

# FRED BEIER STABBED.

Aged Hobo Sticks a Knife Into The  
Ribs of Fred Beier, Jr., a Few  
Days Ago.

Carrington, known throughout the state as one of the most orderly cities of the commonwealth, has been in the throes of a crime wave the past week. So strong did public sentiment become against this reign of lawlessness that it was crystalized last evening in the report of the improvement committee of the city council to that body recommending that Chief of Police Swanson be discharged and a man competent to deal with the situation appointed. The resolution passed in the council by a vote of four to two.

Friday evening Night Watchman Beier captured a telescope grip containing fifteen pint bottles of whiskey but the owner escaped. Saturday night, those familiar with the situation claim three or four piggers were operating in the alleys. The booze merchants are hard to land, however, as they drop in for a few hours' run and then decamp to other cities.

Bootlegging whiskey was the indirect cause of a vicious knife attack on Fred Beier, Jr., night watchman, early Sunday morning. A briar pipe in his upper coat pocket warded off the full effect of the knife thrust and possibly saved his life. While arresting a floater, who gives his name as John Deere, the hobo suddenly flashed a knife and gave Fred a fiendish slash in the side, laying open a gash three inches long and a half inch wide. No one present in the Comus at the time saw Deere pull the knife, but as soon as young Beier realized that he had been stabbed he grabbed the knife artist by the throat and brought him to the floor. He jailed Deere before medical aid had arrived. Deere was given a preliminary hearing Tuesday afternoon before Police Magistrate Proyor. He was bound over to the district court under a \$500 bond. Sunday Fred remained in bed suffering much pain from the wound in his side and a smaller gash on the left arm. He was able to come down town Monday, although his side is still very sore.—Carrington Independent.