

Four Convicts, Sentenced Here, Given Paroles

Applications of Four Other Douglas County Men Denied—Slayer of Soldier Gets Commutation.

Lincoln, Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Paroles were granted to four Douglas county men in the state penitentiary and paroles were denied to four other applicants by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles today following a hearing held October 11.

William A. Fouse, sentenced in the Douglas county district court in 1908, for killing a soldier in the old "redlight" district, received a commutation of sentence to 20 years.

These are the four Douglas county men paroled: J. J. Batterman, serving one to seven years for larceny from the person; Virgil King, one to seven years for grand larceny; Frank Warner, one to 20 years for forgery; and Henry W. Metcalf, serving one to 20 years for forgery.

Paroles were denied to these Douglas county prisoners: Floyd Baker, one to 10 years for breaking and entering; Arthur Harris, one to seven years for larceny from the person; Carter, one to 10 years for larceny; Robert Neal, two years for carrying concealed weapons.

Four men serving sentences for crimes inspired by jealousy got action on their cases. Herbert C. Harris, graduate of Wesleyan university and superintendent of schools in several Nebraska towns, was paroled. He began in 1820 a sentence of one to 20 years for shooting with intent to kill a love rival.

Sylvester Higbee, a one-legged man serving, since 1915, a 15-year sentence for second degree murder, obtained a commutation to 10 years. He loved his employer, a widow, on a farm in Platte county. When he learned she was to wed another, he killed her rival.

Slayers Denied Commutation. Commutation was denied to J. G. Hablin, sent up from Grand Island for life in 1908 for killing a 15-year-old girl, and to Harry Stout, serving a life sentence for killing his wife in Lincoln in 1914 because of jealousy.

Fadel Tencik, Douglas county, serving 15 years for statutory crime, obtained commutation of sentence, but will be turned over to federal officers for deportation.

The board granted 23 paroles, four paroles for deportation, paroled five girls from the state penitentiary for women, denied two applications for parole, granted three commutations of sentence and denied two applications for commutation.

Other Paroles Granted. Paroles granted to persons living outside of Omaha follows: Harry Hoffmann, Dixon, 1-10, burglary; Howard Lilley, Dodge, forgery; Herman Nelson, Kimball, 1-7, larceny; Frank St. Clair, Buffalo, 1-7, receiving stolen property; John Bartling, Cheyenne, 2, receiving stolen property; Ernest Green, Pierce, 1-5, hog stealing; Frank Warnick, York, 1-7, auto stealing; Wesley Saulsbury, Pierce, 1-5, hog stealing; J. C. Kerr, Cheyenne, 1-10, grand larceny; Edward Connell, Richardson, 3, chicken stealing; Michael P. Moore, Red Willow, 2, selling liquor; Loren Helkes, Dixon, 1-7, burglary; Commodore Tillman, Adams, forgery, 1-20; O. N. Eicher, 1-5, Wayne, assault to injure; John Bosteder, Dodge, 1-7, grand larceny; Bert Cox, Lancaster, 1-7, grand larceny.

Paroles Denied. Paroles denied outside of Omaha follow: Bert Goucher, Sheridan, 1-20, forgery; Ezra Osterlund, Dawson, 1-7, grand larceny; Louis Benderson, Dixon, 1-7, burglary and larceny; Fred G. Peterson, Adams, 1-7, grand larceny; Fred Sheik, Lincoln, 1-7, grand larceny; Oscar Hamilton, Furnas, 1-10, breaking and entering; Earl Henry, Lancaster, 1-10, auto stealing; Edward Scarsenic, Dawson, 1-10, breaking and entering; Allen Young, Dawson, 1-7, larceny.

Cuming County Farmers Letting Hogs Husk Corn. Thousands of head of hogs are on the corn husking job in Cuming county, according to William Meyers of West Point, who brought in a consignment of porkers.

Mr. Meyers said there was no need of hiring farm help to do the husking of corn as hogs were making a good job of it. He said one of his neighbors for the last three weeks had 300 hogs on one field. Six acres of corn is husked every day and the hogs are allowed to clean up on that before being put into a new field.

Mr. Meyers said the corn crop was immense in his territory and would run from 60 to 75 bushels to an acre.

Discontinue Band Concerts. Randolph, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Cold weather has caused the discontinuance of the weekly band concerts staged by the band on Wednesday evenings. The stores will go back to the 6 o'clock closing hour on Wednesday.

Road Conditions. (Published by Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln Highway, East—Roads fine; construction work near Clinton will be closed November 1.

Lincoln Highway, West—Detour still necessary for a short distance between Waterloo to Valley; roads to Great Island and west are in good condition.

O. L. D. Highway—Detour west of Ashland bridge on account of work; to Lincoln and west roads are fine; west of Imperial some road work is being done.

Highland Cutoff—Roads fair. E. T. A. Road—Excellent condition. Cornsucker Highway—Excellent condition.

Omaha-Topsels Highway—Roads fine. George Washington Highway—Construction work to Blair; detour over the High Road; good to Sioux City.

Black Hills Trails—Road fair to present. Fremont to Norfolk roads are fine. Center Battlefields Highway—Tourists report this road in good condition, but few exceptions. Some snow reported.

Montana Trails, North—Roads fine. King of Trails, South—Roads in excellent condition. Leavenworth roads rough; road work in progress from Leavenworth to Kansas City.

White Pine Road—Roads good. White Pine Road—Roads good. Construction work from Anita to Adair; detour from Casey there is a detour which is in fair shape at the present time.

U. S. A. Shortcuts. Blue Grass Road—Roads fine.

Runaway Lad Inspires Song Writer

Ogallala Man Honors "Boy of Diary," Dedicating Two Compositions to Famous Detective Duo, Trapp and Munch, Who Groom Selves for Rendition.

Two songs have been written about Floyd Johnson, 15, Sioux City boy who felt the call of the road and walked and rode a bicycle from his home to Omaha, where he was arrested last Friday.

W. A. Sullenberger of Ogallala, Neb., read the story of Floyd and immediately burst into original songs, using words written by James J. Montague and James M. Woodman.

He has dedicated the songs to that famous duo of "dicks," Trapp and Munch, who picked up Floyd.

Songs are Regular Ones. The songs are regular ones, marked with "andante," "ritardo," "accelerato con spirito," "crescendo," and everything, with the words neatly written in between the bars.

With the songs, Mr. Sullenberger sent a clipping of the story from The Bee and a note: "Trapp and Munch—Please accept with my compliments the enclosed manuscript music. The clipping will explain my thought in sending the songs."

One of the compositions is a soprano and tenor duet. Trapp is grooming himself to sing the soprano part, supported by Munch's classic tenor.

No Lack of Accompaniment. For accompaniment there will be no lack among the gifted musicians of Central police station. An orchestra can be assembled at a moment's notice among other detectives. George Summit curves a clever bow over his violin; Tony Frant loots the shrill cornet; Frank Killian struts a scandalous trombone and Harry Buford beats the big bass drum.

Charles Walker has offered his services as performer on the mouth organ and Emergency Officer Al Sinclair is an able piano player.

Large Feeder Shipments From Whitman Marketed. D. J. Cole of Whitman was a visitor at the market of H. V. Downing, 83 head of fancy black steers averaging 1,152 pounds, that were sold for a corn finish and went out to a feeder in Iowa at \$6.10 a hundred. The cattle were the property of H. V. Downing.

Mr. Cole said most of the cattle in the Whitman section had been brought in and those coming from now on this season would be small cleanups.

Mr. Cole said Whitman had become a shipping point for cattle and that several hundred carloads had been loaded out of Whitman this fall for the Omaha market.

Fire in Barn Threatens Randolph; Mains Clogged. Randolph, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—The barn of Herman Heiderman was destroyed by fire. A cow and an automobile were also burned, together with quantities of hay and grain. The fire started in the hay-mow. The fire department was unable to cope with the blaze because of clogging of the water mains. Buildings nearby were set afire by brands from the blaze. There was no insurance on the barn or its contents.

Two Grand Island Stores Are Entered by Robbers. Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Burglars broke the plate glass window of the Jolls jewelry store in the heart of the business district and swept up all of the rings and other jewelry in the showcase within reach from the sidewalk. The proprietor estimates his loss at \$400. The grain and coal office of A. D. Sears was also entered. The safe was opened but nothing of value taken.

Harrison Herefords Sell For Good Prices as Feeders. John Freishknecht came in from Harrison with a neat load of 23 head of Hereford steers that averaged 1,192 pounds and sold for an even \$7 as feeders.

William De Haven also brought in a herd of 80 head of Herefords from the same locality, which averaged 1,114 pounds and were sold to a feeder buyer for \$6.25 a hundred.

Robbery Suspect Released. Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Spencer Horn, who was arrested in connection with the theft of tents from the "Y" camp, was released from jail on bond of \$500 to appear for trial on October 26. Ern Darwin, arrested on a similar charge, is still in jail.

Get Honor Certificates. Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Five hundred world-war veterans will receive honor certificates here on Armistice day. Appropriate ceremonies in charge of Bitting-Norman post, American Legion, of this city, will be held.

School Teacher Injured. Barneston, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Miss Nellie Childress, a teacher in the public schools, was seriously injured when a ball shattered a window near her. She was cut on the head and arm with fragments of the glass.

Leg Broken by Auto. Wymore, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Jesse Wise, janitor at the high school building, was struck by an auto driven by Mrs. Ringler and had one of his legs broken. He was driven to his home in Blue Springs.

Capture Escaped Boy. Wymore, Neb., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—William Mills, who was sent from here to the reform school at Kearney three years ago and escaped after serving three weeks, returned and was arrested.

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Iowa Man Killed, Three Wounded By Bandit Gang

Clarke County Sheriff's Posse Routed by Gunmen Who Robbed and Terrorized Columbia.

Osceola, Ia., Oct. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—One man is dead, two more wounded so severely that they cannot recover and a fourth may die as a result of a gun battle between a posse headed by Sheriff E. J. West of Clarke county and four bandits, who plundered the business section of Columbia, Ia., near Des Moines, last night, terrorizing the citizens and making away with several thousands of dollars' worth of loot.

The dead: CHARLES JONES, farmer living near Murray.

The wounded: John Miller, former city marshal of Osceola; bullet wounds in stomach and chest and right arm shot off below elbow.

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