

"Up From the Death Cell" The Story of a Man Who Won a Fight Against Big Odds

BY JOHN W. KANE.

Eight Years After He Was Housed In Murderers' Row, Kane Cares For Other Men Held There

SYNOPSIS. In this life-story, Curly Kane, a wild lad, kills two street car men in a western state in 1914. A second trial changes the death sentence to life imprisonment. He decides to redeem his life, wins advancement, studies law, and is chosen for an office job. A chapel sermon leads him to decide to become a writer. An editor gives him advice. Kane buys a typewriter. After a year of failure he sells three stories for \$100 in all.

CHAPTER XXXI.

I'm inclined to believe that a beginning like that—which was in truth the real beginning—might have worked the wrong way upon some persons, particularly most persons who lived there along with me in the prison.

But while I was simply trembling with delight and appreciation inwardly, I kept a calm exterior, and even secretly I was not forgetful of how seeming success in a beginning might be likened unto the success of a prospector who found the body of ore, but instead of its proving to be a vein, it proved to be a mere pocket. Moreover, I had been trying in thought to train against that too common a defect of allowing the eyes to be dazzled by glitter.

I managed to keep in a frame of mind which at once held gratitude and strengthened determination, yet would not cause me to run entirely away with myself.

Right here mention must be made of one particular matter. The whole of that second or fifty-dollar story was built upon material furnished me by one of the officers at the prison who had formerly been an inspector for a street railway. When my little success began to make quite a bit of talk around and through the institution he was not ready with any great demonstration of joy, yet I knew that he was glad.

He casually told me something concerning his past work, and I quickly saw in it a story; and while he would never take unto himself any of the credit for whatever success I might have had and am still having, as a matter of fact I owe a great deal to him in that particular way. And at this latter date I am glad to count him, one of those who formerly stood as guard and counselor to me, among my real and best friends.

I Try Verso.

The stimulating effect of those three acceptance caused me to break

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into verse for one little four stanza production.

That went down on my record as a mistake—even though I felt, and yet feel, that the lines contained a measure of truth. A crime wave happened to start at this juncture gave ammunition to my critics outside.

In order that the reader may understand fully how that jingle of a composition worked against me, I shall here write it again:

Long years ago, and we don't know when,
Nor know we who first said it,
But someone told the sons of men—
Perhaps he wrote with a goose-quill pen—
(A truth 'tis now, just the same as then)
You can't keep a good man down.

We heard those words in our childish play
And liked their sound and meaning;
And thought we, in our childlike way,
Of some strong man who refused to stay
Where he'd been thrown—but rose to say
"You can't keep a good man down."

And now, with all of our child thoughts fled
And life's hard tasks before us,
We wonder oft 'twixt hope and dread—
And, sometimes, mirthfully instead—
"What thought men, when it first was said
"You can't keep a good man down."

But why think back to the long ago?
Our work is here close by us.
And though we may be sad or gay—
Or, mayhap, down and out today—
If we'll but rise; then of us they'll say,
"You can't keep a good man down."

This was written for the editor of a magazine in the northwest, devoted to the interests of the underdog.

It Proves a Boomerang.
He had several times asked me to write something for him, but because of the fact that I was trying so hard to land something with a publication that paid for contributions I failed to do anything for him gratis. But getting that \$100 to my credit caused me to feel so good that I recalled his expressed desire, and straightway I wrote him.

My verses and an editorial note of explanation brought local newspaper criticism. The prison administration was attacked, and the inmates, too.

The other prisoners believed the verification was a boast on my part. Poor old cynical Brown was, so far as I know, the only other inmate who took everything like a philosophic view of the whole situation.

"Well," said he, when I met him on a lower stairway one afternoon, "you're causing a lot of murmuring among the multitude again."

"Yes, it seems that I am, Brownie," I replied. "What ought I to do about it?"

"Do nothing. Just let the heathen rage. Keep on doing good work."

That was the best suggestion I had heard, and I knew that I was going to act upon it.

As my study of law and other works was often disturbed and delayed because of general conditions and an occasional happening like a dining-room riot, so was my writing interfered with in as many if not more ways.

The crime-wave of 1912-13 was also productive of various convictions, among which were five for murder in the first degree, and they called for the death penalty.

Up to that time in that prison no special place had been built separate from the regular cellhouses in which to keep condemned murderers, and the location of Murderers' Row had been changed from where I had been confined eight years before to one of the tiers in that new cellhouse where I was then first assistant to the custodian.

I Learn Not To Look.
Beginning with May, 1912, those five men doomed to die were brought up from the county jail one by one and confined on that dismal and isolated tier.

Unlike the practice that obtained when Dutch Charley and I were under the death sentence, whereby we were allowed to take exercise out on the ground of an inner court, those men would be released from their cells—by means of a lever-bar worked from the office—and would walk up and down that corridor for an hour each day. I was the only time-sentence prisoner with whom they were permitted to talk—because I was the only one they ever saw there—and the talk was supposed to be confined to matters pertaining to their business with that office, such as getting supplies. But that rule was not enforced very strictly, and the result was that I became rather well acquainted with all five.

One by one, as their respective days came round they were led out to die. Four of them had chosen to be shot, and one—with an expressed desire to put the authorities to as much trouble as possible—had chosen to be hanged, which necessitated the building of a scaffold.

From all this I learned one thing: for my peace of mind it was better that I did not get acquainted with men confined there prior to their execution. For days after each execution I would be so depressed that it was a trying task to do even the institutional work. There was not a man of the five that did not

have many likable traits. I believed, and still believe, that they were worth saving.

To hear from time to time the volley of rifles that told of the speeding of a human soul—situations of that kind stood truly upon the side of detriment to any creative work. There were, too, other conditions that interfered greatly with my progress.

A New Danger.

Inasmuch as I was, in a way, a kind of go-between in connection with the office on the one side and the prisoners on the other, I was often

times between the devil and the deep blue sea. While a great many of the prisoners did not like me because of my inclination not to follow the beaten trails of convict life, they liked the guards and officials a great deal less. Because of that they would approach my desk and break my train of thought many times during the day, when, by taking four steps in another direction, they might have told their troubles to the officer on duty.

Then there was one practice in that prison which was at once productive of a standing nuisance and great

danger. It was the practice of permitting so-called harmless insane prisoners to run at large with other prisoners. This came near ending me.

The Madman's Trap.—Chapter 32. Wednesday.
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Be sure to ask for it by the full name, because many teas are called ORANGE PEKOE. He'll be glad to send you a half-pound package; or if you prefer a 10c package, that'll surprise you by the many cups of delicately flavored tea it will make.

—Adv.

New City Hall Advocates Getting Work Under Way

Plan Careful Survey of Present Structure To Determine What Floor Space Will Be Needed.

Advocates of the proposal to start a new city hall in 1923 staged a preliminary workout last night, and preparations for this long-deferred undertaking are already under way.

Ald. George Burdick, chairman, Ald. Peter J. Watt and Building Inspector A. M. Piper will conduct a careful survey of the present structure in an effort to determine just what floor space will be necessary for the new offices.

It has yet to be decided by the council, however, to what height the new building shall be built. Both Ald. Drake and Mayor Wenige maintain that a five-story edifice at least will be imperative, pointing out that more

space will be necessary than is now available in the Spencer Block.

As an instance, if it is proposed to incorporate the board of education in the new administration building, one floor will be required for these offices with board and committee rooms.

The city council chamber, with a public gallery for visitors' space and three or four necessary committee rooms, will require another floor as well.

The city treasurer, city clerk, city engineer and building inspector will all require a great deal more space than they have in the present structure.

It is felt by the committee that \$500,000 would cover the cost roughly,

The Advertiser In St. Thomas

Mr. W. V. McDonald, of McDonald's book store, will from now on look after the interests of The London Advertiser in St. Thomas.

and the mayor submits that with the sale of portions of the federal square and such finances as are now available for the purpose they will have in the neighborhood of \$435,000.

ATHLETE GOES TO PARIS.

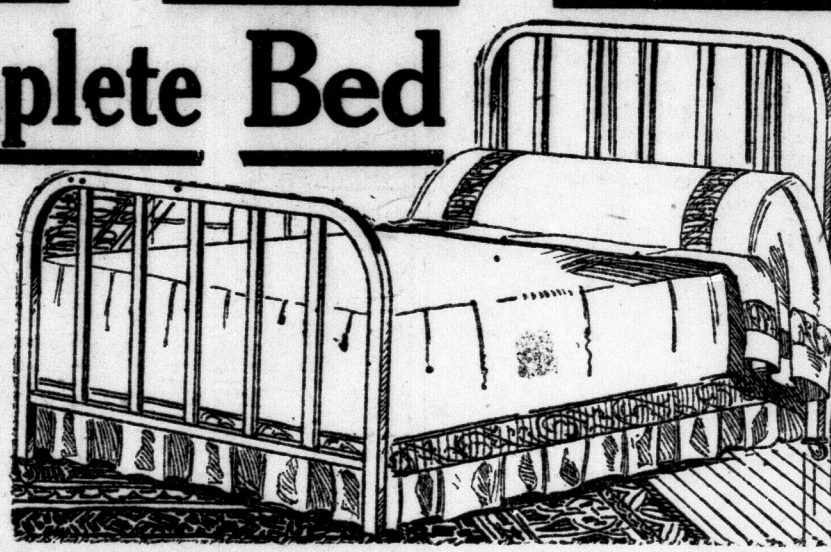
Woodstock, May 28.—Russell Sandcock, the well-known local pugilist and athlete, is leaving Woodstock in the near future. Russell, who will take over the business of H. A. Garner, druggist, at Paris, has been in the service of Karm Drug Company here since 1916, except for the three years which he spent overseas. He has starred in all sports and will be missed from Woodstock.

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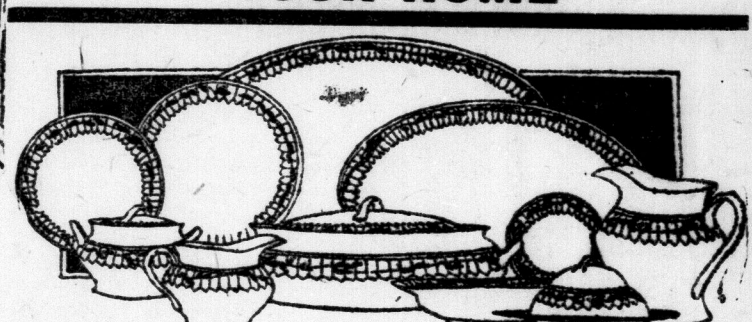
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