

ESCAPES FARM; COPS GET HIM

Winfield James' Experiences in Law Violations Cover Long Period.

"It's cold turkey to get away from the penal farm, but I was a fool for drinking whisky after coming to Indianapolis, declared Winfield James, 45, as he sat in a cold-room police headquarters today. "I got a double cross on my appeal bond on my second blind tiger case, and I paid \$75 for the signing of that bond. They kept me thirty-two days on the penal farm when my time was only thirty days."

James, 45, was convicted of operating a restaurant on the second blind tiger case, and was sentenced to the Indiana State Farm for three years. Sunday night from the Indiana State Farm and came to Indianapolis. He was arrested at the D'Brien Hotel, 1212 North Alabama street last night by Motor Police Hudson and Landers. When James saw the police enter the lobby he ran into the wash room, but they were too close on him and he was arrested.

Bad luck has followed James since April, 1918, he declares. The records show that on April 4, 1918, James was convicted in city court of operating a blind tiger and Special Judge Fred Bond fined him \$50 and cost and sentence him to the state farm for thirty days on the Indiana State Farm. The case was appealed to Criminal Court. William H. Wulff signed the appeal bond. The appeal was withdrawn later and the sentence served.

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Last fall Sergt. Ed Helm called a number by telephone and said "send me two dressed chickens to 25 North Noble street." The "chickens" arrived and Sergeant Helm arrested James, who drove up in an automobile in which was found two bottles of whisky. James was found guilty of operating a blind tiger and fined \$100 and costs and sentenced him to serve thirty days in the Indiana State Farm. The case was appealed and Fred Lue signed the appeal bond. However, on Jan. 8, this year, the appeal was withdrawn after James had been convicted of operating a blind tiger a few days before that date.

Sergeant Deeter arrested James on the charge of operating a blind tiger. The appeal was pending, after the sergeant and a squad of police raided James' house on Christian street and captured thirty gallons of "white mule" whisky. On that charge on Dec. 30 Judge Walter Pritchard found James guilty and fined him \$200 and costs and sentenced him to serve 180 days on the Indiana State Farm. The appeal bond was \$1,500. The case was appealed and the appeal bond was signed by Fred Lue and John W. Corydon. The case was set for trial Monday in Criminal Court.

The records show that the fines on the two recent blind tiger convictions had been paid.

Records of Criminal Court show that James' case was set for trial Monday, but was continued because the defendant was at the Indiana State Farm.

G. Hog Did Not See His Shadow Till Afternoon

Now Actions Depend Upon What School of Thought You Follow.

There are two schools of thought in "groundhogology," according to J. H. Armstrong, meteorologist at the United States Weather Bureau in Indianapolis.

One school sets forth the theory that if Mr. Groundhog emerges on the morning of Feb. 2 and sees his shadow, ducks right back into his nest and stays there for six weeks. Not seeing his shadow at the same time causes him to fly the way out stretches his beard and then proceeds to break his winter fast, no matter if the sun breaks through the very next minute.

The other school adherents declare that Mr. Groundhog is shy all day Feb. 2. That is, he may not see his shadow when he first steps out and is sure about his surroundings. He has brought spring to a winter-weary world, when all of a sudden, because of a tickle and deceitful sun, he sees his shadow right there beside him—then the stuff's all off! He knows he's made a mistake and immediately goes back to hibernate until well along in March.

Mr. Groundhog peers out early and then goes back to sleep to greet him. He came out, looked around to make certain that his eyes had not deceived him and then stayed out, according to tradition, but along in the middle of the afternoon the sun broke through the gloom.

So, all ye who follow the dictates of Mr. Groundhog may govern yourselves according to doctrines of the school in which you are enrolled.

Case of Much Wanted Man Pushed Ahead

The case of Carl Fearnought, 25, arrested at the home of a relative at 331 Central avenue, yesterday on the charge of vagrancy and being a fugitive from justice, was continued in the criminal court until officers from Atlanta, Ga., can reach this city. Fearnought, police say, is wanted at Atlanta in connection with a hold-up of a man named Priest, who was robbed of a watch and furs valued \$250.

Detectives Reilly and White who made the arrest, say that O. C. Cole, postoffice inspector at Atlanta, also wants Fearnought in connection with the investigation of three postoffice robberies in Georgia.

Solons Pave Way for Illustrated Lecture

Representative Paul L. Haworth, lecturer and author, has been invited by the House of Representatives to give the illustrated lecture on his travels in British Columbia before a joint session of the House and Senate at a time to be designated later.

Representative John L. Benedict, author of the motion to invite Representative Haworth to deliver his lecture; Russell K. Bedgood, Tippecanoe County, and James L. Kingsbury, Marion County, were appointed as a committee to invite Mr. Haworth to deliver the lecture.

Blount Funeral at Home of Daughter

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah C. Blount, 50, who died Monday, will be held tomorrow morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Josephine Warman, 1626 North Alabama street. The services will be private.

Mrs. Blount is survived by four children, Mrs. E. S. Connor, Mrs. Warman and H. S. Blount, of this city, and Mr. Blount of Atlanta, Ga. Nine grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren survive.

MYSTERY SCENARIO FORTUNE SLIPS AWAY—AND WIFE TOO

Stoker, Back at Boiler, Wonders Whether Mate Was Really Author or Only a Check Writer

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 2.—A fortune made writing scenarios has melted in five short months and Arthur S. Foster is back at his post, stoking boilers in a paper plant.

His wife, whose mysterious affluence had been a mystery, has disappeared, leaving him with three small children to care for.

He never knew how much or how little she had, Foster said, but in very short months of delirious spending she bought two of the finest motor cars marketed, a farm, two homes and luxuries galore. A few are gone.

Foster does not care if she never returns, he said. She left him bankrupt and firing a boiler. Bankruptcy records show that Foster was faced with bills totaling \$1,053 worth of clothes he never knew she bought or wore.

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