

Two Bankers Are Denied Paroles From State 'Pen'

Requests of Frank Ridings and Frank Knapp Refused—Four Douglas County Prisoners Paroled.

Lincoln, Oct. 20.—The petition for parole of Frank Ridings, former president of the Halsey State bank, who is serving a sentence of from 1 to 10 years in the penitentiary for embezzlement, has been deferred by the parole board. Frank B. Knapp, the only other banker who petitioned the board at its last hearing, will also have to wait until the board can consider his case at greater length.

Of the 25 petitioners, four were denied, 24 being paroled and the cases of the two bankers deferred. William Harris and Edward Gay, both of Omaha, are included in the four who were refused parole. The men are serving sentences for breaking and entering.

Douglas county petitioners whose sentences for paroles were granted are William Hilder, June Van Housen, State Siporin and Louis Pecha. June Van Housen was implicated in a robbery of the National Fur and Tanning company of Omaha, it being alleged that she and an accomplice held up employees of the company and escaped with a quantity of valuable furs. In her petition she claimed that she had gone to the tanning company without knowledge that a robbery was to be perpetrated and that she was a victim of circumstances. She was serving a term of from three to five years.

Louis Pecha was one of two men who staged a holdup in South Omaha several years ago. He told the board that it was his first offense and that he had gained practically nothing from the holdup. Witnesses who appeared for him at the hearing said they understood he was under the influence of liquor at the time, that he had always been "straight" prior to the offense, and that they were sure he would be all right in the future.

Nate Siporin had been serving a sentence of from two to three years for embezzlement, it being charged that he had fraudulently converted sums entrusted to him in connection with his employment with The Bee Publishing company to his own use. The findings of the board at its hearing October 9 follow:

Paroles granted: William Hilder, Douglas, grand larceny; June Van Housen, Douglas, robbery; State Siporin, Lincoln, larceny; Louis Pecha, Douglas, robbery; James Murphy, Keith, burglary; Rhoda Pence, Lincoln, larceny; Charles Finney, Johnson, forgery; Edward Rain, Lincoln, larceny; Charles Murphy, Cedar, embezzlement; John Johnson, Lincoln, robbery; Alfred Kern, Lancaster, larceny; as well as James McDaniels, Otis, horse stealing; Barney Keach, Box Butte, obtaining money under false pretenses; Clarence Morgan, Dodge, auto stealing; Paroles denied: Joseph Ralph Arvin, Boyd, crime against nature; William E. Harris, Douglas, breaking and entering; Doreen; Frank Ridings, Thomas, embezzlement; Frank B. Knapp, Dodge, embezzlement.

New \$300,000 School Proposed at Columbus

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Oct. 20.—Special election to vote on the issuance of \$300,000 school bonds for the erection and equipment of a new senior high school carrying interest at 4 1/2 per cent will be called in Columbus some time during the middle of November. This decision was reached today when the school board set the amount for building investment and elected Attorney L. L. Albert, Columbus, as school board attorney to prepare the election call for the nearest available date.

Bank Stockholders Not Doubly Liable, Court Holds

Lincoln, Oct. 20.—Stockholders in a failed bank cannot be held their double liability under Nebraska laws until all assets available for payment of depositors and creditors and reimbursement of the guarantee fund have been exhausted, the state supreme court ruled today in affirming the decision of the district court at Plattsmouth in the suit of F. E. Bodie, former receiver, against T. H. Pollock, one of the stockholders.

Reception Held for Girl Entering Mission Field

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Aurora, Neb., Oct. 20.—Miss Violet Otto, who will sail from New York city November 6 to do missionary work in India, was tendered a shower and reception at the Methodist church Wednesday evening of this week. A program was given by the foreign missionary society of the church, and was concluded by a short address by Rev. M. P. Mulvaney, the new pastor.

Shipping Heavy. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand, Neb., Oct. 20.—Eighty-four carloads of hay, beans, stock and grain were received and sent from the Union Pacific station here Thursday.

What's in a Name? Nothing, Perhaps, But There's Five Dollars in the Best Title to This Picture



Oye! Oye! Oye! Title fans and other Bee readers, draw near and hear! The Title Contest has been running so heavily since it became a feature of The Omaha Bee that we are going to spread out and occupy a deal more time and territory than we have hitherto.

Beginning next week, with our intellectually inclined member of the I. W. W. pictured above, we invite all our readers to write letters to us telling what they think of the picture, whether they have ever seen any similar incident, or to comment on any titles they like or dislike. We would like to hear how our prize winners spend their money, if they care to tell, and any other details about themselves which Title Contest fans think might interest the rest of us.

Once or twice we have had the privilege of meeting some of our standbys in the contest, and we have liked them so well we think we would like to know more about the rest of you. Prizes. The prizes will remain the same as always. The lucky one who claps the best title onto the literary snow sweeper will receive \$5; the five next best titles will bring second prizes of \$1 each.

As for rules, there will be a few changes. No longer need the ardent fan bankrupt himself for postcards. You may enclose everything in envelopes and if it becomes necessary we will hire that pretty secretary to open them for us. We have always hankered for an excuse to do so anyhow. New rules are as follows: Rules. Write your title, name and address on a postcard or slip of paper and mail to The Title Contest Editor, The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

Each contestant may submit as many titles as, he pleases, but each should be written on a separate piece of paper. No title should contain more than 12 words. The contest closes Wednesday at midnight. Last Week's Contest. Last week's "tie-tie" contest picture drew forth about the usual number of entries, for 272 postcards were received. These were divided among the following states: Nebraska, 205; Iowa, 51; Kansas, 6; South Dakota, 6; Missouri, 2, and Colorado, 2.

The winners are: First, "A Great Tie Up on the Front," Fred W. McConnell, North Eighteenth street, Omaha, Neb.; second, "Watching the Tied Come In," Mrs. W. D. Suter, Denison, Ia.; "When Knight-hood Was in Stripes," Mrs. Charles Snyder, 517 South Twenty-fourth street, Omaha; "Innocence," Harry Ratzkin, 216 First avenue, Council Bluffs and "The Pride of His Bosom," Mrs. Arthur Lee, Atlantic, Ia.

Honorable Mention. "Stringing the Beaux," L. T. Brooking, Fink, Neb. (Just fine, L. T. B. We are beginning to believe you are a professional. We clearly recall a famous gentleman who used your initials differently arranged).

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League of Women Voters Explains Marriage Law

Object of Eugenics Statute Has Been Misunderstood—Principal Features Listed.

Spreading of information concerning Nebraska's new marriage law has been undertaken by the Nebraska League of Women Voters as the result of a resolution favoring such action passed at the last state convention. Members of the league declare that the object of the law has been greatly misunderstood, which interferes seriously with its successful operation. The resolution passed at the last convention urges the members of the

league to study the law, and give publicity to its provisions. Following are the outstanding provisions of the new law as compiled by the league: No person afflicted with venereal disease shall be allowed to marry and the county judge before issuing a license must require an affidavit from each applicant stating that said applicant is free from any venereal disease. No person who has been adjudged an imbecile or feeble-minded person or a person who is or has been adjudged afflicted with hereditary epilepsy or hereditary insanity shall marry in this state, until after he or she has been submitted to an operation for sterilization. The license must be obtained from the county judge and in the county where the marriage is to take place. No marriage hereafter contracted shall be recognized as valid unless such license has been previously obtained and the marriage solemnized by a person authorized by law to solemnize marriages. A written notice of intention to marry and containing data required by law and signed by the contracting parties must be posted in a conspicuous place in the county court house by the county judge for a 10-day period before the issuing of the license. The 10-day notice may be dispensed with, on written order of county court, if good cause can be shown which makes a period of delay unjust. The 10-day notice is the most radical change in the old custom of declaring the banns—a procedure which prevails in European countries and in some of the churches in this country. Its purpose is to prevent hasty marriages of those contrary to the best interests of the individuals or of society. Right state have set a barrier through the average interval between the application and issuing of license is only five

days instead of 10 days as our new law provides. The 10-day notice gives ample time for the notification of parents, for the filing of protest against the marriage of those known to be mentally or physically unfit to marry, and gives the contracting parties time for reflection. Farmer Offers Reward for Three Men Who Robbed Him. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 20.—Thomas Dorn, Logan township farmer who was held up and robbed of \$15 at his home northeast of Beatrice by three masked bandits after they had compelled his two sons, Hiram and Thomas, to shield them from their father's gunfire, has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the men. Sheriff Salling believes he has obtained a clue to the identity of the trio. How Wheat Biscuits Are Made to Be Demonstrated. H. C. Ashbaugh of the local branch of the Shredded Wheat company, will give a demonstration of how the biscuit is made, at the meeting of the goodfellowship committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Monday noon.

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"Pete McGuire Carrying Out Dan Butler's Orders," Mrs. Charles Lamb, Omaha. (And look what happened to Dan Butler.) "Misfit Versus Fit Miss," M. B. Pederson, Omaha. (Consequences: Miss Fit.) "Survival of the Fittest," Roberta Stout, St. Paul, Neb. (You can see the monkey in this theory of evolution.) "Solomon in All His Glory Was Not Arrayed Like One of These," Mrs. R. A. Sallander, Omaha. (A noble thought, but a bit long for a title. We like to be soulful, but remember about the soul of the wit.) "A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing," Eugene Jones, Breda, Ia. (Apparently Mr. Jones disagrees with Mrs. Sallander about the raiment of Solomon.) "The Ball Wasn't Over, But He Tried to Make a Hit," Harry Piburn, Malvern, Ia. (We suspect that the hit was a home run, and that she gave him a scoring.) "The Tie That Breaks the Ties," Margaret Johnson, North Platte, Neb. (Ties even so, Margaret.) "Stares and Stripes," Gertrude Trumbull, Omaha; E. Finske, Bayard, Neb. (These two are tied, too.) "Encountering a Top Gallant Gale," Mrs. Laura B. Lewis. (Sounds good. We wish we were nautical enough to know what it means.) "A Few Bars From Out Where the Vest Begins," H. M. Budlong, Omaha.

"Soup, Fish and a Nut," Mrs. E. May, Omaha. (We are going to refer all these menus to a committee of district judges on jail feeding.) "A Blow Out," Mrs. S. F. Coleman, Oakland, Ia. (Blow outs are hard on the ties.) "Neck and Neck-tied," Miss Louise Clements, Wymore. (I'll say he's neck-tied, and that will halt 'er.) "Society," Mrs. Wallace Mitchell, Bellevue, Neb. (Who'll do the sighing, we wonder?) "Full tied," John Conlon, Omaha. (We don't doubt he's full, and maybe tight as well as tied.) "The Cat and the Canaries," T. R. Delaney, Omaha. (Yes, but you can't be sure which is the cat until the lady has spoken. Come again, T. R.) "The Tie That Blinds," Great minds run in the same channel, and no less than nine separate mentalists grand in the title. "The Tie That Blinds." We thought it was a good title, too, the first half doz-

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