

"LIFERS" ON INCREASE

LARGER NUMBER OF CONVICTS AT FORT MADISON PRISON THERE TO STAY. INCREASE ALSO SHOWN ON OTHER CHARGES

Prison Population Will Soon Reach Thousand if Present Rate is Maintained - Death Penalty Apparently Does Not Halt Crime - Majority of "Lifers" Convicted of Murder.

Fort Madison, Sept. 13.-A rough summary from the books of the prison at Fort Madison produce interesting and somewhat discouraging data relating to the number of inmates serving sentences of life. They lead to an inevitable conclusion that the death penalty does not deter men from committing murder in the first degree. And a salient fact is that the number of men serving life sentences is increasing with astonishing rapidity. Since the minimum sentence provided by law for murder in the first degree is a life sentence, the indeterminate sentence law has but slight bearing on that crime, tho it does have a bearing on murder in the second degree; on rape and burglary in the night time with a dangerous weapon.

Most Impose Maximum. Under the law judges must in almost all cases impose the maximum penalty, leaving to the board of parole the proper adjustment of the time to be served. In cases of murder in the second degree it is discretionary with the term of years, and where the greater penalty is imposed after considerable judgment, the board of parole seldom and but with reluctance interferes with it. Sentences for burglary in the night time with a dangerous weapon are rare, however, there is a difference. Those cases have increased the number of life men in both the penitentiary and the reformatory. So far as the penitentiary is concerned, the board of parole does not let such sentences stand. In fact in the last two years it has committed to fitting terms exactly the same number of lifers received for that crime in the same time. Yet for all that the truth remains that life prisoners increased fifty-two per cent in the last eight years.

There were sentences of life during two years ending June 30, 1915, eleven for rape and one for burglary—a total of twenty-five. During the same period there were seven sentences for rape previously received who were committed to terms varying from ten to twenty years—an exact offset to those admitted during that time. And incidentally it may be stated, that during the same time there were ten commitments for rape.

On the fifth of February, 1907, the year the indeterminate sentence law went into effect, there were confined in the penitentiary on life sentences twenty-two for murder in the second degree, two for rape and one for burgling in the night time with a dangerous weapon. The total is eighty-eight.

Lifers on the Increase. From these figures it can be seen that in the eight years embraced by them, the lifers for murder in the first degree have increased thirty-one, for murder in the second degree eighteen, and for rape eleven, the total increase for all life sentences being exactly sixty, or slightly less than 52 per cent. The increase of the entire prison population during the period of eight years ending June 30, 1915, was 188 per cent. The average increase of lifers for the eight year period ending Sept. 5, 1915, was seven and one-half per cent, for the increase in population for the same period ending June 30, 1915, it was twenty-five—the lifers at this date being a fraction less than 14 per cent of the entire population.

There is a marked difference in admissions during the first five and the last three years of the eight-year period. The first five show admissions to have remained about normal. In fact the average was but 169, while for the last three years there was a decided increase, the average jumping to 193 for that three years only. It is evident then that for the years ending June 30, 1913-14-15, there was a great and decided increase in crime in the state of Iowa.

Population Also Increased. But these three years are not alone responsible for the increase in the grand total. Tho the receipts for the first five years remained normal, the population continued to increase. At the end of the first year, June 30, 1908, it was 430. At the end of the fifth year, 1912, it was 612, and at the end of the eighth year, 1915, it was 800.

Under the indeterminate sentence law all convictions of murder in the first degree must go to the penitentiary. That accounts for the wide difference in the number of lifers for that crime and for other crimes. Rape, under the indeterminate sentence law, is a life sentence; but "persons between the ages of sixteen and thirty years convicted of rape" may warrant, in the discretion of the court, be committed either to the reformatory or penitentiary.

Ninety-nine per cent of all cases of rape are statutory. Most of them are attended by mitigating circumstances. Many are committed by boys and young men, so it is reasonable to believe that if the penitentiary has on hand twenty inmates serving life for rape, the reformatory has a many more. Thus it is easy to see that the number of life prisoners in the state is increasing rapidly from that cause alone.

Maxwell Schools Open. Special to Times-Republican. Maxwell, Sept. 13.—Maxwell's public schools have opened with the following corps of teachers in charge: Prof. J. W. Piety, superintendent and manual training; Miss Edna Voss, of Eldora, principal; Miss Bonnie Wright, of Des Moines, assistant principal; Marjorie Ketchum, of Marshalltown, home economics; Myra Hilker,

HUNTER SHOTS FRIEND.

Activity of Mosquito Almost Costs Sportsman His Life. Muscatine, Sept. 13.—A mosquito nearly cost Roy Brown, 19, of South Muscatine, his life Saturday while on a hunting expedition near New Boston, Ill.

Young Brown was accidentally shot by a companion, Leonard James, a well known South East youth. The accident occurred at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon but Brown was not brought to this city until shortly after midnight on the steamer Helen Blair, the boat having been stopped at New Boston to take on the injured youth. According to Brown's own story related by him upon his arrival early Sunday morning, the shooting was accidental. He declared that at the time he was behind some brush when a mosquito bothered him. In trying to brush the insect away with his hands he gave a movement to the bushes. Leonard James, seeing the wavering shrubbery, was convinced that a squirrel had occasioned the movement and promptly fired at the spot with his shot gun.

Then a cry of pain arose from Brown. He had been struck by the flying shot in the left arm, hand and neck. Upon learning of his mistake, James was almost prostrated. "I don't blame Leonard in the least," said Brown. "It was purely an accident."

The distance between the two when the shot was fired was approximately eighty feet. Dr. McIntire, of New Boston, gave the injured youth medical attention.

That young Brown may lose his arm as a result of the accident is now feared. Amputation may be necessary, although this is not anticipated unless blood poisoning should develop.

Brown was taken to his home at 1111 Oregon street immediately upon his arrival here.

TEN YEARS FOR MURDER.

Roy Gates Gets Light Sentence For Killing Jesse Rowe. Sloux City, Sept. 13.—For killing Jesse Rowe, an Onawa farmer, Roy Gates, a taxicab driver, must serve ten years in the Fort Madison penitentiary. Gates pleaded guilty before Judge W. G. Sears to the charge of murdering the second degree and was given the prison sentence. If Gates' behavior at the penitentiary is excellent, he probably will get out in seven years.

County Attorney O. T. Naglestad consented to accept the plea after Dan H. Sullivan, Gates' counsel, had conferred with him several times. If Gates had been convicted of first degree murder, as charged in the indictment returned by the grand jury, he probably would have received life imprisonment. The trial jury, which would have heard the case could have recommended the death penalty to the court.

Gates planned the murder of Rowe, which occurred in the Capitol hotel, 1015 Fourth street, on April 13, this year, testimony before the grand jury showed. The shooting followed a midnight joy ride in which Ruby Reedy, proprietor of the hotel, who told the grand jury Gates was her sweetheart. Mrs. Eva Kofka and Rowe, himself, were members of Gates' party.

SIXTH PARK OPENED.

Fort Dodge Accepts Eighteen Acres From Snell Estate. Fort Dodge, Sept. 13.—Fort Dodge received a new city park Saturday to add to her already fine park system. The city council accepted with thanks the eighteen acres Richard Snell has deeded to the city. This tract of land will be known as Snell park and is in Snell Place, the new addition recently opened.

This new park contains part of what has been known as the "North Woods," where youngsters from time immemorial have gathered, but caves and shacks in which they smoked cork silk cigarettes and read Old Slueth and Nick Carter tales. The plot of ground still retains its original wildness, despite the winding drives, cement sidewalks, lights and other modern conveniences. The park is situated in the addition at an expense of \$75,000 by Mr. Snell.

The north side now has three parks, Reynolds, Crawford and Snell. Each of the parks is rather small but will be of much value to the city as it grows. These playgrounds with Olsson park, Duck Island park, and Pliny park give this city a system of parks not excelled in the state in a city the size of Fort Dodge.

New Sharon Items. Special to Times-Republican. New Sharon, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Lavina Stout is visiting her son, J. G. Stout. Miss Marie Williams and Bessie Ellslog, of Kansas City, are visiting at the Bart Vander Wal home.

New Sharon is furnishing a quota of teachers as usual. Miss Helen Williams goes to Fort Dodge, Myrtle Jennings to Eddyville, Wilma Laurence to Nevada, Vera Whitehair to Gilmore City, Fay Grover to Agency, LeMoyna Van Buren to Rippey, Jennette Stuart to Jerome, Aris, Grace Duboc to Fromberg, Mont, Josie McNamara to Marengo.

Win Andrews is attending business college at Oskaloosa. His sister, Miss Mae, is taking academy work at Penn.

News of Montour. Special to Times-Republican. Montour, Sept. 13.—Miss Lucy Stevens, of Chicago, is spending a few weeks vacation at home.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. C. J. Stevens. Pastor E. E. Bunce has gone to conference at Dubuque.

Mrs. George Cushman, of Des Moines, is visiting Mrs. La Voss.

None Equal to Chamberlain's. "I have tried most all of the cough cures and find that there is none that equal Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has never failed to give me prompt relief." writes W. V. Hester, Montpelier, Ind. When you have a cold give this remedy a trial and see for yourself what a splendid medicine it is. Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

Modern Plowing. In the United Kingdom steam plowing is generally carried on by the double engine system, introduced by John Fowler in 1845. The most improved plow in the United States consists of large engines drawing behind them a number of plows, sometimes covering a space of thirty feet.

TO MEET IN CONRAD

WATERLOO PRESBYTERY TO HOLD FALL SESSION NEXT WEEK.

DELEGATES TO BE MET AT TWO POINTS BY AUTOS

Country Church Institute to Be Held During Meetings, Conducted by Rev. Matthew McNutt, of Wooster, O.—Good Program and Elaborate Plans For Entertainment of Delegates.

Conrad, Sept. 13.—The fall meeting of the Waterloo presbytery of the Presbyterian church will be held Sept. 21 and 22, at the First Presbyterian church at Conrad. Rev. Silas Wadding is moderator of the presbytery, and Rev. L. C. Cooley is treasurer, and the elders, James Black, F. W. Iseman, and J. A. Fitzpatrick. Delegates to the Presbytery will be met at the Marshalltown Y. M. C. A. and at the Grandbrook station by autos and taken to their respective destinations in the city.

The presbytery session will open Tuesday and it is hoped that all the delegates will be there to take part in the first meeting. One of the most attractive features of the fall meeting of this body will be the country church institute which will be held under the leadership of Rev. Matthew McNutt, of Wooster, O. It is expected that all elders will attend this institute, as it will be of great value in carrying on their work.

The officers and members of the presbytery have arranged a fine program of entertainment for the visitors and participants in the meeting and hope to see a large attendance.

The program for the session is as follows: Sept. 21. 2 p. m.—Devotional service, led by Rev. William E. Todd. Roll call and reception of new members.

Report of the committee on arrangements—Rev. Edward Carson. Treasurer's report—Rev. L. C. Cooley, Jr. Reports of moderators. Reports by the commissioners to the general assembly.

4:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.—Committee meetings. 6:30 p. m.—Supper. 7:30 p. m.—Service of song and praise. Sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. Silas C. Wadding.

Election of moderator and temporary clerk. Wednesday, Sept. 22. 8:30 a. m.—Communion service. The moderator presiding. 9:15 a. m.—Roll call. Appointment of moderator's committee.

Reports of permanent committees. Address by Sunday school missionary—Elder Fred Seger, of Waterloo. 10:30 a. m.—Committee meetings. 11 a. m.—Report of the foreign mission committee—Rev. H. W. Johnston. Report of the board of trustees—Elder J. W. Fitzpatrick, secretary.

Wednesday Afternoon. 12 - 2 p. m.—Dinner, social hours, and good fellowship session. 2 p. m.—Report of the home mission and church erection committees—Rev. J. P. Linn, D. D. Petition of Mason City East Side church for enrollment. Election of delegates to synod.

3 p. m.—A conversation on the state of religion in the churches. Topic: "Rural Church Efficiency." Leader, Rev. Matthew McNutt, of Wooster, O. 5:30 - 7 p. m.—Basket supper out.

GREAT MASS OF PROOF.

Reports of 30,000 Cases of Kidney Trouble, Some of Them Marshalltown Cases. Each of some 6,000 newspapers of the United States is publishing from week to week, names of people in its particular neighborhood, who have used and recommended Doan's Kidney Pills for kidney backache, weak kidneys, bladder troubles and urinary disorders. This mass of proof includes over 30,000 recommendations. Marshalltown is no exception. Here is one of the Marshalltown cases:

Mrs. E. C. Callahan, 405 West Linn street, Marshalltown, says: "I was troubled by weakness of my kidneys and thought I tried several medicines I didn't improve. A box of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the McBride & Will Drug Co., gave gratifying results. I was relieved in a short time and concluded I used permanently cured me. I know of other cases where Doan's Kidney Pills have been used and I am glad to say that they have always proven beneficial."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Callahan had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

HELP WANTED—MALE. Wanted—Bell boy, Stoddard Hotel. Wanted—Young man for porter work. Apply The Hub.

Wanted—Good cook, Sundell's Cafe, 27-29 North First avenue. Wanted—Able-bodied men for firemen, brakemen, \$120 monthly; experience unnecessary. Railway, care Times-Republican.

Wanted—Become railway mail clerk, \$75 month; common education sufficient. Write immediately, Franklin Institute, Dept. 106-G, Rochester, N. Y.

Wanted—Learn barber trade, finest in the world. Strictly modern. Write either address for catalog: 618 Mulberry street, Des Moines, Iowa; or 226 Fourth street, Sloux City, Iowa. Tri-City Barber College.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE. Wanted—Girls, Meeker laundry. Wanted—Competent girl for general housework, Phone 398.

Wanted—Girl on farm to assist in general house work; three in family; good home for right girl. A-13, care Times-Republican. Wanted—Apprentice girl at the American College of Dressmaking, Room 5, Tremont block.

Wanted—Neat appearing girl to work in doll and pillow rack. Easy work and good salary. Enquire at fair ground between 1 and 2 Tuesday afternoon. Daisy B. Temple. Wanted—Girl for general housework; no washing; good wages. Mrs. J. W. Hook, Phone 738.

SITUATION WANTED. Wanted—Work husking corn by bushel or month, by married man. E. W. Hatter, Gilman, Iowa, rural route 3, box 12. Wanted—Job on farm; experienced, married. Louis Weller, Melbourne, Iowa, Route No. 2.

BUSINESS CHANGES. For Sale—Vulcanizing plant, com-

doors (weather permitting). 7:30 p. m.—Popular meeting. Address by Rev. Matthew B. McNutt, Waterloo. Resolutions. Adjournment.

SIX HOUR BATTLE WITH BANDIT Police Held at Bay; Robber Finally Kills Himself. San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 13.—A thrilling six hour battle between sixty policemen and George Nelson, 25 years old, wanted for complicity in the robbery last month of a Los Angeles bank, ended at dawn Sunday, when Nelson's bullet-riddled body was found stretched on a cot in a rooming house. He had ended his life by sending a bullet thru his head.

The house where the bandit successfully held the police at bay since before midnight is in a populous residential district, and thousands of spectators, on sidewalks and building tops, watched the gun fighting. Hugh MacBeth, a lodger, who attempted to escape from the building when the battle between the bandit and police began, was shot twice thru the head, probably fatally, by the cross fire.

Policeman Peter Hammond was shot thru the arm and leg by Nelson. All night long the police directed an intermittent fire into Nelson's room from an upper window of the residence of Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of the Methodist Episcopal church, across the street, and from adjacent windows and housetops. A powerful searchlight was placed in the window of another dwelling across the street, di-

rectly facing the bandit's room, and by its glare the police centered their fire more or less accurately. Shotguns, repeating rifles and revolvers were used, and hardly a square inch of Nelson's room escaped the raking fire. Shortly before 4 o'clock Nelson fired a single shot, and the effort of the police to bring a further response was futile, altho a score or more shots were sent into the room.

When an advertisement does not give the advertiser's name write a letter addressed as directed in the ad and leave it at the newspaper office, where the advertiser will get it. The publishers can not give the name of the advertiser without the advertiser's consent. All advertisements for this column must be in the office at 12 o'clock on the day of publication to insure classification.

WANTED. Wanted—Roomers and boarders at 8 East Webster. Wanted—Two large trees cut down for the wood. 211 North Fourth street. Phone 1372 red.

Wanted—Two gentleman roomers and boarders in private family. Call 465 West Church street. Wanted—All your washing; most of the ironing, 31 Palace Laundry. Phone 582.

Wanted—We are now ready for boarders by day or week. Inquire 208 South Seventh avenue. Wanted—To rent 80, 120 or 160-acre farm, improved, for term three to five years. Party has own help. Can give best reference. Address "X-8," care Times-Republican.

Wanted—Washings; men's or families; also housework; 411 Swagoe street. Wanted—Safety razor blades to sharpen. Leave at Old Reliable Drug Store.

Wanted—Ashes, rubbish and garbage to haul. Phone 801 green. Wanted—Horses to shoe; new shoes 40 cents each. W. B. Hankins. Wanted—Houseworn. H. S. Miller, 110 North Fourth street.

Wanted—List your property with Crawford. He always has a demand for property on the installment plan. Let your wants be known. I sell fire and automobile insurance, \$5 per \$1,000. W. E. Crawford, real estate, and employment. Phone 898, over 212 East Main.

Wanted—Everyone to know that the services of the visiting nurse employed by the Visiting Nurse's Association, are free of charge to patients who are able and willing to pay or without pay, by those in straitened circumstances. Telephone Clara Britt, 214 West Main. Phone 327 white.

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For Sale—50 improved farms in Howard and Mitchell counties, Iowa. Mower and Ellmore counties, Minn. Get our prices we will get your business. Address Reinson & Oleson, Le Roy, Minn.

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For Sale—Fine 220-acre farm for sale; close to Marshalltown; elegant improvements; \$290 per acre; satisfactory terms. A-7, care T.-R.

For Sale—Owing to poor health I offer for sale at a low price and on easy terms my farm of 112 acres, located one-half mile from Whitten. Well improved and all new. New well and water works, all tiled. Call or write E. R. Runner, Union Iowa, owner and proprietor.

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As I am going on my farm in Minnesota, I will sell my fine modern home to the highest bidder on Marshalltown, Iowa, Saturday, Sept. 18, 1915, at 2:30 p. m., consisting of five bed rooms, toilet and bath room, closets, and hall up stairs; parlor, sitting room, dining, library room, kitchen, hall down stairs; gas, hot and cold water in kitchen, fireplaces, wainscoting, vegetable furnace, coal rooms, Lenox furnace, hot air and hot water heat, all electric lighted. Lot is 60x180 feet with cast front on paving and sidewalk, fire shed, fine barn 48x30, will hold a sixteen head of horses, forty tons of hay, bureau, wash, harness and electric rooms, oats and corn bins, electric lights, city water. This is an alley lot right in the heart of the city of 16,000 population; no better property was ever offered in this city at public auction. We have the best of schools, churches, manufacturing, railroad facilities in the state of Iowa. Cheapest gas and electric lights, best of street car service of any city in the state of Iowa. Will be sold at your own price. Here is a fine home or a rooming house proposition. Look it over any day. Grandest opportunity of a lifetime. Terms on sale date. Possession Oct. 1. T. F. O'Brien, owner. Colonel Kendall, auctioneer.

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