

**SLAYER OF RANCH HAND TAKEN TO PRISON**



—Photo by MacDonald  
The photo shows, William Harris, (second from the right), slayer of a ranch hand in Garden county, as he appeared before being escorted from the Lincoln city jail to the Nebraska state penitentiary where he is to serve twenty years for murder. Sheriff R. H. Smith, who brought the prisoner from Oshkosh is on the extreme right. The man at the left George Trego, is a Mexican, who was sent up from Garden county to serve from one to five years for attempt to murder. He is alleged to have knifed another Mexican. L. C. Schench, district court reporter from Oshkosh is between the prisoners.

**GOVERNOR CALLS ON SHARP IN HIS CELL**

**PRISONER IS COMPOSED BUT SHEDS TEARS.**

**Invitation Brings Response But McMullen Finds No Ground for Reprieve.**

Governor McMullen, accompanied by Warden Fenton, spent three-quarters of an hour in Frank Sharp's death cell in the penitentiary hospital Thursday, listened to the prisoner's story and came away without being able to do anything for him. The governor feels that he cannot issue a respite. In view of the fact that the pardon board has made thorough inquiry and found that there is no new evidence bearing on the case it is not for the governor to interfere with the death sentence. Sharp is to be electrocuted Friday at the penitentiary.

In response to a short letter from Sharp asking for a personal interview Governor McMullen went to the penitentiary Thursday morning. The note was received by mail at the governor's office Thursday morning. The governor asked the other members of the pardon board, Secretary of State Marsh and Attorney-General Spillman, if they cared to accompany him to the prison. They expressed no desire to go unless the governor desired them to go. He did not make the request, as the letter was addressed to him as chairman

**E. C. Folsom Governor Iowa-Nebraska Kiwanis**



Mr. Folsom was unanimously drafted at the district Kiwanis convention in Newton, Ia., Thursday to serve as governor of the Iowa-Nebraska district in 1929. He is a charter member and past president of Lincoln club.

**METHODIST COUNCIL OPENS ON THURSDAY**

**Chancellor Schreckengast resides at First Session in the Absence of Bishop Leete.**

**MURDERER OF RANCH HAND TELLS OF DEED**

**William L. Harris, Garden County, Says He Killed O'Daniel in Self Defense.**

"O'Daniel was going to kill me but I beat him to it by killing him with his own gun," was the way W. L. Harris, thirty-eight-year-old Garden county rancher explained the deed for which he was sentenced to serve twenty years in the Nebraska penitentiary.

Harris was held in the Lincoln city jail Wednesday night for safe keeping prior to his commitment to the state prison Thursday morning. The rancher was brought to Lincoln by Sheriff R. H. Smith of Garden county, District Judge E. F. Carter, and L. C. Schench, Judge Carter's court reporter. The sheriff also brought George Trego, forty-four-year-old Mexican, who was also committed to the penitentiary Thursday morning to serve from one to five years for attempt to murder. He is alleged to have knifed another Mexican.

William O'Daniel, ranch hand and ex-convict, was killed by Harris on Harris' ranch, eighteen miles north of Oshkosh, Jan. 27. The murder did not become known until nearly three months later. According to Sheriff Smith, O'Daniel had served three terms in the Kansas state penitentiary, one term in the Kansas reformatory and one term in a boys industrial school.

Despite his gloomy outlook, Harris appeared cheerful and was talkative. He was dressed in army clothes and was unshaven. When asked by Captain of Detectives An-

Continued on Page 16