

WOMAN IN PRISON AS A MAN.

Serves a Year Before the Authorities Discover She Is Masquerading.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 10.—Almost a year ago a beardless youth, giving the name of Burt Martin, was received at the state prison on a two years' sentence for stealing cattle in Keyapaha county. The usual routine of bath, shave and regarbing was going through, and the convict was assigned to a cell with a fellow convict. Through Martin's cell-mate the authorities have just learned that the supposed man is a woman, although when received "he" said he was married and the father of two children.

The convict confesses now that her real name is Lena, and she says she donned men's clothing when a girl of fourteen. Her father deserted his family and she was compelled to masquerade as a boy to get paying labor in a new country. She is tall and ungainly and her figure is without feminine curves. Her chest is flat and her hips narrow, facts that enabled her to pass the careless scrutiny of the receiving officer. Her feet and hands are small, but her features are coarse and unfeminine.

The girl, she is but 20, feels no chagrin over her unmasking, and has been so long a boy in speech and manner that she laughs heartily over the discomfiture of the authorities and regards it a very good joke on them. She asked for a woman's garb at once, however, and it was given her.