

IOWA PARDON HISTORY

Increased Number of Applications Due to Former Spasm of Generosity

OPPOSE REPETITION OF ACTION

Older Members of the Legislature Think That the Precedent Which Was Set Two Years Ago, of Granting So Many Pardons by Legislative Consent, Was a Bad One.

Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, April 6.—Of the twenty-five persons who have been paroled from the Iowa penitentiaries on recommendations of the legislatures, since the law making this recommendation a requisite thirty years ago, seven were granted clemency by act of the legislature two years ago; and this spasm of generosity was the direct cause of a great increase in the number of applications for pardon, so that the present legislature was asked to consider seventeen cases.

But of the men pardoned two years ago it can be said that all have done well so far as known. John W. Elkins, the "boy murderer" is plodding along in college work and making himself useful and there is not now anyone who doubts the wisdom of permitting him a chance at life. His was the case hardest fought and about which were the greatest misgivings, but his friends are greatly pleased with his way of taking up serious things of life. Two of the persons have been lost. Theodore Bushick, a native of Hayti, promised to return to that island, and the last heard of him he was earning the money to pay his passage. George Stanley, who has lived most of his life in the penitentiary went to relatives in Maine. One other is a prosperous photographer, another works on a farm and a third is playing his trade as a stone mason.

There was just a bit of scandal in connection with the pardons of two years ago. One prisoner was paroled with the understanding that he would buy a farm with the \$1,200 which he had in the bank; but before he received his pardon papers it was found that he had paid it all to lobbyists to secure his parole recommendation. There was much indignation felt because of men working for a pardon for pay. Another of those pardoned is engaged today working hard to pay off in installments an obligation of \$500 to a Des Moines lawyer for his work in securing the pardon.

The older members of the legislature felt that the precedent set two years ago of granting so many pardons by legislative consent was a bad one and they set their faces against a repetition of the incident. For this reason, as well as for the reason that the applicants this year have much less merit, the pardon business will be small and probably not more than one pardon will be granted. There are forty-nine persons serving time in the state penitentiaries under life sentence, at this time, but it is surmised that the number includes only a very few who have been in the penitentiary over ten years. The lifers, apparently, do not live long.

The following are the prisoners who have been pardoned from life sentences for murder in the first degree since the law went into force in 1874 requiring legislative approval:

- Fort Madison Penitentiary.
- Frank Linehart, Clayton county committed —, pardoned, 1878.
- William Riley, Blackhawk county, committed October 7, 1867, pardoned April 18, 1880.
- E. J. Bruce, Lee, December 23, 1876, May 12, 1884.
- L. W. Wenzel, Harrison, March 10, 1873, September 9, 1884.
- Pinus Allen, Fremont, November 4, 1879, December 19, 1884.
- John S. Little, Jasper, October 4, 1875, March 20, 1892.
- Charles Cook, Lee, May 19, 1882, March 25, 1892.
- John Snel, Decatur, August 21, 1877, September 2, 1892.
- A. T. Hockett, Mahaska, June 11, 1885, April 30, 1896.
- Henry O. Osborn, Polk, December 25, 1855, January 12, 1888.
- James Johnson, Des Moines, January 15, 1885, April 14, 1893.
- George L. Stanley, Story, April 30, 1872, April 26, 1902.
- Joseph McCreary, Mills, May 21, 1879, April 29, 1902.

- Average years served 12.
- Anamosa Penitentiary.
- John Deitch, Linn; April 27, 1885, May 1, 1889.
- Hannah Austin, Allamakee; May 23, 1883; May 25, 1890.
- William Riddle, Cedar; May 11, 1883; April 23, 1892.
- William Slowey, Clinton; March 29, 1880; May 7, 1898.
- George Trout, Woodbury; March 11, 1887; April 23, 1902.
- Bernard Kennedy, Dubuque; Feb. 10, 1888; April 18, 1898.
- Cornelius Moelchen, Dubuque; Dec. 21, 1878; April 13, 1900.
- Otto Otten, Pocahontas; Feb. 9, 1887; April 23, 1902.
- Theodore Bushick, Mills; Oct. 10, 1879; April 29, 1902.
- John Wesley Elkins, Clayton; Jan. 14, 1890; April 29, 1902.
- John Bellaw, Webster; Oct. 10, 1894; April 29, 1902.
- William Young, Woodbury; Feb. 20, 1897; April 24, 1902.
- Average year's record, 11.

The following are the prisoners in the state penitentiaries under conviction of murder in the first degree:

- Ft. Madison Penitentiary.
- W. P. Glyndon, Hardin county, committed April 12, 1878.
- M. B. Foster, Taylor county, Dec. 24, 1890.
- Byron Gwinn, Lucas county, Sept. 8, 1891.
- Albert Parmitzka, Van Buren county, Dec. 21, 1891.
- George Weems, Polk county, Aug. 1, 1897.
- Stephen Courtney, Louisa county, March 29, 1895.
- Buck Mayberry, Wayne county, June 20, 1895.
- Orman McPherson, Louisa county, March 25, 1897.

John G. Steele, Monroe county, Sept. 21, 1897.
Alonzo Robbins, Lee county, Jan. 7, 1898.
Alex Storms, Louisa county, Sept. 30, 1898.
Will Adams, Marshall county, Dec. 16, 1898.
W. M. H. Jones, Henry county, Oct. 21, 1899.
Clarence Mills, Davis county, Nov. 18, 1899.
George Wright, Muscatine county, June 2, 1900.
Chester Tyler, Jasper county, Feb. 5, 1902.
Ira Noble, Muscatine county, June 2, 1902.
William Lucas, Page county, Nov. 2, 1902.
James Burns, Polk county, April 30, 1903.
Anamosa Penitentiary.
T. W. Watson, Mills county, March 14, 1884.
Henry Furry, Polk county, July 16, 1886.
Frank Rainsberger, Marshall county, March 15, 1887.
Nathan Rainsberger, Marshall county, Dec. 12, 1887.
Elmer Warren, Tama county, March 5, 1891.
Martin May, Buchanan county, Oct. 20, 1892.
Albert Anderson, Lee county, Dec. 4, 1893.
Hugh Robbards, Dubuque county, Dec. 23, 1893.
L. W. Haley, Dubuque county, Feb. 26, 1894.
Jasper Mason, Dallas county, Oct. 27, 1894.
Daisy Smith, Polk county, July 2, 1894.
William Tool, Sac county, Feb. 8, 1895.
L. R. Van Tassel, Chickasaw county, March 5, 1895.
Herman Beck, Chickasaw county, Oct. 5, 1896.
C. Eckertle, Clinton county, May 3, 1897.
John L. Cater, Fayette county, July 17, 1897.
John Hamill, Polk county, Dec. 20, 1897.
William Christoph, Chickasaw county, Oct. 19, 1898.
Charles Stegel, Scott county, Oct. 20, 1898.
D. Forest Fairbanks, Mitchell county, April 7, 1899.
John Penny, Emmet county, Nov. 29, 1899.
F. E. Riney, Ida county, Dec. 1, 1899.
Sarah Kuhn, Keokuk county, Jan. 17, 1901.
J. L. Likens, Clarke county, Jan. 24, 1901.
J. A. Freeman, Emmet county, Feb. 11, 1901.
Lewis Brooks, Buena Vista county, Jan. 20, 1903.
Albert G. Phillips, Buena Vista county, Jan. 20, 1903.
Harry Hortman, Cherokee county, Jan. 30, 1902 (new trial granted).
Louis Busse, Bremer county, April 17, 1902 (appeal pending).
Thomas C. Robinson, Howard county, Nov. 6, 1902.

TO SETTLE COAL STRIKE

Miners Issue a Call For Another Conference to Be Held Next Monday

AN AGREEMENT IS PROBABLE

Believed That the Miners Are Ready to Yield and Accept Settlement on Basis of the Indianapolis Agreement — Strike Affects Railroads at Ottumwa.

SPECIAL TO TIMES-REPUBLICAN.

Oskaloosa, April 6.—A call was issued this morning from miners' headquarters in this city for another meeting of miners and operators to be held in Des Moines, April 11, to settle the coal strike.

RAILROAD WORK SLACK.

Coal Strike Has Visible Effect on Railroad Business at Ottumwa.

Ottumwa, April 6.—The railroads entering the city are experiencing the effects of the suspension of work in the coal mines and several crews have laid off temporarily pending a settlement of the wage question by the miners and operators. It is stated that as an immediate result of the miners stopping work freight business with the railroads is the slackest known for many months.

The coal fields in this vicinity are among the richest in the state. Several hundred miners are employed and the handling of the coal taken from the mines is an important item of the freight business of all the railroads running into the city. The Milwaukee taps extensive coal fields both north and south of Ottumwa. The Burlington besides running a train daily to the Keb mines has other large mines on the main line in Wapello and Monroe counties. The Rock Island has many large mines along its line between Ottumwa and Des Moines and does an extensive freight business from this source. Outside of the coal business, it is said the freight traffic is very heavy.

Crews Transferred.

The Milwaukee has transferred five crews of trainmen from the Marion line to the cut-off and two switch engines at the junction yards have been taken off until work in the mines is resumed. This will throw several men out of work temporarily. The freight business of the Burlington and Rock Island has also been much decreased by the stopping of the coal business. It is stated that one of the day and one of the night switch engines in the Burlington yards have been laid off temporarily while the two engine crews of workmen and two engine crews of workmen. The force at the coal sheds has been reduced and a further reduction is looked for.

Are Well Supplied.

Officials of the railway companies state that they have a large supply of coal on hand and that there is no danger of a shortage at present. It is stated that the railroads have enough coal to operate their roads for about thirty days and it is expected that work in the mines will be resumed before that time. At any rate it is stated that enough coal for operating purposes can be shipped in from other states.

MINERS LIKELY TO YIELD.

Believed That They Will Accept the Operators' Terms. Special to Times-Republican.

Des Moines, April 6.—President Charles H. Morris of the operators' association and John P. White, of the Iowa district of mine workers, have issued a call to the executive committee of the two parties to the coal strike, to meet in joint session in Des Moines on Monday, April 11th, seeking a settlement of the present strike.

This meeting was asked by President White, of the miners' union, who called on Mr. Morris yesterday afternoon with a suggestion for the recall of the joint conference. It is understood that Mr. White was asked what answer would be given by the miners to the final proposition of the operators, but Mr. White declined to make any definite reply except to state that nothing could be accomplished unless a conference were held. Thereupon President Morris agreed to join in calling the conference.

It is generally understood that the operators have made their last proposition for the settlement of the strike, so that any further desire for a re-

KILLED RIVAL IN LOVE

Fatal Stabbing Affray Among the Habitues of Dives In Sioux City

ORVILLE JOHNSON THE VICTIM

Both Loved the Same Woman and Quarreled Over Her—Victim Telephoned Rival That One of Them Must Die and When They Met Death Struggle Ensued.

SPECIAL TO TIMES-REPUBLICAN.

Sioux City, April 6.—A murder under dramatic circumstances occurred in this city last night as the result of a quarrel between two habitues of the dives in the submerged part of the city. Orville Johnson, who plays a piano in a sporting house and Walter Williams, both colored, fell in love with a girl named Nellie Jacobs, who came here recently from Minneapolis. They quarreled over her and yesterday Johnson telephoned Williams, who is a porter at the Elks' club rooms that one of them must die when they met. Last night they met on the street and Williams stabbed Johnson to death.

PROMINENT MAN SUICIDES.

August D. Martens, of Sioux City, Hangs Himself.

Special to Times-Republican.

Sioux City, April 6.—August D. Martens, manager of Martens Bros' mill, committed suicide. He tied one end of a rope around his neck, and the other to a steam pipe in the basement of his home, a new residence at 1902 Douglas street, and jumped from a chair.

His daughter Mame, aged 20, discovered the body shortly afterwards. Despondency and an overindulgence in liquor are assigned as the causes. Deceased was an old resident, having come here in 1886. He had made threats that he would end his life. As far as is known his business affairs are in excellent condition.

DEATH OF JAMES CARMACK.

Well Known Citizen of Iowa County Buried at Loda Falls.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa Falls, April 6.—The remains of the late James Carmack will be brought here from Radcliffe, today, for interment in the Friends cemetery. Mr. Carmack was for many years a resident of this part of the county and was well known here. The past few years he has been making his home with his children at Radcliffe.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

All Public Gatherings Prohibited at Scranton Because of an Epidemic of Diphtheria—One Death.

Special to Times-Republican.

Scranton, April 6.—The public schools have been closed and all public gatherings prohibited here on account of an epidemic of diphtheria. Four cases have occurred in Mr. M. Gibson's family. The oldest boy died Monday, but the other three children are recovering.

INJURED MEN RECOVERING.

Victims of the Accident on the Illinois Central Out of Hospital.

Special to Times-Republican.

Iowa Falls, April 6.—One by one the men who have been in Ellsworth hospital in this city since the big wreck on the Illinois Central railroad at South Fork, are being discharged, and are returning to their homes, having sufficiently recovered from their injuries to be able to travel. Engineer McNeil, who was hurt the worst of the half dozen men who went down in the wreck, has returned to Waterloo and is able to be about town. It was found necessary to amputate one of his hands, the injury to that member being the worst of his injuries. The first reports stated that McNeil had been killed, but later proved untrue and it is since learned that several others of the crews were more severely hurt than he was.

Hotel Dumont Opened Again.

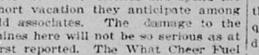
Special to Times-Republican.

Dumont, April 6.—The Hotel Dumont after being closed all winter has been thoroughly renovated from cellar to garret. It was opened Sunday with the elaborate spread of an Easter dinner. Commisary general, Miss Sarah Wild, assistant and clerk, R. W. Wild.

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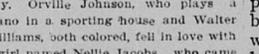
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