examined.

Two Beatrice Boys Hurt in Coasting Accident

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—Glen Sherman, 12, received a broken arm, and Ernest Rathe, an ugly gash in the forehead, in a coasting accident near Adams. Young Sherman was so badly hurt that he was taken to Lincoln for treatment.

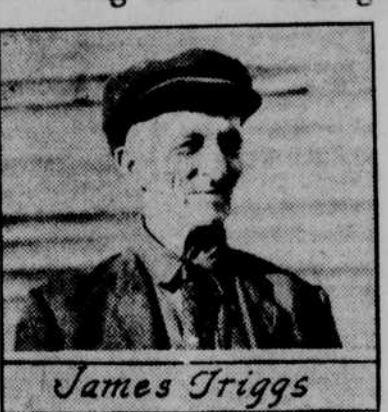
Bond Is Forfeited.

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—The \$500 bond of Charles Mitchell of Blue Springs, who is charged with disposing of a mortgaged car, was forfeited in the district court when he failed to appear for trial. The case has been in the courts for nearly a year.

Burlington Improving Track.

De Witt, Jan. 31.—Seven miles of track on the Burlington railway south of here, between Hoag and Beatrice, is being resurfaced and improved with cinders from Lincoln and Omaha for a roadbed. It will take about 20 carloads of cinders to the mile.

O'Neill Man Fought in Big Fire at Chicago



Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
O'Neill, Neb.—James Triggs, recently retired chief of the O'Neill fire department, was a fireman at the great Chicago fire in 1871, which resulted when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lamp. Triggs, who still is hale and hearty, at the time was a member of Liberty Hose Co. No. 1, Michigan City fire department. The night the historic conflagration broke out his department was summoned to Chicago and there remained on duty until the flames were subdued.

Shoe Fund Nears Total of \$2,500; \$3,000 Is Needed

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The Omaha Bee Shoe Fund has comforted many little feet this winter. There are more little feet that need protection from the cold ground. Many boys and girls have been able to continue in school with proper shoes on account of the shoe fund. Feet that have been almost on the ground have been covered. The responses this season have been generous. The fund is carefully administered by a committee. Not a cent is spent for administrative purposes. Teachers who observe children in school without proper shoes report the cases and they are investigated. The needy children are taken to the shoe stores and are fitted by careful attendants who give their time to this work which they consider a labor of love. Contributions should be addressed to the Free Shoe Fund, care of The Omaha Bee.

ICE CROP RUINED, JURY GIVES \$3,000

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Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—Damages amounting to \$3,000 was awarded Taylor & Helmig of Wymore by a jury in the district court against M. L. Rawlings, ice dealer at that place. The trial of the case occupied several days. The plaintiffs sought \$5,000 damages. The suit arose from the loss of the former's 1923 ice crop on Indian creek west of Wymore, when Rawlings, it was alleged, by opening his dam across the stream caused the level of the water to lower. The overlying ice crumbled and collapsed. The plaintiff's crop of ice, located upstream, consisting of about 18,000 tons, was ruined.

LEGION GOALS SET AT MEETING

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 31.—Four definite goals to increase the membership of all posts, to send 10,000 Nebraska service men to the national convention in Omaha next October, more active work in community service and the promotion of the aid fund, were set at the state meeting of American Legion post commanders and adjutants, which was held in Norfolk, with State Commander Charles Courtney of Kearney, State Adjutant Frank B. Connell of Lincoln, and State Finance Officer Frank Perkins of Fremont present.

Mortgaged Batteries Were Sold, Bank Charges

Bridgeport, Neb., Jan. 31.—Jack W. Kay, who has been conducting a battery station at Sidney, has been arrested in Cheyenne and returned for prosecution on a charge of selling mortgaged property. It is charged that he disposed of his entire stock of batteries, on which the Liberty State bank of Sidney held a mortgage, and kept the proceeds. His arrest was caused by argument over an alleged short check given in Cheyenne.

Loan Body Opens Office.

Hartington, Neb., Jan. 31.—J. H. Edwards, who has been secretary-treasurer of the Rose Hill National Farm Loan association since it was established seven years ago, has opened an office in the L. O. O. F. building here. Business increased from \$15,000 the first year to \$776,000 at the present time.

Good Start Augurs Big Year in 1925

January Business Presages Prosperity in Middle West; Bank Deposits Growing Steadily.

\$2 Wheat Brings Smiles

The first month of a year is usually a criterion of what to expect during the course of the ensuing months. The sometimes frenzied buying of the Christmas holiday season is ended, the week of bad poetry has left in its wake tons of canceled postage stamps, and business men settle down to see what the reaction will be. A healthy indication of future business conditions may be found in the sales recorded by wholesale concerns in January. If the merchants feel that they will have a ready market for their goods, they will buy in generous quantities for the spring trade, and they place their orders for early delivery.

Greater Nebraska Straight Area

On that premise alone it is safe to say that Nebraska and Nebraska will enjoy a year of prosperity that will closely resemble the years of the war, and immediately thereafter. This activity will be on a sounder basis than that of the inflated boom years of 1917 to 1920. The election of President Coolidge, the excellent crops of 1924 and the fine market for them, the opening of better trade relations with foreign countries—these are some of the reasons why 1925 will go down in history as a happy one. A survey of the wholesale district of Omaha finds the outlook wholly cheerful. The only blue note sounded in regard to the roads, which have been in a deplorable condition in many parts of Nebraska. Better roads, the wholesalers say, will mean better business conditions, and this sentiment is reflected by most of the traveling salesman part of the time. Otherwise, the wholesalers have no grounds to complain, they say, and they look forward to the best business year since 1921.

House Is Flooded by New Measures

323 Bills Introduced in 19 Days; Monday Is Last Day.

By Associated Press.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 31.—Thirty-nine more bills were thrown into the house of representatives this morning to be subjected to the whims and fancies of the state lawmakers. The total number of bills now on file stands at 323, at the end of the 19th legislative day. Monday will be the last day for presentation of measures to the house. After a session of less than an hour, the house quit until 2 p. m., Monday, to give the legislative reference bureau more time to handle the expected crush of bills on the last day. A night session Monday is likely.

\$2 Wheat Big Help.

A region that depends more on agriculture than any other means for furthering the common weal cannot help but feel the impetus created by the remarkable grain market. The rise in wheat to above \$2 last week, caused by varying conditions but chiefly on account of the world wheat crop shortage, has been a boon to the agricultural middlewest. This may not be the source of smiles in the Canadian wheat provinces, and in Australia and the Argentine, but the American farmer is sitting on top of the world. The year 1924 having been such a windfall to the farmer, the eyes of the nation will be centered this year on the agrarian industry. What will 1925 bring? Much depends on how much rain, how much sunshine, grace the broad acres of the country, and how they are distributed. The United States Department of Agriculture is in an optimistic mood, the farmers themselves sniff at the winter air, throw snowballs over their chicken coops, and say their bank books at the end of 1925 will be quite comfortable. There is no need to indicate that 1925 will not be a repetition of 1925, unless the crops of other nations cut into the American export business, an eventuality that must always be looked for.

Good January Business.

Omaha retail merchants had a good business throughout January. They disposed of surplus wares by the medium of sales, many of them remarkable both as to the quality of goods offered and the prices. Omaha buyers liberally during January; apparently the consumers did not feel in the mood to stagnate after doing their Christmas shopping early and late. The stores expect to do a good business in February; they are projecting sales for the final disposition of winter goods and are already bringing in spring stock in large and varied quantities. They are conducting their buying on the theory that 1925 will be a good year.

Winter, as everyone knows, is a slack season for builders. The intense cold in December, and the fluctuating temperatures and snows of January, have impeded actual building, but did not halt plans for the spring and summer. Several large building projects came into being during the month. The builders' exchange does not look for a "boom year," but it anticipates a larger field of activity than at any other time in recent years. This increase of construction will give employment to additional men at good wages. It will mean the purchase of large allotments of material. It is another healthy sign.

Labor Optimistic.

Labor is optimistic. The unemployment situation has never been grave this winter, although the inclement weather of the last week sent scores to the municipal employment office seeking jobs. There are men out of work, largely due to the lack of sea-

sonable employment. The charitable organizations are doing a great deal of work in alleviating individual cases of distress. On the whole, the conditions along this line are good here; better, indeed, than in most cities of this size. In union labor circles it is freely predicted that 1925 will not be a year to be regretted. Savings and time deposits in all the banks are growing steadily. January was a good month to the financial institutions, and when the patronage of the banks increases there is little cause to worry generally.

Gray and Hoag.

In the current issue of Forbes Magazine are interviews with 100 of the leading business men of the country who believe that 1925 will be a banner year. Omaha has two representatives in this article, Walter W. Hoag, president of the Omaha National bank, said that the year 1925 promises reasonably certain rewards, but he urges the exercise of careful study and sober judgment. He looks for a steady increase in business, but no boom prosperity. C. R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, desires a stabilization of the legislative attitude. He said that the Interstate Commerce commission, with its years of experience, its precedents and its definite policies, has such an attitude, but it seems difficult to the legislative mind, having done a good job, to let it alone for a sufficient length of time to draw any logical conclusions.

Securities Sales brisk.

Houses dealing in stocks and bonds, including mortgages and other sound securities, found that there was no lull in their business in January. Substantial investments were made constantly by Omaha persons and by farmers. The number of small investors, capitalists in their own right, has grown to an enormous figure since the war, and is still growing. Omaha has further reason to be satisfied with the outlook because of the large number of conventions which will come to the city during the year. The biggest of these, of course, will be the American Legion convention of 1925. The election of January apparently has shown the way to Omaha and Nebraska. Therefore on with the slogan: "Nebraska straight ahead."

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Bid for Home Trade, Carey Urges Farmers

Chairman of Agriculture Conference Committee Steps in Omaha to Boost Livestock Loans.

The American farmer must look to his domestic trade instead of foreign market to dispose of his grain and other products, according to Robert D. Carey, former governor of Wyoming and chairman of the agriculture conference committee recently formed by President Coolidge. Mr. Carey was in Omaha Saturday. The work of the president's agricultural commission will bring lasting benefits to the farmers of the country, in Mr. Carey's opinion. Much is yet to be done and Mr. Carey is planning to return to Washington in the near future for further hearings. The work already accomplished is as follows:

1. Bill introduced to establish a co-operative marketing bureau. This body will be in position to supply facts and information on farmers' co-operative activities. It will also act as a coordinating body to act for the farmers in contact with all departments of the national government.
2. Endorsed the Hoch-Smith bill which calls upon the Interstate Commerce commission to make a study of freight rates on agricultural products, with a view to reductions.
3. Endorsed the "truth in fabrics" bill, which will compel labels to state accurately the fabrics used in wool, silk and cotton cloths.
4. Urged tariffs on hides, meats, vegetable oils and other imported agricultural products.
5. Endorsed the Purnell bill, which seeks larger appropriations to be used by the agricultural experiment stations in investigating farm marketing problems.
6. Urged closer and better administration of farm laws now on the statute books, with particular reference to the farm loan bank laws and other credit supplying enactments.

According to Mr. Carey, the American farmer cannot compete with the foreign market due to the different methods of living between the farmers of this country and those of the old world. "The shortage of wheat throughout the world makes the market different. The high price of wheat and other grains this year is simply due to this shortage," he said. The report of the commission, he said, is being received favorably throughout the east.

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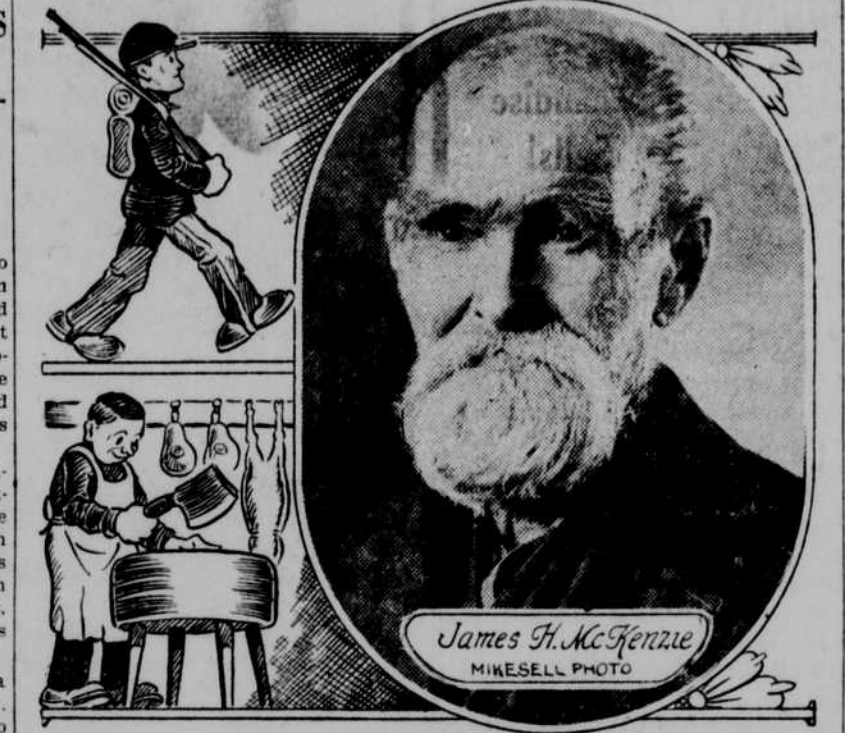
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Ponca Pioneer, Former Adventurer, Will Be 84 Years Old in February



Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Ponca, Neb., Jan. 21.—Savior, soldier, hunter, trapper, butcher and peddler—such has been the life of James H. McKenzie of Ponca, who was born in Scotland 83 years ago. McKenzie went to sea when he was 15 years old with an uncle, sailing from London to New Brunswick, Canada, and Santiago, Cuba. In his subsequent maritime journeys he visited most of the countries of the world. He has been around Cape Horn twice, has shipped on vessels which brought cargoes of indigo from India to Great Britain and America. He has sailed on slave ships which transported negro slaves from Africa to the Southern States previously to the civil war. He was a seaman on the maiden voyage of the "Great Eastern," the largest ship then afloat, which afterward laid the first successful Atlantic cable in 1866.

He came west after the war. In the "Merrimac" battle. In the war of the rebellion he served in the United States navy for three years, four months and 11 days. He took part in the memorable battle between the Merrimac and Monitor when the derided "cheese box on a raft" won its triumphant victory over the heretofore impregnable ironclad monster. He came west after the war. In the '70s he was company butcher of an expedition that went from this place to Fort Peck in Montana, under the command of Maj. N. S. Porter, another pioneer of Ponca. This group of men was hired by the government to oversee Indian affairs, guard against lawlessness and the smuggling of liquor to the Indians in that territory.

Carries Stabbing Scar.

Mr. McKenzie remembers well the time when the first railroad came to Ponca in 1875. It was a narrow gauge, known as the Covington, Columbus & Black Hills railroad. Covington was the old name for South Sioux City, Neb. During his long and busy career, Mr. McKenzie has witnessed many changes, political as well as economic and social. He has had many narrow escapes from death. Once he was almost fatally stabbed by an infuriated Standard on a merchant ship. He still carries the scar. Mr. McKenzie says his life has been varied, exciting and hard, but "it is a good life if one likes it." He is still hale, active, and very hardy. His eyes are hardly dimmed by the years. Mr. McKenzie was a twin, and weighed only two and one-fourth pounds at birth, proving that vitality can come in small parcels. His twin was a giant, who weighed eight pounds but died in infancy. Mr. McKenzie will be 84 years old February 22.

Schuerman to Remain in Asylum

Habeas Corpus Writ Demanding Release of Slayer From Institution Dismissed by Lincoln Court.

Blow to Relatives

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Jan. 31.—Petition for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Edward Schuerman of Beatrice from the Nebraska state hospital was denied today by District Judge Mason Wheeler.

A jury in Gage county returned a verdict Christmas evening that Schuerman was insane when he killed George Rheinmiller, whom he accused of alienating the affections of his wife, last October. The refusal of Judge Wheeler to grant the writ is a blow to Schuerman's relatives, who are reported to have triumphantly claimed, when the jury's verdict was announced, that they would speedily obtain the Beatrice farmer's release from the asylum. Schuerman's attorneys instituted legal proceedings to secure his release early in the month, but the slayer was committed to the state hospital on January 5. Following Judge Wheeler's denial of their petition, they announced the fight would be carried to the supreme court.

Jilted Youth, 19, Shoots Himself

Grand Island Boy Fulfills Threat as Proposal Is Scorned.

Grand Island, Jan. 31.—Kenneth Fewson, cook, 19, committed suicide late Friday because of unrequited love. Fewson for several years had been the main support of a widow and several children, boarding with them. He became infatuated with the oldest daughter and upon her return home last evening he repeated his proposal of marriage. He was rejected and, going to his room where he had his effects packed, he took a .38 caliber revolver and shot himself squarely through the head. Members of the family told officers that he threatened to do this upon a previous occasion. Fewson's father lives at Harlan, Ia. It is stated that the mother died when Fewson and several other children were young and that he left home early. He had been employed here in a restaurant for three years. A sister, Mrs. W. R. Smith, also lives here.

STATION BURGLAR GETS SMALL HAUL

Enidville, Neb., Jan. 31.—A few minutes after J. J. Hargis, station agent, had left the St. Joseph & Grand Island station here to take several hundred dollars to the bank, the station was entered and robbed of a small amount of change which Hargis had left in the cash till. Police here and in neighboring towns are looking for a 17-year-old youth who was sitting in the waiting room, adjoining the office, for some time before the robbery. Hargis left the waiting room open when he went to the bank, but locked the office. Entrance was gained by prying open the ticket window.

FREMONT REVIVES HOBO 'CHAIN GANG'

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 31.—Instead of jail sentences for transients and violators of minor laws, Fremont will put its prisoners to work on the streets with a revival of an old "ball and chain" ordinance. The council has instructed Police Judge Fred W. Vaughn to sentence prisoners hereafter to the pick and shovel. The men will be placed in charge of Street Commissioner Frank Wallace, who will use the men in repairing the city streets, smoothing down the rough places and "manicuring" the gutters.

Gage County Banker in Serious Condition

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—W. P. Norcross, pioneer of Gage county, who was operated upon at a local hospital in a serious condition and little hope is held for his recovery. Mr. Norcross was formerly a banker at Adams and is reputed to be one of Gage county's wealthiest citizens.

Pastor 82 Years Old

York, Neb., Jan. 31.—Rev. N. B. Moore celebrated his 82d birthday at his home in York Wednesday evening by entertaining a few friends at an oyster supper. Rev. Mr. Moore, who is chaplain of York post of the G. A. R., told the company of his war experiences.

Taxpayers Dunned.

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 31.—Distress warrants are being issued to force collection of personal tax. Approximately 1,000 are delinquent in Jefferson county.

RITES SUNDAY FOR FREMONT FIREMAN

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 31.—Elaborate funeral services for Fred E. Lea, member of the local fire department, who died at Hastings following an accident during the state convention, are to be held Sunday.

Lea's death was hastened by wounds suffered in the recent war. He took part in nearly every major engagement with the A. E. F. While attending the convention at Hastings a few days ago, a toy cannon tore away a portion of his leg. Saturday afternoon the body laid in state at the parlors of the Fremont Fire department. Hundreds of friends filed past the casket. Mayor Larson ordered all municipal activities to cease while the body lay at the firemen's parlors on Saturday.

Sunday afternoon the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Cleland Hose company, Fremont police department, and the members of the city council will attend the funeral services in a body.

OMAHAN ASKS TO BE PAROLED

Lincoln, Jan. 31.—Ole Martenson, sentenced to serve from two to 10 years for the shooting and killing of Grace Black at a South Omaha resort in 1921, has applied for parole. He will appear before the state board of pardons and paroles on February 10. John L. Olson, convicted of shooting John Luksens at Fremont, was also applied for parole. He is serving a sentence of from two to 15 years. Another hobo parole to Earl Kincaid of Boone county, who was convicted of the attempted kidnapping of a school teacher with whom he was infatuated and of shooting a man who attempted to stop him. He was sentenced to serve from one to two years.

Prisoners in the Douglas county jail who have applied for parole are: Henry Buford, assault; Frank Dugan, grand larceny; Gant Houston, breaking and entering.

Muny Swimming Pool for Fremont Proposed

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 31.—Proposals for a municipal swimming pool, once defeated in Fremont in an election, were revived here at a meeting of the city council. Favorable discussion followed the introduction of the question by Mayor Harry Larson and it is probable that another election will be held this spring. The present plan would construct a pool in the heart of the city, fed by waters from the city plant.

Guilty in Chicken Theft.

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 31.—Henry Nieman, Pipestone, Minn., was convicted on a charge of stealing chickens from the Fred Eason farm near North Bend. Nieman was charged with being the accomplice of Hans Blackman, now in the state reformatory on a similar charge, who was shot and captured by Eason.

COLLEGE FUND DRIVE STILL SHORT

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 31.—With one day left in which to complete the drive Hastings college today had \$30,000 yet to raise to complete the new endowment fund of \$400,000, and an additional fund of \$70,000 to wipe out the current debt, committees are redoubling their efforts in the hope that success may be announced at a mass meeting Sunday afternoon. This meeting will continue until midnight, if necessary, since the subscriptions are conditional upon the amount being received by that hour. A separate fund of \$300,000 for new buildings is available and will be used at once if the endowment is raised. President French became ill in the last days of the drive and former President Crane of Estherville, Ia., has arrived today to aid in the final effort. Completion of the fund will give the college an investment of \$1,135,000. In addition a new fund for a gymnasium was started today with a contribution of \$5,000 and another pledge of 10 per cent of all funds raised for this purpose up to \$125,000.

TWO PINNED UNDER CAR IN COLLISION

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 31.—John Forde, suffered a broken leg and Charles Hinton suffered three fractured ribs and other injuries when another machine crashed into their car from the rear while they were repairing at the roadside five miles south of Beatrice last night. The force of the impact overturned the standing car on to the men. Both machines were wrecked.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Arthur E. Roselle, Fort Omaha 21 Beatrice Taylor, Omaha 21 Harold Lagrange, Kearney, Neb. 21 Margaret Widener, Blair, Neb. 21 Roy Lee, Fullerton, Neb. 21 Violet Richard, Omaha, Neb. 21 W. E. Halton, Omaha 25 Esther E. Pomme, Omaha 25 Grover Auston, Omaha 25 Gladys Koller, Omaha 25 Michael J. Lalonde, Port Omaha 25 Joseph Knopsek, Omaha 25 E. E. Mann, Omaha 25 Hazel Bond, Omaha 28 Catherine Davies, Lincoln 28 Roy Lester, Kearney, Lincoln 28 Lois Jensen, Milford, Neb. 28 Kenneth Lyons, Council Bluffs 31 Norma Heasley, Council Bluffs 31 Eric Ellis, Armstrong, Hawley, Neb. 23 Oliver C. Miller, Lincoln 23 Ona Marian Seymour, Lincoln 23 Josie Taylor, Omaha 27 Leonard P. Collins, Omaha 27 Vera De Lee, Detroit, Minn. 28 Carol Storti Wises, Manhattan, Wis. 23 Lillian Thresa Schwary, Lincoln 23 L. E. Phillips, Omaha 23 J. W. Ballinger, Grand Island, Neb. 23 Martin Nelson, Grand Island, Neb. 23 Mildred C. Olson, Hancock, Ia. 24 Aris Pratt, Lincoln 24 Vera De Lee, Detroit, Minn. 24 William Carey, Omaha 24 Martha Schubeck, Plattsmouth, Neb. 23