

MICHIGAN CONVICT DEVELOPS ABILITY AS STORY WRITER

Frank Goewey Jones' Work in Demand by the Leading Magazines of the Land HAS SERVED THREE YEARS

Sentenced to Reformatory for Forgery, Jones Has Done Mental Tasks Without Complaint.

A recent number of the Saturday Evening Post contained a story by Frank Goewey Jones. It was a story of business and the reader never would imagine that the author is a convict in a Michigan reformatory.

Such is the case, however. For three years Jones has been confined in the state reformatory at Ionia, Mich., serving a sentence for forgery. In that time he has developed into a gifted story writer and his stuff has been accepted by such publications as the Saturday Evening Post, Collier's and McClure's.

Several years ago, according to Warden Otis Fuller, Jones was president of the American Electric Fuse company of Muskegon. He took into the business, which was a large one, though with small capital, a partner from Chicago. The latter was believed by Jones to have plenty of capital to invest, but he proved to be what former Governor Chase Osborn would designate as a "saprophyte."

When the finances of the firm got into a desperate condition, Jones did what a number of other men have done under similar circumstances. He raised money on bonds and notes. He expected to take up the notes from the expected profits of the business, but, as usually happens, made a slip in his calculations and discovered.

His trial and conviction followed, and a sentence of four to 14 years in the reformatory was imposed. On his arrival at the prison he was put to work at the commonest kind of labor—washing the clothing of his fellow prisoners.

"In this work," says a letter of Warden Fuller, as quoted in a recent number of the Detroit Saturday Night, "he showed the same zeal and cheerfulness that he constantly displays in the more pleasant one to which he was promoted when he became a manager and front lawn man."

"Something more than a year ago he submitted to me a couple of manuscripts, with the request that I read them and advise him whether I thought he could write stories.

"They were couched in such unusually clear and crisp English, and he had invaded the most original field, that I assured him I thought he could. Since then he has been a rapidly rising star on the literary horizon."

"During the last year he has received more than \$1800 from stories that have been accepted, and he still has a few hundred dollars' worth outstanding. I do not recall any other writer who has jumped into such literary fame in a single year.

"I have no idea that Jones will ever again stray from the straight and narrow path. He has a fine mind, a good education, and an unusual fund of optimism and good humor. I would like mighty well to see him released from this institution before his minimum sentence expires."

Jones writes of work. "This is what Jones himself says about his writing. In response to a letter from Editor Mark Sullivan, asking how regularly he could furnish stories for Collier's:

"It is hard for me to make promises regarding my writing. I have complete charge of the reformatory greenhouse, and, of course, the care of my flowers comes first. Some days I have hours for writing, on others I can spare a few minutes at intervals; often I have no time at all for my stories.

"I spend every spare minute I have at my desk in the greenhouse potting room. Two stories a month are the maximum number I expect to complete while I am here. Outside, I have no doubt but that I will be able to average about a thousand words of completed manuscript daily.

"Just now I am five stories behind in promises I have made. I hope to send you something in January, if your patience with me shall have endured so long."

War Renewed On Jackrabbit Hordes

Ranchers in the Hermiston Section Out in Force to Destroy Pests Who Devour Crops.

(Special to The Journal.) Hermiston, Or., Jan. 9.—War was again commenced against the long-eared jack rabbit so well known in this country, this week, when the government expert on the extermination of rabbits, Mr. Jackson, of the department of agriculture, met with the Humboldt professional hunters and the Butler Creek section. Experiments with strichnine mixed with chopped alfalfa have proved successful in the section of Butler Creek and it is this method which was adopted by the ranchers at the meeting here.

Centralia Making A School Record

City Stands Next to Walla Walla and is Seventh in State in Point of Pupils Enrolled.

Centralia, Jan. 9.—According to the educational directory published by the state superintendent of public instruction, Centralia stands next to Walla Walla and is seventh in the state in the number of pupils enrolled in the schools. The directory also shows that Centralia schools enrolled 39 more than Aberdeen, 238 more than Vancouver, 462 more than Olympia and 542 more than Hoquiam. This difference in school enrollment indicates that Centralia has a population of 2800 more than Hoquiam, and that city claims a population of 11,000.

Sell in Season All Seasonable Merchandise—That's Our Rule!

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A Sale in Which Prices Are the Lowest in Our History!

We've priced the merchandise right down to the vanishing point, (irrespective of cost or loss), where we know without a doubt it will sell at once upon sight, thus creating immediately the most remarkable buying opportunity that has ever taken place in this store.

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Trimmed Hats—In a final Clean-Up Sale. Styles for both women and misses. Many imported models included.



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Women's 3.50-\$4 Shoes 2.89. Ladies' Gloves. Cape and Mocha—good practical gloves for the cold and rainy season.

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Entire Stock of Suits for Women in the Smartest Fashions and Materials AT SACRIFICE PRICES

All 12.50 to 18.50 Suits, Now Priced at 5.95. All 19.50 to 29.50 Suits, Now Priced at 9.45. All 30.00 to 39.50 Suits Are Priced at 14.25. All 40.00 to 55.00 Suits Are Priced at 19.65. All 57.50 to 112.50 Suits Now at 27.35.



Demonstration and Special Sale Tomorrow of "Weaver" Aluminum Cooking Utensils

Come!—hear and see Miss Emily Horgan—the recognized authority. Demonstration will last all week. Everyone invited. Clean Bright Light. 33c, 25c, 33c, 25c, 27c, 43c.

Discontinuing at Cost—Many Patterns of John S. Brown's Linens

Famous Shamrock Brand—Cloths and Napkins to Match. 87 \$3.00 Cloths to sell at, ea. \$2.00. 80 \$3.75 Cloths to sell at, ea. \$2.50. 42 \$4.50 Cloths to sell at, ea. \$3.00.

Our Muslin Underwear Sale Is Breaking All Records

These Big Specials in Our January SALE OF FURNITURE. Are Examples of Hundreds of Others. They will give you but a faint idea of the MOST REMARKABLE VALUES which are being offered in our Annex Building.

