

Ex-Councilman Tom Fleming Is Freed After 2-Year Prison Term

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Parole Board Acts to Terminate Term of Former Leader



TOM FLEMING

Former Cleveland, Ohio, councilman, who was released this week from Ohio penitentiary after serving a two-year sentence.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 13.—Former Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, one time powerful leader in the Republican party for many years, is again a free man and is now receiving the felicitations of his host of friends at his home on E. 40th St. Mr. Fleming served two years, two months and 12 days of his two years and nine months sentence.

According to a new law passed by the state legislature two years ago, Mr. Fleming was eligible for parole, but for unknown reasons he was kept in prison almost his entire sentence. His friends insist that it was only his politics that kept him behind the prison walls, the Democrats being in power. He was granted his freedom by the parole board last week.

Just before leaving the prison he wore his usual broad smile; he shook hands with the numerous clerks and guards and appeared very happy. All he said to each one was "good-bye." Earlier in the day he thanked Warden Thomas for his kind treatment during his stay.

According to the authorities, Mr. Fleming was an ideal prisoner from the time that he entered the prison until the time he left. It is said that he never had to don the regular prison garb after he was there a short time, being such an exemplary prisoner.

Mrs. Fleming, sons, a niece and several friends met him on his release and motored him to Cleveland. At present Mr. Fleming is entertaining his friends.

Many have asked him whether or not he will enter politics again and stage a comeback, but he refuses to commit himself fully on the subject. He expressed regrets that the city has allowed his street and Central to run down and wishes that he can get into the saddle soon again to see to it that Central and E. 40th Sts. are brought back to their proper ideal standards.