

KANSAS CITYANS AT "JEFF."

Warden Pace Tells How "Pinky" Blitz and the Others Are Getting Along.

Colonel J. L. Pace, warden of the Missouri state penitentiary, is in Kansas City to-day. This morning he called on the government and county officers with whom he has had business at different times. He was met everywhere with questions about "Pinky" Blitz, "Plunger" Chamberlain, Dr. Flanders and other Kansas City people who are now in his care.

"'Pinky' Blitz," he said this morning, "is doing very well and is a pretty good boy at Jefferson City. He works at the stable and hauls coal. 'Pinky' seems to be fond of horses and makes a very good stable boy. His health is better than it was when he first came to us and he has a healthy color. He looks as though he hadn't had a drink for six months and I guess he hasn't."

Colonel Pace says "Pinky" shows no particular longing for home and he thinks his experience is having a good effect. He would have made a good shoemaker the warden thinks but the government doesn't allow the warden to contract its prisoners and "Pinky" is therefore prevented from learning a trade.

"Plunger" Chamberlain has not been put to work yet but will have something to do probably in the brick kilns soon. The "plunger" hasn't been in the penitentiary long enough to feel at home and doesn't take kindly to his imprisonment. Without occupation he gets lonesome and worries over his misfortunes. When he goes to work the warden hopes to keep him busy enough to interest him.

Dr. Flanders is helping in the shoe department. He objected to work at first, but his health was bad and the physician at the penitentiary advised him to take exercise. He is now kept busy packing shoes in small boxes and can put up a pair of shoes in a pasteboard box as neatly as the oldest prisoner. The other Jackson county criminals are doing well, the warden says.

The penitentiary seems to have prospered under Warden Pace's administration, though the warden does not consider this prosperity as a hopeful sign. When he was appointed, eighteen months ago, there were something over 1,600 prisoners in the penitentiary; last night there were 2,063, an increase of over 400. Colonel Pace will remain in Kansas City all day and may be here to-morrow.

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