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THIS WEEK'S NEWS THIS WEEK, NOT NEXT WEEK.

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PRISONERS GIVEN SELF-GOVERNMENT

CONFIDENTIAL PLAN WILL WORK.

Have Jurisdiction Over Prisoners
Sit in Judgment for Infractions
of Discipline.

Fort Madison, Ia., Jan. 2.—Among
the most extraordinary things which
are being attempted in this country
throughout the country are attempts to do
to the good men of bad ones, the
intention of Warden Sanders to train
the inmates in the Iowa penitentiary
to self-govern, is pronounced by
one of the foremost.

He intends to allow his prisoners
the right to govern themselves. He
believes if they are allowed to estab-
lish rules and regulations, and to sit
in judgment upon their own faults
and misdemeanors, the discipline of
the prison will eventually be made bet-
ter and the men themselves encourag-
ed to live a more orderly life.

The thought is not entirely new.
But the plan, as it is outlined by him,
will greatly differ from the ordinary
conception of prison regime. It is
his purpose to lay before the inmates
of his prison a set of rules analogous
to the laws of the land which will
serve as limitations within which
others are to be confined, such as
safety and the welfare of the prison.

The internal management will be
entrusted to the inmates. There will
likely be as at present defined, three
separate and distinct bodies. One of
them will be for the government of the
prison, one for the enforcement and
execution of its rules, and one will
serve as its judiciary.

The first body, sitting as a gov-
erning board, will investigate and re-
commend to the warden reforms in
either the management of the prison
or the conduct of the prisoners or
guards. Upon his sanction of propo-
sals, they will be incorporated into
the rules of the prison and placed
in the hands of the executive board
for enforcement.

The second body, the executive
board, is designed to take an active
interest in promoting the welfare of
the prisoners to enforce its rules, keep
up the moral tone of the prison, and
act in all respects as protective offi-
cers.

The third body will investigate into
and act upon all complaints made by
either the officers or guards or the
prisoners. This body will be very in-
teresting. It will be in all respects
an inmate's court to try breaches of
discipline. It will be composed of
members of the governing board and
executive board, and will be presid-
ed over by a chairman selected from
time to time. Being in session one
hour daily, it is expected to dispose
of all matters coming before it promp-
tly and justly.

Any inmate cited for breach of dis-
cipline who is unable to properly
present his own side of the case may
have the assistance of a friend. An
officer of the prison will also be pre-
sent at each meeting. It will not take
part in the proceedings, but he may
appeal any case to the warden if he
thinks the interest of the state, or of
the prison, is not being properly pro-
tected. Rules will be made which will
permit a prisoner, under certain con-
ditions, to appeal from the decision
of the court.

In all cases of prison misdemeanor
the court will have power either to
warn the inmate cited before it, to
suspend special privileges, to limit
them, or to take them away altogether;
or it may impose any of the other
penalties prescribed by the warden
for offenses against discipline and
good order. The governing board and
the executive board will, through its
inmate court, assume full responsibility
for the discipline of the prison.

It is believed that by placing the
responsibility for self government upon
the men, their pride in the welfare
of the prison will be increased, their
desire for order and good morals will
be put to the test, and they as men
must either come to the mark with
evidences of good citizenship, or con-
fess to their unfitness by their failure.
Warden Sanders also expects in this
way to banish the "stool pigeon".
His usefulness will be done away with
as fast as each inmate shall stand for
good government. Then, instead of
"stealing" to the warden, complaints
may honorably be made to the execu-
tive committee, and delinquents be
warned in ample time before they are
haled before the court.

The proposition is declared by crim-
inologists to be unique, unusual, and
logical. Many men are in prison be-
cause they have not been able to gov-
ern their lives outside of it. Then
why should they not, asks the warden,
be taught self government? If a pen-
itentiary is going to be reformatory,
he thinks it should be instructively
and educationally so. That is the
force of his logic. And it would seem
that the state can do no better than
to strengthen the admittedly weak
spot in its penal walls.

his prison to praiseworthy heights, and
he, perhaps, the first to accomplish
what so many have been striving for—
reformation that will reform.

He intends to put his new plans
into operation. It is said, sometime
during the early part of the year.

KIRON ITEMS.

N. P. Swanson and family returned
last Tuesday from an over Xmas visit
at the home of their daughter, Mrs.
Oscar Larson in Sioux City.

Mrs. N. P. Larson, who was called
to Turin, Iowa, several weeks ago by
the illness of her daughter, returned
home on Wednesday last.

Albert Levin and family have moved
back from near Bronson, Iowa, to
this locality and on to the old home-
stead north of town which they have
leased. They have disposed of their
farm near Bronson and shipped their
stock and goods back to Kiron.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy Hunkins left for
their home at Salt Lake City on
Thursday last. Mrs. H. was called to
Kiron by the death of her father
some two months ago and had remain-
ed with her mother since at the old
homestead.

John J. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Molino
on Monday last week, a fine little
baby girl, Ed. has been as proud as a
lark ever since.

Rev. J. A. Christianson, the faith-
ful and esteemed minister for so
many years at the Lutheran church,
has resigned and will go to Neuman
Grove, Neb., where he has accepted
a similar charge. It is greatly re-
gretted not alone by the church but
by the entire locality to know that
they will lose this most estimable
and splendid minister, man, and citi-
zen from their midst. A keen loss to
the entire settlement and will be hard
to replace.

C. S. Johnson, of Boyer, spent a
couple of days in Kiron last week, as-
sisting in invoicing the general stock
of Johnson Sanders.

Albin Peterson, of Meadow, Neb.,
and Chas. Peterson and wife, of New
York have been visiting relatives and
friends in and near Kiron the past
week.

Miss Nellie Peterson, who had a
mild attack of small pox, has been
confined to her home which has been
under quarantine the past week. The
attack has been so light that she has
been up and about the house every
day and will be able to mingle
with her friends within a few days.

John Eckblad came down from Ode-
holt last week to spend a few days
with former acquaintances and
friends.

Miss Myrtle Tellegen ended her two
months' visit with relatives and
friends here and returned to her home
at Lake Crystal, Minn.

VAIL ITEMS.

Mrs. A. Farley and daughter, Gene-
vieve, returned the first of last week
from a visit with relatives in Omaha.
Miss Mable Dugan spent a couple of
days last week with friends in Ode-
holt.

Clarence Moised, who was here to
spend Christmas with his folks, re-
turned Wednesday to his school duties
at Creighton.

Mrs. G. Vennink and daughter, Katie
visited with relatives in Manilla last
week.

Mrs. A. White and Miss Blanche
Slechts, who have been visiting with
relatives at Cedar Rapids and Iowa
City, returned home last week.

Mrs. J. M. Gray and daughter, Mad-
eline, spent Tuesday in Omaha.

Leslie Green and Maurice Anderson
spent last week with Dow City rela-
tives.

M. Kelly spent a couple of days last
week in Omaha on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Manon enjoyed
a visit from their son, G. Manon, and
family, whose home is at Sterling, Ill.

Mike Gibbons was a Denison pas-
senger Monday.

Mrs. Jos. Turceck and children, of
Glidden, were recent visitors here at
the M. Kral home.

H. McCullough and Tracy Chapman
were in Omaha Monday on business.

Wm. Anderson visited with relatives
in Arcadia last week.

Andrew Hazelton took his depart-
ure Tuesday for California.

Jas. Brockelsby was a Sunday visit-
or in Omaha.

Henry Stuck and family returned
the first of last week from a visit with
the C. C. Vail family at Jefferson.

Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Jones were Deni-
son callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Etzel spent a
couple of days the first of last week
at Lake View on business.

J. D. Fitch and son, Floyd, of Car-
roll, visited here last week at the E.
Chamberlin home.

Joe Bukacek visited last week with
relatives at Cedar Rapids.

Brad Mitchell spent the first of last
week in Chicago.

Stanley Stehlik was in Fairfax last
week visiting relatives.

Miss Margaret Houlihan, of Denison
and Mrs. T. Houlihan, of Ida Grove,
spent a couple of days last week here
with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Houlihan.

Mr. Fiala, of Ft. Dodge, was a guest
in the John Kral home last week.

Geo. and Henry Raamussen were
passengers to Denison Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Young visited re-
cently with relatives in Cooper.

WEST SIDE ITEMS.

The return game of basket ball be-
tween West Side and Grand Junction
was played at West Side New Year's
day. Somehow the Grand Junction
boys didn't seem to be in practice and
the local boys made baskets at every
turn. The game was decidedly one
sided, the score being 92 to 6 in favor
of West Side.

Mrs. George Campbell returned from
a two weeks' visit at the Rolfe home
at Halbur Wednesday.

Mrs. August Voss and daughter, Miss
Verna, were Denison visitors Wednes-
day.

Misses Dorothy Brockman and Lu-
cille Pruter, of Arcadia, visited at the
P. H. Dolbe home Wednesday.

M. J. Campbell and family spent
Thursday and Friday at the Kusel and
Pautsch homes in Denison.

The German Ladies' Aid society met
with Mrs. Aug. Richter Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Brockman, of
Carroll, spent Friday at the home of
her mother, Mrs. Tillie Scheidtorf.

Miss Hazel Arndt, of Council Bluffs,
arrived Saturday for a few days' visit
at the Herman Martens home.

John Peters and Claus Thiedemann
passed another milestone Friday. A
large crowd was royally entertained
at the Peters home, and the Thiede-
mann children were all present on his
birthday.

John Scheidtorf returned Thursday
from Minnesota, where he has been
purchasing machinery, etc., to start
farming. Mr. and Mrs. Scheidtorf in-
tend to move to Minnesota in the
spring.

Marvin Peters, of Kansas, visited
over New Year's at the parental, J. H.
C. Peters home.

Mrs. Jas. Nickelsen celebrated her
birthday Saturday. A host of neigh-
bors and friends were present to help
celebrate the day.

Miss Anna Peterson, of Streeter, Ill.,
arrived Saturday for a visit with her
sister, Mrs. Aug. Voss.

George Bente and son, Delmar, and
Faye Pierce and Constable Jas. Nick-
elsen were business callers in Deni-
son Thursday.

The dance New Year's eve was quite
well attended and all enjoyed a good
time.

Ernest Massman was a Denison vis-
itor Tuesday.

Adolph Scheidtorf, of Boyer, spent
Tuesday and Wednesday at the home
of his mother, Mrs. Tillie Scheidtorf.

J. B. Malloy visited friends in Deni-
son Thursday.

Henry Moeller and Chris Boeck left
Saturday for a visit at the John Hein-
rich home at Westphalia, Kans. John
Boeck accompanied them as far as
Kansas City, Mo., where he will attend
school.

John Stratman was a Denison pas-
senger Thursday.

Many hogs are being brought to this
place every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Starek and Mr.
and Mrs. Clark and two children, of
Vail, spent New Year's day at the Al
Starek home.

Mrs. John Scheidtorf, Henry Bamp
and Henry Effert celebrated their
birthdays Sunday. Their many friends
enjoyed the day at their homes.

Mrs. John Krause and daughter, Ione,
are visiting with her folks at Serran-
ton.

The German Verein have decided to
hold a masquerade at the opera house
on January 23d.

GUN ACCIDENT AT DOW CITY

Frank Lang Accidentally Shot in Leg
When Gun Held by Argyle Branaka
Was Discharged.

WILL SOON BE AROUND AGAIN

Party of Hunters After Rabbits on Will
Buss Eighty When Accident
Occurred.

Dow City, Jan. 5.—(Special to the
Review)—An unfortunate accident oc-
curred Sunday out at the Will Buss
place. A party, consisting of five or
six men and boys, went rabbit hunt-
ing on the Will Buss eighty, near the Jim
Houston home. An owl was sighted
and two or three members of the party
raised their guns to shoot at the bird.
An Argyle Branaka lifted his gun, he
was raising the trigger, when some one
behind him fired a shot. The unsus-
pected noise startled the owl and the
half raised trigger slipped from his
thumb. It was enough to explode the
cartridge, the ball striking Frank Lang
in the back of the leg, just below the
knee. It struck the bone, which de-
flected the course of the bullet, which
came out of the flesh about four inches
from the point of entry.

The injured man was quickly con-
veyed to the Will Buss home, where a
physician was summoned to dress the
wound. The doctor stated that the
wound is clean and that there is not
the slightest doubt but that Mr. Lang
will come through it safe and sound
in short order.

The injured man is resting easy at
this writing and thinks he will be able
to be around in a few days. The acci-
dent is very much regretted and is
not due to carelessness in any way
of the word. Mr. Lang has not been
in rugged health for some time, and
is in a shade of anxiety in fact on the
subject. There are no fears, how-
ever, of there being any serious con-
come. We look for him to be around
soon and in his usual health.

OFFICERS ELECTED SUNDAY

German Brotherhood held annual busi-
ness meeting and election of
Officers, Sunday.

The annual business meeting and
election of officers of the German
Brotherhood was held at the Germania
scholar hall on Sunday afternoon and
with a few exceptions resulted in the
re-election of the old officers, who
have so successfully handled the af-
fairs of the society for the past year.
At the business session it was decided
to hold a prize match ball at the hall
on Friday, Jan. 22, and plans were
made for the entertainment which will
be announced in the next issue of this
paper.

The German Brotherhood have had
a very successful year and we are glad
that the hall and park in north Deni-
son are free from debt and there is a
balance on hand of about \$1,000. Some
of this money will be used to make a
few needed repairs to the hall. The
election of officers resulted as follows:
Chris. Otto, President; Frank Paul,
Treasurer and William Evers was
elected as a member of the board of
directors.

Our Duty to the Filipino.
Despite systematic efforts of the
administration to minimize the impor-
tance of the Filipino riots, committed
in anticipation of the passage of the
Jones bill granting independence to
the islands, the impression grows that
conditions there are deteriorating in-
stead of improving under the spell
of democratic agitation for complete
autonomy.

In view of the character of those
people, a large proportion of whom
have but the scantiest idea of the
meaning and obligations of self-gov-
ernment, it would be unfair to expect
it to be otherwise. It will not be easy
to explain away the arrest of these
fifty Manila insurgents, so upset by
the delirium of their dreams that they
smite the very hand that proposes to
feed them.

From its earliest occupation the
American government has stood firmly
for a constantly increasing measure
of self-government commensurate with
the Filipino's progress. But to large
autonomy on him prematurely, and a
disproportionate measure of it, as the
Jones act contemplates, risks doing
him, as well as our own government,
on injury rather than justice. The
advance along lines of health, educa-
tion, business and knowledge of gov-
ernment made by some of these peo-
ples under American rule is nothing
short of a prodigy. Now to withdraw
abruptly the guiding hand that has
led them in the arts of modern life,
not only to abandon them, but possibly
to overturn and undo most, if not
all, the great good accomplished.
Without debating the pros and cons
of our original occupation of the is-
lands, the overshadowing fact is that
the American people want and should
assumed in the Philippines until the
task is done, and it is decidedly open
to question that the Filipino have
as yet reached that stage of develop-
ment where they can stand alone—
Omaha Bee.

Contrary to the expectations of all
their admiring friends the young folks
home from college are not able to re-
cite the entire text of Virgil's Aeneid
by heart.