

# HARRISON POLICE STATION CLOSES

**Policemen and Prisoners Will  
Leave the Noted Lockup  
Some Time Today.**

## WRECKERS START AT ONCE

**Scene of Interesting Episodes of  
World's Criminology Closes  
Forty Turbulent Years.**

This is the last day of the old Harrison street police station. Before night it will be attacked by wreckers. Work of razing the patrol barn and fire engine house adjoining the station has already begun.

With the demolition of these buildings, the last to remain on the old Jones school lot, as it was called before the fire of 1871, the way will be cleared for the printing establishment to be erected by the Rand-McNally company. The new structure will cover nearly one-half the block from Van Buren to Harrison street and from Clark to La Salle.

With the passing of the Harrison street station there is removed one of the world's famous landmarks in the history of criminology. It was the most noted police station in the United States.

### Housed a Million Prisoners.

During its forty years' existence more than 1,000,000 prisoners, men and women, have occupied its cells. Some of the world's noted criminal have tarried there. "Bunko" Tom O'Brien and Eddie Guerin, both products of Chicago, were no strangers to Harrison street in the old days. O'Brien died in Devil's Isle while serving a life sentence for the murder of his pal in Paris. Guerin, who also was sent to Devil's Isle for life, escaped from there and now is living in London. Big Dan Coughlin, another Chicagoan, who died a few weeks ago in South America, was locked up at Harrison street for the murder of Dr. Cronin.

"There is no police station in the world like Harrison street," said George Porteous, who in 1800 established the first Bertillon system of identification in this country at the Harrison street station. I have been in every noted police station in this country and Europe, and none of them can stack up against Harrison street. Bow street in London and Mulberry street in New York are the only stations in the world that can anyway approach Chicago's famous prison."

### First Prisoner Makes Comment.

"Honey" Hall, a well known negro character of the First ward, was the first person locked up at the Harrison street station. He stood in front of the old structure last night and mused:

"Many a one has gone up and down them steps since 'Honey' made his first visit here. I was 'pinched' by Rodney Long and John Enders, two colored policemen, who had the distinguished sagacity of being the first 'stew' in Harrison street. That's some considerable luminosity, ain't it?"