

Tom Fleming To Practice Law Again By Judge's Edict

Ex-Cleveland Councilman Overcomes Legal Barrier

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 14—Common Pleas Judges of Cuyahoga County voted unanimously to permit former Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, 2342 East 40th Street, who was convicted in 1929 of accepting a bribe of \$200 from a crippled policeman, now dead, to practice law again.

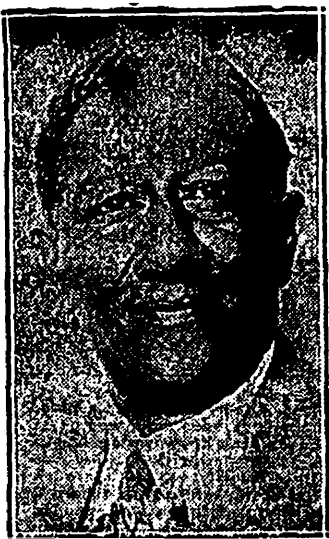
He served a 33-month sentence in the Ohio penitentiary and was restored to citizenship by Governor George White in August, 1933. On Monday his plea, offered by his counsel, Alexander H. Martin, was heard by Judges Virgil Terrell and Harrison Ewing. Along with Judge Arthur Day who was scheduled to hear the plea, the judges unanimously recommended that the decree forbidding Fleming to practice law be modified.

At the meeting of all the judges

a modification "which will in time permit him to practice law again" was authorized. Chief Justice Homer G. Powell said, "The method of drawing up the formal paper is yet to be decided by the judges. It will probably take the form of modifying the removal to a suspension, with the period of time covered by the suspension to expire in the near future, Judge Powell announced.

A sub-committee of the Cleveland Bar Association some time ago recommended the reinstatement of Mr. Fleming but later the executive committee opposed it. At the hearing before the judges Mr. Fleming testified that he had no other means of support than what he could earn by practicing law. There was not much opposition among the judges, the majority expressing themselves as feeling that Mr. Fleming had sufficiently paid the penalty.

To Practice



THOMAS W. FLEMING

Former Cleveland Councilman who was restored to citizenship after having served a prison term is given right to practice law again by judges' edict.