

BRYANT WASHBURN

'Why Smith Left Home'

Train Wreck-Hotel Fire-Thunder Storm-Earthquake.

HMUSE MAE ALLISON

Peggy Does Her Darndest"

L'OTHROP 24th and tion, then the hand is jerked away.
The dog goes to dig up a bone MAY ALLISON in "ALMOST MARRIED"

By WILLIAM TANQUERY. Theft is inherent in all sentient be-ears alert, and dashes quickly away slyly; even the babe that is too it. If a horse is eating in its stall, young to know right from wrong. It or from a peck of corn, and its athas no idea it is doing wrong until tention is attracted away, a second t catches an eye observing its ac- horse will reach to take some of it,

Will Give Him a Chance, a Fair Chance?

Is Bright, Intelligent, Sunny in Disposition and

Likeable-the Sheriff Likes Him-Is a "Great

Reader and Lover of Books" Say Police Them-

selves-This Boy Is Plastic Material and May

Be Made Into a Man-He Can Be Pardoned-Who

PHOTO PLAYS

Mary Roberts

Rinehart

homas H. Ince

Production

The uniform he

It was nothin'

much before,

And rather less

than 'arf o'

that behind."

Until she arrayed

him like this!

And then, Oh!

Paramount Arteraft Picture

scream.

Boy! What a

DOUGLAS MacLEAN AND DORIS MAY

FACT, was that Private Bill had arrived at her home in his B. V. D.'s! And she was his gen-

in the leg, and Bill was known as the worst sol-

with his commander and he'd sworn to himself he

grinning Failure was just reaching out a bony hand

for Bill when-that last half-hour!!! Oh, boy!

Mary Roberts Rinehart's famous "Saturday Evening Post" story, made into a picture that sizzles

For your approval Friday and Saturday.

Besides, Bill's mongrel pup had bit the general

Yet he'd bet with his buddies he would dine

Twelve-18-20-23-the hours flew past, and

eral's daughter!

dier in camp.

what a finish!

would capture the girl.

with action and roars with fun.

--who killed

2 HOURS LEAVE

buried by another, he approaches to a hiding place when it has gotten and immediately that the first horse turns back, will snort and jerk its head away, conscious of theft.

The Case of Byron Michael. Shall Byron Michael, a 12-yearold boy, too immature to exercise reasonable governorship over him-self, be condemned for yielding to this temptation, the one to which the mother of all mankind herself yielded, and which throughout the ages has been immediately coinci-dent with the awakening of the vital spark itself in all forms of conscious life, from the beast in the cave to the babe in the mansion?

Byron lives in Beatrice, Neb. He is bright, sunny of disposi-tion and likeable. The sheriff likes him and says so. He is in fail at Beatrice, awaiting transportation to the reformatory, and, says the story: "Sheriff Shiek gives his youthful prisoner every attention. The lad appears to feel perfectly at home, and spends his time reading and playing about the corridors of the jail as though he were in school; the sheriff says he is a bright little fellow, very polite and he enjoys his company.

The boy was arrested for stealing some books from the public

The telegraph dispatch as sent out from Beatrice said: "Byron out from Beatrice said: "Byron Michael, a 12-year-old boy of this city, was arraigned in court this morning on a charge of stealing 29 books from the public library. Judge Pemberton sentenced him to nine years in the state reformatory, or until he is 21."

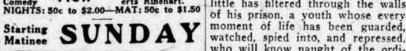
Nine years for stealing 29 books from the public library! It sounded incredible. A moment's sunlight.

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end, a fully developed human being who walks forth into a world of

of his prison, a youth whose every moment of life has been guarded,





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have a well shaped head, nose and chin. His eyes are squinted up in the reflection brought into view a wide cept to roam around and get into vista of speculation-was it possible mischief-Is to be buried alive for nine What

years-because it was his second of-

(1) The boy, Byron Michaels; (2) the prosecutor, County Attorney Vasey; (3) the judge, L. M. Pemberton; (4) the sheriff, J. L. Schiek. The photo is taken in front of the jail at Beatrice. It shows the boy to

for the story to be true?

could the judge have been thinking

do, and what storms of anger, re-

sentment and undying hatred will

seeth in his mind when he advances

into the life of his fellow men, walks

freely for the first time in his life

down the crowded streets, beholds

the joyous crowds and wondrous

glories to be seen on every hand,

and reflects on what he has been

robbed of during those precious nine years of the 70 allotted to him in this life?

His Second Offense.

Inquiry was made, and it was learned that the story was true.

He had stolen, he was but 12

ears old, and he was a bright, sun-

Instead of 29 books, it was 59

His first offense had been that of

going into a house and apparently

gathering up everything lying loose

that he could carry away, includ-ing some silverware and \$25 in

The books had been taken a few

at a time, Byron throwing them out a back window of the library,

and later going around, collecting them, and taking them to a place

A Lover of Books.

"An investigation conducted by

the authorities revealed the fact that

young Michael, who is a great reader and lover of books, had thrown a

few of them through a back window of the library at times when he visited the place."

Now the father is an employe of

a local mill, and, the story says: "The parents of the child appear to

be satisfied with the sentence of the

court; they are of the opinion that the reform school is the proper place for him, their son.

So-This 12-year-old reader and lover of books, whose parents think the reform school is the proper place for

back to the householder.

where he could read them.

The story continues:

ny-tempered, likeable little boy--but it was his second offense, and--

of to visit such an enormity on the Why, even the waves cast up youthful culprit? What will the boy's life be during those nine years, and what will he be when he man the third time. No Incentive to be Good. comes from the reformatory at the And it must not be forgotten that the sentient being will not be good, according to accepted canons, unless who walks forth into a world of according to accepted canons, unless which he knows naught but what there is an incentive to be good. The beast, or house animal becomes the state of his prison a world of the beast, or house animal becomes good because of the prison a world of the beast, or house animal becomes good because of the prison a world of the prison are good because of the prison are good. good because of fear of punishment if it doesn't, and man becomes good for the various reasons found in law, society and religion. who will know naught of the ordi-

Who Helped Byron? Did Byron have any incentive to

nary joys of other boys, of school days, fishing, base ball, foot ball, Did By and of the movies? What will he be good? him? Was the error of his ways poured into his ears between sobs of sorrow over his crime, while held close to a loving heart? Was he taken aside and talked to in a kindly manner, and in one calculated to impress him and inspire him with a realization of what he had done, and what a continuance of his course would lead to?

Or was he merely turned loose with a reprimand, with jeers from his fellow children, and nagging reproaches from others ringing in his ears from morning till night, with the parole officer shaking his stick at him in a threatening, warning manner every time he chanced to see him on the streets?

Not to Be Blamed. other words, if any ordinary boy of only 12 years, too immature to reason out things for himself, had no incentive held out to him to be good, beyond those threats and fear which inspire resentment in money. He had been arrested, made youthful breasts more than anything confession, the money taken from else, is there any wonder at his sec-ond offense, and is he to be blamed him, and the stolen goods given

What to Do With Him.

The problem is then presentedwhat shall be done with the boy? It seems a pity to lock up this immature child for his crime. But it is an equal pity to turn him loose again, if he is not to be surrounded with influences that will urnish him an incentive to be good To put him back in his same old position is deliberately placing him

again straight in the middle of the

pathway he had been pursuing. This alternative is presented judge and the law prescribes reformatory as punishment, if decision is for punishment. "Until He is of Age." "Although the court took into consideration the youth of the prisoner," says the story, "the judge was determined to check Michael's career as a thief, if possible, and promptly sentenced him to the state

reformatory until he shall be of Now let the heavens weep and stone statues shed tears of blood. There should be reason in all

things, but there appears to be little If he had to go to the reforma-tory—why for NINE years? Why not for one year, for an indeterminate time, for such a time would warrant giving the child an-other trial of his freedom?

What Officials Say. Regarding this, County Attorney

Vasey, who prosecuted the boy

"This lad had been paroled and was given an opportunity to do better, but he failed. The state reormatory is the place for him. True, t is hard to see one of his years go there for so long a period, but he idoubtedly will be a better boy

when he is released." Judge L. M. Pemberton, who tried and sentenced the child, said: "Why, of course, the state reormatory is the only place for such boy. He will be obliged to do right there, and will not be allowed

Who Will Give This Child a Child's Chance? Byron Michael, to run the streets, steal, and lie to his parents."
Officer Jess Walker, who first arrested the boy, stated that he "was 12-Year-Old Boy, Given 9 Years in Reformatory For Theft a bad egg.'

Will Be a Better Boy? "He undoubtedly will be a bet-ter boy when he is released," says have to be driven. Of 29 Books He Loved-Needs a Home, Not a Cell in Prison

In the answer to that question

child's entire life. If he would be a better boy there than he would under the influence world has in store for him, and of his parents or of foster parents who would give him the care and attention that a boy of his years needs, the wisdom of the court's action could not be denied. But the conviction lurks that

will not be a better boy. A child is won by love and not by

driven by fear-the fear which is the authority at the state reformatory, or any kindred institution, but the very thing that it is sought to repress and drive out will simply break forth anew with redoubled force when the fear or repression is removed.

Love, only, can train and shape a child's character. And if this love is lacking in those places where it naturally should be manifested toward the child, then the state should find means of supplying it.

To Foster Parents. It is the duty of the state, of society, of the state of Nebraska in which this child was born, to give it a chance.

It is the duty of the state and of its citizens to give it a "regular" child's chance.

It must supply what is missing, and what is needed in this child's Love and kindly counsel and guardianship has been missing. The reformatory cannot supply

No matter how kindly hearted the reformatory officials and teachers are, the constant daily struggle with a band of children such as they have to handle is such as to wear upon their nerves, and is not conducive to the calm, and equable and patient disposition which is so important in handling children.

Needs a Home. The child needs a real home, not

reformatory.
A home probably would do more good in a week than the reformatory in two months, and a year more good than the entire nine at the reformatory.

While one year, much less nine, at the state institution surrounded by irreconcilables of all ages and dispositions, will work almost irre-parable injury to the child's disposiion and character.

Who Will Give It? Who will give this child what it apparently never has had, and what the state cannot provide?

Where is the kind-hearted, Chris-

Any boy who will read, or who can be made to read, is plastic material from which can be built any character, almost any character that

is willed.
And this is a boy who doesn't He is receptive, he is clay, bright intelligent, polite, and likeable, gazlies the heart of the solution of this child's entire life. know or conceive of anything the with that mischief and love of life shining in his eyes that may lead him to make his mark in the world

-either on the walls of a peniten-tiary if he is allowed to go into the darkness unguided, or perhaps upon the walls of the hall of fame he is taken by the hand and shown the pathway into the greater, better, and more happy the life of service to others.

The life of such service to others that he now pleads for, for him-He Can Be Pardoned.

"In asmuch as ye do this unto others-So has it been said.

This boy can be pardoned. He will be pardoned, if a help-ing hand is held out to him. If there is anyone who will give him the chance he should have, and for which he himself is too young to know about and ask for. What more glory can there be in life or the hereafter than to rescue and build up life itself. What

There are misgivings? The fate of others is remembered? Even so-

monument more great than to take

this child and make a man of him.

But give this child his chance, Is he to be denied his chance because another proved unworthy?

This is an age of service. It is the great age of service. It is an age of the rights of men. Men are today demanding as their rights, instead of as favors, those things which are their natural heritage.

This child's claim to a chance in his by right and not by favor. And his chance does not lie the reformatory. That is not a fair chance. How happy you would be, now in the sedate years of your age, if, when you were 12 you had been placed in this boy's position, ignorantly standing upon the edge of the pits of hell, smiling down into the dark depths, and laughing gleefully in your innocence—if some kind hand had drawn you gently back, and given you your chance or at any rate pointed it out to you. What thankfulness would well into your heart as you gaze about your well ordered home and contrast is with the dark cells of the peniten-

tiary which might have been yours Will you give the boy the chance you would have appealed for your

Will you give him the service which Christianity promises, and which the brotherhood of man de-

tian home that will throw its doors open to this child and give it a child's chance?

mands as a right, a right that you can claim, but which you must pass on to others if you do so? For a bilious

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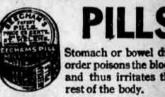
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