

ROMANCE IN PRISON

'KID' NOBLE, RECENTLY PAROLED, WEBS WARDEN SANDERS' SECRETARY.

MODEL PRISONER GETS FREEDOM AND BRIDE

Made Good in Fort Madison and is Appointed State Prison Industrial Agent—Noble Former Prize Fighter and Bartender—Killed Man Who Cast Reflections on First Wife.

Fort Madison, Jan. 22.—The rewards of a dozen years of model conduct have come to Ira "Kid" Noble, former prize fighter, who was released from the state penitentiary here last month. The announcement of Noble's appointment as industrial agent for the state prison has just been made by Warden Sanders of the prison, and coincident with it has come the announcement that Noble nearly a month ago married Miss Myrtle Brockhagen, private secretary of the warden, and a young woman of unusual charm.

Life Story Strange One. His story is a peculiar one, and makes more remarkable his recent attainments. Less than a score of years ago he was a prize fighter. He met a woman who had liked a life that was not wholly in keeping with conventional standards. They were married, and Noble became a barkeeper at Muscatine. One day a former acquaintance of Noble's wife came into the saloon and boasted of his knowledge of her past and said he could pull her down again. Noble killed him and pleaded the unwritten law when tried. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but his splendid behavior at the prison won him a commutation of sentence.

An Aid to Warden. For a number of years Noble has been an invaluable aid to Warden Sanders. He was the warden's private chauffeur and was often entrusted with large responsibilities. He was anxious to improve his education and studied hours daily. Noble had always taken an interest in helping the other convicts and his appointment as industrial commissioner was due largely to this fact.

HAMILTON ROAD WORK. County Engineer Shows How Tax Money Was Spent.

Webster City, Jan. 22.—County Engineer F. H. Austin has filed with the board of supervisors a report of the road work in Hamilton county during the past year. It is a comprehensive report and is of considerable interest to taxpayers.

Of the \$65,000 spent for road work 53 per cent was spent for permanent grading, 6 1/2 per cent for blinde grader work, 4 1/2 per cent for repair work, 9 per cent for dragging, 24 per cent for drainage and 3 per cent for miscellaneous expense. The money spent for permanent grading represents the moving of 145,000 yards of material by contract at an average price of 20.3 cents per yard, also the average cost per yard at an average price of 34 cents per yard. Attached to this class of work was a force account of rather large proportion, mainly for the placing of culvert pipe, and no means of a check on the correctness of the amounts were available. This can be avoided to a large extent by including this item in the advertisement for bids. Twenty miles of the county system was brought to an established grade.

The two tractor outfits constructed thirty-five and three-fourths miles of new work and went over sixty miles of old work. The average cost per mile for new work was \$120 which includes pay rolls, oil and greases, and 15 per cent per year depreciation on the outfit, no interest being considered because up to the first of January, 1916, the county road fund was free from debt and paying no interest. The cost of maintenance by means of the tractor outfit seemed to cost about \$7.40 per mile for one round trip.

Of the money spent for drainage, \$5,791.98 was spent in paying assessments on drainage districts and \$9,611.63 paid for outlets and for filling along the high water line.

Of the \$69,500 spent for bridges and culverts 74 per cent was spent for work of a strictly permanent nature, 12 1/2 per cent for temporary work, 8 per cent for repairs, and 7 1/2 per cent for miscellaneous expense.

STORY CITY BAND TOURS. Scheduled to Play Eleven Concerts in Northern Iowa Towns.

Story City, Jan. 22.—The Story City concert band under the direction of M. O. Tiermahl, is now on a tour of northern Iowa towns, eleven concerts having been arranged. The tour opened at Bode, where a concert was given Wednesday evening. The following evening the organization appeared at Renwick, Friday evening a concert was given at Goldfield, and tonight the band will appear at Dows. Other cities to be visited are: Lake Mills, Jan. 23; Thor, Jan. 24; Callender, Jan. 25; Fort Dodge, Jan. 26; Williams, Jan. 27; Duncombe, Jan. 28; Jewell, Jan. 29.

The band has prepared a program of unusual interest to music lovers and the tour is proving a decided success.

GIVEN MORE TIME. Mount Pleasant Granted Another Week to Reassemble and Give Special Session.

Mount Pleasant, Jan. 21.—With the fate of Iowa Wesleyan hanging in the balance and at one of the darkest hours in its long history, the cheering news was flashed over the wires to the head of the financial campaign committee that the university senate, which is at

present in session in Chicago, had granted an extension of seven days time in which to raise the \$100,000 for the maintenance of Iowa Wesleyan College as a class A school. The various committees have been busy conducting the campaign in Henry county during the past two days and have met with good success. The total sum which has to date been pledged is \$70,000, but this is \$30,000 short of the required amount and it will require exceptionally hard work on the part of the committee men to secure this additional sum.

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Little Tin Dinner Pail Soon to Pass From Rural Schools.

Jan. 22.—The little tin dinner pail will soon be a thing of the past in the rural schools of Hancock county. Instead of eating indigestible cold lunches from their pails, the boys and girls will eat lunches which they have prepared hot from the stove and served in correct style.

Briefly, this is a statement of the work done by Elizabeth Lutz in her school of fifteen pupils, two miles south of Garner. Once each week and sometimes oftener, her pupils have, in addition to their cold lunches, a plate of hot mashed potatoes, apple sauce, baked apples or some other hot dish. Miss Lutz is the first teacher in Hancock county to put into practice the plan of serving hot lunches to rural school children which the home economics division at Ames has emphasized for the past few years to the rural school teachers of Iowa.

Grinnell and Vicinity. Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, Jan. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McIlraith lost their infant son, aged 3 days, yesterday. Arrangements for the funeral services are not yet completed.

The funeral services for Mrs. Ella Van Treese will be held at the Westfield church on Sunday at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Van Treese died at the city hospital on Thursday, where she underwent a serious operation from which she failed to recover. She was 27 years of age. Interment will be at Hazelwood cemetery.

The funeral of Ed Lisor, Iowa College '06, was held at Montezuma Friday. Mr. Lisor died at his home in Clariton, the cause of his death being heart failure. H. M. Harris went from here to attend the funeral. His sister-in-law, Gladys Downing, is a present student here in the college.

A special meeting of the city council was held Friday. At this meeting, according to the report of the commissioners appointed by the sheriff to estimate the damages to property owners whose holdings are traversed by the right of way for the new sewer, the council allowed damages to the amount of \$228.48.

Miss Mary Simmons has again resumed her duties in the college office after an extended visit with her brother in Racine, Wis.

Sam Nelson left today for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend some time. He will make an extended business trip throughout the south. L. M. Tarvestad has entered upon his new line of work as traveling salesman for the Triumph Liquid Soap Company. His territory extends over northern Iowa.

A wide interest is being shown in the Grinnell Sunday school institute which opened Tuesday evening with an enrollment of over ninety. It is expected that the enrollment will be a full hundred. The institute will continue each Tuesday evening for ten weeks. Dr. Herbert F. Evans is the director of the institute and has charge of the "teen" age group; Mrs. Herbert Evans and Mrs. Paul Meyers, beginners and primary department; Rev. W. B. Wilson, adult class in the uniform lesson; Prof. L. D. Hartson, junior department.

Prof. Jesse Macy, assisted by Prof. J. W. Gannaway, has again come before the public as the author of a new text book, "Comparative Free Government." This is a political science text book and has just been issued by the MacMillan Publishing Company. It is one of a series of social science text books issued by Richard T. Ely, one of the foremost economists of the country. The new book is being used by some of the political science classes of the college. A recognition of Professor Macy's high standing in his chosen field was shown recently when the American Society of Political Science, at their recent meeting held at Washington, D. C., elected him as president.

At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Grinnell Aeroplane Company, the same directors were re-elected as follows: E. B. Brande, J. L. Fellows, F. E. Spaulding, W. C. Robinson and H. L. Beyer. At a meeting of the directors, the following officers were elected: E. B. Brande, president; J. L. Fellows, vice president and H. L. Beyer, secretary and treasurer. A foreign sales manager, Capt. W. A. Ross, formerly of the British service, has been added to the executive force of the company. Mr. Ross's home is in Sioux Falls, S. D.

Made a Difference. Little Willie became slightly indisposed, and when the family doctor was called he prescribed some medicine in powder form.

"Come, Willie," said the fond mother, preparing one of the powders as soon as the medicine arrived from the drug store, "you must take this right away so that you will be well."

"No, I don't want to take it," whined Willie, backing away from the dose. "I don't need no medicine."

"Why, Willie," pleaded mother, gently drawing the boy toward her, "you never hear me complain about a little powder, did you?"

"No, an' neither would I," was the startling rejoinder of Willie, "if I could just put it on my face like you do, but I have to swallow it."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

He Could Hardly Go. "About two years ago I got down on my back until I hardly could go," writes Solomon Bequette, Flat River, Mo. "I got a 50c box of Foley Kidney Pills and they straightened me right up." Common symptoms of kidney trouble are backache, headache, rheumatic pains, soreness and stiffness, puffiness under eyes, blurred vision, sleep disturbing bladder troubles, and a languid, tired feeling. Foley Kidney Pills help to eliminate the poisonous waste matter that causes these symptoms. McBride & Will Drug Co.

PROVES UGLY PROBLEM

DEMOCRATS FIND RURAL ROUTE TINKERING REACTS AGAINST ADMINISTRATION.

MANY DEMOCRATS READY TO JOIN IN PROTEST

Awaking Up to Fact That Restoration of Routes to Original Lines May Be Necessary to Save Party's Face—Hull Predicts Party Would Be Badly Defeated in House on Test Vote.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The administration has discovered that it has been traveling on a dangerous tack in the handling of the rural free delivery mail service, and it may have to back water to save its face, in the opinion of Representative Hull, of the Second Iowa district.

"Now that the matter has come up in congress, and the house committee on postoffice and post roads has been giving it attention, it has become apparent that the opposition to the widespread reorganization of the routes in some of the states, including Iowa, undertaken by the department, which has curtailed the service of many thousands of families, is very great."

He suggested that either the department would find some means of bringing about a second reorganization which would remove the causes which have brought thousands of protests to Washington, or else the house committee, or the house itself, would take the matter into its hands. Some Democrats Aroused. "I find that a great many of the democratic members of the house are with us in this fight," he continued. "Should the matter come up on the floor for consideration, I believe the department would find itself hopelessly defeated. The members of the postoffice committee appear to be in favor of restoring much of the service which has been cut down by the department."

Mr. Hull, Mr. Towner and several other members of the house have appeared before the committee. Both of the Iowa members have bills before the committee designed to restore the old order. During his discussion of the matter, Mr. Hull laid particular stress on the "vested right" which attaches to the delivery service after it has once been established. He pointed out that property values were involved to a considerable extent in the matter of mail delivery, and that if this delivery was taken away, a farmer stood to lose a certain percentage of the value of his land.

WINS NATIONAL HONORS. John W. Suplee, of Iowa City, Awarded Highest Prize at Poultry Show.

Iowa City, Jan. 22.—A national championship badge of blue and gold has been awarded to John W. Suplee, of Iowa City, by the Panama-Pacific exposition judges, in the poultry show held during the current winter. The Iowa City man received the badge today. It represents national supremacy in the class devoted to Asiatic female birds, which his Brahmas won.

KENYON RENOUNCES BEQUEST. Senator to Have No Part in Controversy Over Coffin Will.

Fort Dodge, Jan. 22.—Senator W. S. Kenyon, who was remembered in the will of I. S. Coffin, whose will is to be contested next week in court here, has filed a disclaimer and renunciation of the \$2,000 bequest made to him. Senator Kenyon gave legal services to Mr. Coffin for ten years without compensation and infers that is why he was made a beneficiary.

AMES DEFEATS GRINNELL. State College Five Wins From Old Rivals by Score of 16 to 9.

Ames, Jan. 22.—By effectively covering up the visiting offense with some on an Iowa basketball court, the Iowa State college basketball five trimmed Grinnell last night by a score of 16 to 9. Aldrich Ames' guard, was the star of the game. The first half ended with the score 12 to 4 in favor of Iowa State.

Iowa Pensions Granted. Washington, Jan. 22.—Iowa pensions granted: Anna Metzger, Grundy Center, 112; Mary A. Milledge, Red Oak, 112; Rebecca Ellen Naylor, Brandon, 112; Carrie Reiland, Forest City, 112; Eva F. Crowell, Independence, 112; Minerva E. McElhany, Akron, 112; Sarah E. Swift, Basset, 112.

Iowa City Beats Clinton. Special to Times-Republican. Iowa City, Jan. 22.—In the basketball game last night Iowa City scored 22, Clinton 12.

Worth a Great Deal. About all the good it does a man to pay his bills right off the reel is to convince the honest tradesman that he has no more social position than a rabbit, but that is worth something.—Columbus (O.) Journal.

Hard to Eradicate Flies. A nest of wasps will kill from 2,000 to 4,000 flies a day, but the one or two they may miss will breed about 23,456,789 more before the avengers can get back on the job next morning.

Subjects for Criticism. There are three things no man can do to the satisfaction of other men—make love, poke the fire, and run a paper.—United Mine Workers' Journal.

Optimistic. Sniper—"I've knocked the spike out of 'is bloomin' 'somet'—'e's took the top ort of 'is bloomin' ear—and 'is 'is shot next!"—London Opinion.

Provision for Pure Air. Only filtered air is permitted to enter a large German electric plant, which protects its machinery from dust with cloth screens.

GATHERED BY THE WAYSIDE

(By Ora Williams.)

Des Moines, Jan. 22.—There are some candidates for the legislature coming to the front in various parts of the state with the thought of getting into public life by reason of fads which they are willing to advocate. For instance, a candidate is out for senator in southern Iowa with a platform which sets up as the panacea for all legislative ills that he will advocate having all committee meetings open to the public and records be published of all votes on bills taken in committee. That is something which has been urged by several well meaning persons as a real reform, but which has two sides to it, as has been pointed out by the members who have served long in the legislature. The plan is a reversion and denial of the virtue of the accepted policy of the state of having every individual voter determine political questions on election day with no guide save conscience and no censor save his own judgment. If it is good for a voter to be shielded from publicity as he casts his ballot on election day, why not also useful to permit a legislator to cast his ballot safe from the intrusion of the boss? That is the argument. Senator Savage, while in the city the other day, pointed out his experience on one appropriation committee led him to the conviction that if the lobby was permitted to stand with a club over members of the committee as they disposed of public business, a great many more appropriation bills would be passed and there would be no way of holding it good for the expenditure of money. The hardest thing for members of that committee is to turn down the men of influence who are persistent in demanding appropriations which the better judgment of members of the legislature know ought not to be made.

It has been often remarked by close followers of legislation that there are entirely too many men who secure election to the legislature as a matter of course with a nomination by promising certain things if elected. Then they come to the legislature bent on doing that one thing, or a few things, and get nothing done. For instance, at the last session, a member was elected to the house from a southeastern Iowa county who had his sole platform that he was going to repeal the highway law and put the supervision of roads back into the hands of the boards of supervisors. He started in early and kept it up right thru on that line. He had promised it and he was going to make good. He was very capable and would have made a fine legislator had he devoted himself to the business of the session; but he traded everything for votes for his bid, and he permitted that idea to govern in all his votes cast, so that his record was worthless to him or to the state. He was a member of the legislature who would have made a fine legislator had he devoted himself to the business of the session; but he traded everything for votes for his bid, and he permitted that idea to govern in all his votes cast, so that his record was worthless to him or to the state.

There has been injected into several campaigns in Iowa a discussion of alleged unreasonable increases of the general state purposes in the decade when the national government and practically every state of the union has been getting upon a higher plane and incurring greater expenses. There has been criticism because the state taxes in Iowa are now over \$2,750,000 and there is collected and disbursed for state purposes and for various local purposes, thru state agencies about \$5,000,000 a year. But if the next governor of Iowa should have to put it up to the legislature in language like that used by Governor McCall, in Massachusetts, last week, when there is nothing doing but regarding Massachusetts state finances he said:

"The cost of government in the commonwealth has been increasing far out of proportion to its increase in population or wealth. Public expense has been mounting up so rapidly and so rapidly as to constitute a menace to our prosperity and to threaten to impose such burdens upon our industries as will make it difficult for them to maintain themselves in competition with their rivals in other states who are more lightly taxed. This increased expense is reflected in a merely increased taxes, but in increases in the public debt. In 1900 Governor Crane dealt with the subject, and declared that Massachusetts had reached a limit of indebtedness beyond which she should not go. It is time to call a halt. This warning seems to have had some effect, but only for a brief time. In 1900 the net direct debt of the state was \$16,704,000; the state tax was \$1,500,000, and the total state expenditures \$7,176,000. By 1910 the state tax had increased to \$5,000,000 and the total expenditures to \$14,521,000. Sixty per cent of these increased were they outstripped by the sensational increases of the past five years. In 1915 the state tax reached \$9,750,000, a gain of almost 600 per cent from the time when Governor Crane took office, and the total expenses \$19,954,474, or nearly three times as great as they were in 1900."

The governor did not say how much the state debt had been increased in the meantime, but probably it was not reduced. For one thing, he recommended appointment of a committee to make investigation of the various commissions and reports on how to reduce the number. Those have been critical of the 4000 commissions and boards which do business in Iowa will be interested in knowing that Governor McCall stated in his message that "we have something like 100 different com-

missions and departments of administration."

It is certain that the announcement by Attorney General Cosson of the personnel of the committee that will stand sponsor for his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor has opened the eyes of a lot of people that the men who are on this list represent a real force in state affairs and the committee will of itself carry great weight. The announcement has given a distinct upturn to the Cosson candidacy. At the same time there are increasing indications that the list is not full, and that at least Mr. Deems, the Burlington railroad man, and Chairman Rawson, of the republican state committee, will both get into the race. This will make six, including those named and Messrs. Allen, Keuhnle and Harding.

It was remarked that the last legislature had a very large number of new members, especially in the house. This time it is certain that the senate will also have a large number of new members.

AGREES TO SURRENDER. Ignatius T. Lincoln Asks Immunity From Prosecution on Forgery Charge.

New York, Jan. 21.—Capt. William F. Offley, chief of the local bureau of investigation of the department of justice, today received a letter from Ignatius T. Lincoln, the confessed German spy, who escaped from a United States deputy marshal last Saturday, in which the writer offered to surrender at once, if guaranteed immunity from prosecution on the forgery charge which caused his arrest last August. Captain Offley declined to make public Lincoln's letter.

Dark Threats. "Nigger," warned one, "don't mess with me, 'cause when you do you sure is flirtin' wid d' hearse."

"Don't pesticides wid me, nigger," replied the other, shaking his fists, "don't foce me 'tress dis upon you, 'cause if I does I'll hit yo' so hard I'll separate yo' ideas from yo' habits; I'll jes' knock yo' fum amazin' grace to a floatin' opportunity."

"If you mess wid me, nigger," continued the other, "I'll jes' make one pass an' dere'll be a man patten' yo' in de face wid a spade tomorrow mornin'."—National Monthly.

Tomorrow's Menu

- Toward evening there was tea. (A luxury due to Matilda) and ice, (fruit and coffee).—Mercedith.
- BREAKFAST: Grapefruit, Cereal and Cream, Egg Balls, Coffee, Graham Gems.
- DINNER: Consomme, Roast Chicken, Escalloped Potatoes, Asparagus Tips, Celery, Pineapple Salad, Frozen Pudding.
- SUPPER: Chicken Sandwiches, Combination Salad, Hot Chocolate, Wafers.

Eggs balls—Boil six eggs twenty minutes. Shell, and remove the yolks without breaking. Chop the whites fine and mix with white sauce. Put each egg yolk on a slice of toast, and pour the white sauce around them. Pineapple salad—Place a slice of canned pineapple on each plate, on a white lettuce leaf. Make a cheese ball of cream cheese mixed with chopped walnut meats, and place in the center of the slice of pineapple. Serve with French dressing. Combination salad—Chop a heart of celery, half a pound of pitted dates and half a pound of walnut meats. Mix with the pulp of three grape fruits and serve on lettuce leaves, with a little mayonnaise.

Room in Order Saves Nerves. System and order are as necessary to a woman as light and air; particularly does the well-being of the working woman's nerves depend on these two things. A day—some Sunday—spent in planning and arranging her room and her belongings will make for weeks and months of tranquillity and comfort in the life of one who is employed six days a week outside her room.—Exchange.

GERMANS DON CAPTURED UNIFORMS AND EXAMINE ENEMY'S SWORDS



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