

## AGED FREMONT MERCHANT SHOT IN BED IN HOME

Police Seek Unidentified Young Man Described by Victim—Wife On Way to Omaha.

Fremont, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—H. B. Lucken, retired Fremont business man, was shot twice, presumably by an unidentified assailant, at 6 o'clock this morning only a few minutes after his wife had departed for Omaha.

Lucken is 78 years old. His wife is 56 years old.

Lucken was shot in the left lung and in the left temple. At Fremont hospital, where he was taken, it was said he has a chance for recovery.

**Assailant Young Man.**

Lucken told police a man he could describe only as a young man came into the dining room of his home and fired from there into the bedroom.

The wounded man shouted for help, whereupon his assailant fired again, he told police.

Police are inclined to scout the aged man's story of the position of the assailant, as powder marks were discovered on his shirt. A powder mark also was visible on the temple.

No revolver was found in the house, however, and no valuables were missing.

**Wife Goes to Omaha.**

Last night, Lucken said, he and his wife had played cards with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sasse until 10:30, when the latter couple went home. His wife then went to spend the night with Mrs. H. W. Niebaum, he said, but returned at 5 a. m. to prepare for breakfast.

Following the breakfast she told him to return to bed, as she was

going to Omaha to see her doctor, he said. Trains leave Fremont for Omaha at 5:30 and 5:50.

Lucken has seven children, six of whom live in Nebraska. They are: Mrs. John Muntken of Fremont, Mrs. A. E. Muegling of Bloomfield, Mrs. Herman Greening of Wayside, Mrs. John Mellis of Hunter, Okla.; John Lucken of Ames, Bennie Lucken of Humphrey and Will Lucken of Wayne.

## No Reduction Expected In Otoe Corn Acreage

According to Bert Ryder, mayor of Nebraska City, who was a visitor at the local market Tuesday, farmers in Otoe county have just started to break ground for corn planting and will put in their seed just as soon as the weather permits. He said the acreage is expected to be as large this year as before, as most of the farmers in southeastern Nebraska have a system of crop rotation that does not interfere with corn acreage.

Mayor Ryder said some of the farmers of his section had expressed an intention of giving a trial to feeding of lambs next fall and winter, but that it was possible that there would be a decrease in the number of cattle fed. He said corried heaves in his section were getting quite scarce, owing to the high price of corn and the low market on cattle.

## Kearney Youths Take Auto From Streets for Joy Ride

Kearney, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—Leaving his new automobile parked in the streets here while he attended to business, Ed Reynolds of Pleasanton was surprised on returning 10 minutes later to see his machine speeding out of the city. He spread the alarm, and accompanied by the chief of police, started chase. At Gibbon they overtook the car.

Walter Cash, 15 years old, was at the wheel, accompanied by Charles Curtis, a negro youth of the same age. The boys said they were only desiring to take a little ride and intended to return the machine after their trip.

## OMAHA WOMAN SUES FOR DEAD FIANCE'S LAND

Mrs. Mary Mallet Says Dodge County Farmer Promised Her Estate Before His Death.

Fremont, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Mallet of Omaha, a widow, testified in district court this morning in her suit to secure the farm property of the late Louis Kienbaum, to whom she was engaged to marry when he died at St. Catherine's hospital, Omaha, last October. The Kienbaum farm, 240 acres in Dodge county, and other property of the estate are valued at more than \$80,000.

Mrs. Mallet alleges that Kienbaum first engaged her to keep house for him at Snyder, agreeing to give the property to her, and then to avoid neighbor's talk, they decided to marry, and a part of the prenuptial agreement was that she should get the estate. Her suit is against Willie and August Kienbaum and Augusta Grunke, brothers and sister, and only surviving near relatives of the deceased.

## Merrick County Delegates Elected to State Meeting

Central City, May 12.—(Special.)—The democratic county convention held here endorsed the present administration and Senator Hitchcock's stand on the peace treaty and elected the following delegates to represent Merrick county at the state convention: Theo. Osterman, T. J. Farrell, Mrs. William Traver, John Daily, Vincent Douglas and Edna Willis.

## SAYS SENTIMENT IN STATE FAVORS DRY ENFORCEMENT

Citizens Quick to Inform On Violators, Prohibition Officer Finds On Tour of State.

Sentiment in Nebraska is overwhelmingly in favor of strict enforcement of national prohibition, according to James H. Hanley, state director of prohibition enforcement, who issued a statement yesterday following visits during the last two weeks to 25 Nebraska counties.

"I am convinced people of the state generally are deeply interested in thorough enforcement of prohibition measures," he said. "Local authorities in various counties reported to me numerous instances of citizens volunteering information of alleged violations and offering to appear as witnesses against violators. With that sort of public co-operation, enforcement of prohibition laws will not be difficult."

**Some Think Law Strict.**

"Through personal investigation and reports received at my office I have been made aware of a feeling among some citizens that the present law is too drastic, but there is no doubt that public sentiment generally favors a thorough trial of the

present law before attempting to force amendments." Director Hanley does not regard seriously reports of illicit stills being operated at scattered points over the state. There is no evidence of an organized band of "moonshiners" and experience so far indicates individual operators are killing off their own business by the quality of liquor they produce, he asserts.

## Perfecting Dry Organization.

Under instructions from Washington, Director Hanley is visiting each Nebraska county for conferences with county attorneys, sheriffs, police chiefs and mayors to arrange for thorough co-operation between state, local and federal authorities in all prohibition enforcement measures. The 12 enforcement agents assigned to Nebraska will work wholly in conjunction with state and local officials under present plans, he said.

## Johnson County Live Stock Breeders to Erect Pavilion

Tecumseh, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—The Johnson County Pure Bred Live Stock association will erect a sale pavilion in Tecumseh. It is proposed to make a substantial affair with heat, so that it can be used winter or summer. The building will cost \$40,000, and more than half the amount has been subscribed.



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## Kearney Paving Program Is Halted by Injunction

Kearney, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—District Judge Dungan of Hastings, hearing evidence in a suit here to restrain paving under a bid recently let by the city commissioners, sustained the injunction, but not because of irregularity in letting the contract, which was awarded to the highest bidder, the Tyner Construction company, Kansas City. The court held the other firm bidding the St. Joseph Construction and Paving company, had not lived up to contracts in many portions of the state and also held that the city commissioners had acted entirely in accordance with the state laws in letting their contract. Sufficient intersectional paving money was not available to carry out the extensive paving program planned. The commissioners neglected to issue their intersectional bonds when voted and they were held to be void. Some paving will be undertaken at once and an additional \$15,000 in intersectional paving bonds voted this year, making it possible to complete a majority of the big paving area mapped out.

**New School Plan Beaten.**  
Atlantic, Ia., May 12.—(Special.)—School consolidation was defeated in two special elections held in this county Wednesday. The proposal to consolidate the schools of Union and Edna townships into two districts. It had been expected the proposal would carry in both townships. Cass county now has two consolidated school districts at Lewis and Wiota.

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