

## LIFE IN LOCKUP TO BE ROSY

### New Central Station Will Have Novel Roof Garden.

### FINE QUARTERS FOR POLICE.

#### Gymnasium and Dormitories Planned by Schuettler.

Chicago is to have in its new central police station a "lockup" such as prison reformers and sociologists have dreamed of. Its sunshiny cells and airy roof garden will seem a foretaste of heaven to the denizens of the levee, who have been accustomed to the dim and damp dungeons of Harrison street and the old city hall. It will be a sanitarium where "drunks" may recuperate comfortably—and perhaps repent.

It will be a policeman's "paradise," a station rivaling in luxury the best social and athletic clubs of the city. It will be an athletic headquarters that will turn out brawny men. Not the least of its distinctions is the fact that it has been planned from top to bottom by a Chicago policeman, Assistant Chief Herman F. Schuettler.

The eight story building for which the city budget has provided \$600,000, to be erected at Madison street and the river, will do away with the Harrison street station, central detail, and the patrol stables.

#### Features of New Station.

Its features include:

All the cells, 150 in number, will be on the top floor, none in the basement, where hitherto they have been placed as a matter of course.

The cells will be flooded with sunlight through heavy glass roofs.

The roof will be fitted up as an exercise yard for prisoners. It will be surrounded with a high wall and divided into sections for various classes and sexes of offenders.

Special attention will be given to "drunks," who form a majority of police prisoners. There will be one padded cell and many others, so arranged that those confined cannot hang themselves, batter their heads against the bars, or otherwise injure themselves. The cells will be lined with wire netting.

A gymnasium, swimming pool, shooting gallery, running track, and shower baths will be provided for patrolmen.

A city tailoring department will make all uniforms for policemen. The coat to the men will be ~~less~~ and the variations in cut and color that now exist will be done away with.

There will be a squadroom for 174 "plain clothes" men, quarters for 500 central detail policemen, and dormitories for fifty men.

There will be rifle racks, vaults for the valuable documents of the bureau of identification, and private offices for high officials.

#### Schuettler Gives His Reasons.

The ideas that inspired Chief Schuettler in planning the building as he has done were explained by him yesterday.

"During recent years the spirit of humanitarianism has been felt in jail building," he said. "This spirit should be most manifest in the construction and operation of police stations. Those detained there are merely accused of crime. All men are presumed innocent until they are proved guilty. Forty per cent of police station prisoners are dismissed as soon as their case reaches court. They are locked up because they have not the money or friends to get out on bail. It not only works a decided wrong to them but is a loss to the self-respect of the community to make them suffer any added humiliation or discomfort.

"As for the policemen, they spend two-thirds of their life at the stations, and some of them really have no other homes. The better conditions are for them, the better service they will give the city. The gymnastic equipment will add greatly to their general efficiency."

And on the results of the innovations the chief will rest his case, he says.