

WAR-TIME OFFENDERS WHOSE SENTENCES RUN FOR LIFE

100 Men and Women in the United States Serving Such Sentences—President Being Petitioned to Restore Their Civil Rights.

Everybody knows that murder and a few other atrocious crimes are punishable in various States by death or imprisonment for life. But few Americans, probably, are aware that there is a life penalty for expressing certain differences of opinion. And fewer still now that at this moment 1500 men and women are serving such sentences. These persons were prosecuted under the Espionage act following the entry of the United States into the great war. Convicted of uttering sentiments tending to promote sedition or disloyalty or interference by the Government—and public protest against this country's participation in the conflict was so construed—they were imprisoned for various terms.

But their punishment did not end with their release from confinement. Part of the sentence was the deprivation of some civil rights. These persons cannot vote. They cannot hold public office. They cannot serve on juries.

Some frivolous-minded persons may feel that such disabilities—especially the last—should not cause insupportable anguish. Nevertheless, there is the fact that after 10 years 1500 citizens whose offense was violation of war-time restrictions on free speech are still under proscription, and that this part of their sentences runs for life.

A group of distinguished educators and publicists have forwarded to the President a petition urging the issuance of a proclamation restoring to these persons their full civil rights. They declare that "such continuing punishment for offenses in an emergency long since passed is unjust" and that there is more reason for lifting it than there was for committing the many prison sentences which were reduced following the declaration of peace.

A general amnesty restored to citizenship all those who had borne arms against the United States in the Civil War. It would seem that as much could properly be done for those whose offending was merely disloyalty of speech concerning the last conflict.

FARMERS CHANGING LOCATION.

Floyd O. Walker, tenant on the Potter farm west of town, will move to Centre Hall next spring into the part of the Colyer house near the station now occupied by Clarence Kifer. Mr. Walker will make sale of his farm stock and implements in March.

Clarence Kifer will be one of a number to begin farming next spring. He will become tenant on the William F. Colyer farm, along the State road east of Old Fort, occupied for several years by H. H. Decker, who is a potato grower of some note.

James Harshbarger, now living on the John Yearick farm at Zion, has leased the Potter homestead farm, west of town, and will locate there by April 1st. Mr. Harshbarger is a native of Potters Mills, and is coming near home.

PUBLIC SALE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, at 1 P. M. sharp, 5 miles east of Centre Hall, near Penns Cave, Charles Shultz will sell farm stock and implements.—Wise & Hubler, aucts.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, at 10 A. M., 4 miles west of Spring Mills, G. Herbert Gobble and S. E. Gobble will sell: Farm stock and full line farm implements. E. M. Smith, auct.

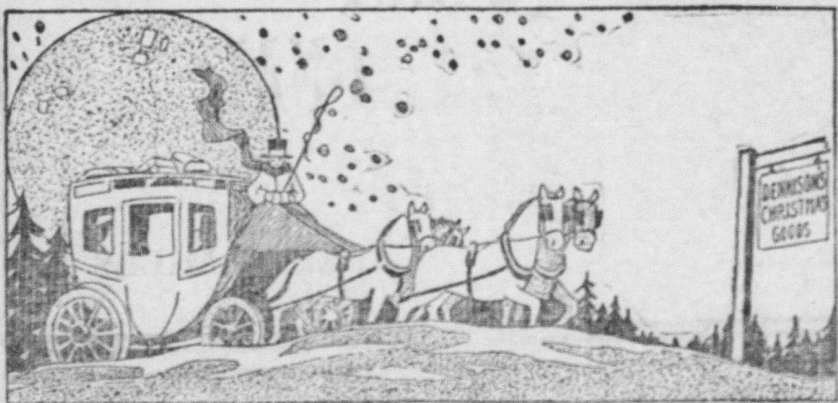
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, at 10 A. M., 2½ miles west of Spring Mills, on the Joseph Bitner farm, J. Fred Slack will sell farm stock and implements.—E. M. Smith, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, at 9 A. M., 1 mile south State College, Wm. Raup will sell farm stock and implements.—E. M. Smith, auct.

FRIDAY MARCH 15, 9 A. M., three miles south-east of Spring Mills, on the Krape farm, Wm. H. Brossier will sell: Full line farming implements, and farm stock. A clean-up sale.—E. M. Smith, auct.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, at 10 A. M., 1¼ miles North of Potters Mills, Wellington E. Yearick will sell: Farm stock and implements; also household goods.—E. M. Smith, auct.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, at 10 A. M., 4 miles West Centre Hall or 1 M. East Linden Hall, on Potter farm, F. O. Walker will sell farm stock, implements and household goods; clean-up sale.—E. M. Smith, auct.



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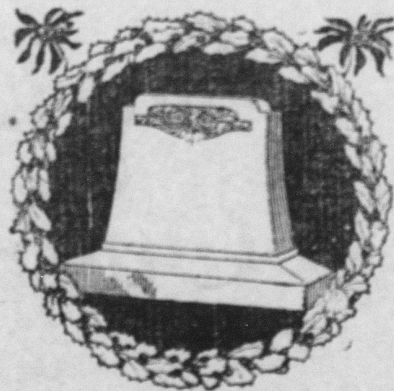
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