

CONVICTS ARE TORTURED

A Deplorable State of Affairs That Are Existing.

THEIR DEATH HASTENED.

They are Subject to an Ordeal That Usually Ends in the Death of Weaker of the Convicts - The Testimony.

The affair which particularly invited attention was the death of convict Frank Powell, No. 2332, who was said to have committed suicide by hanging himself in his cell.

During its investigation the committee took an immense amount of testimony, examining a great number of witnesses, including the officers of the penitentiary, state officers, prison guards, prison missionaries, convicts and ex-convicts.

Among the responses of Elder Howe, chaplain at the penitentiary, to the questions asked him about the treatment of convicts, were the following:

"About eight years ago I was called by the warden, Mr. Nobes, to go to the dark hole one Sunday morning after service. He said that he had a man in there that he did not want to have stay there after noon as he would lose all of his good time.

"Your hands are handcuffed, and this rope was tied on and your hands are drawn up just as far as the man that puts it on wishes to do it; if he is mad he will draw them up this way, and then it is all the time drawing you, and every time you move your hands it will saw them.

Other information elicited from the chaplain was to the effect that the warden ordered the punishment in cases of this kind, and he could deputize somebody else to do it. The warden does not put on the rope or the handcuffs, as that is done by the cellkeeper.

The chaplain said he purposely avoided knowing anything about the punishments if he could help it as he had enough care and anxiety with the boys, and with all the load and responsibility he carried did not want to carry any of the responsibility of the warden or any of the men.

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a stubborn man and would not yield. The order of the physician was sufficient to get him out at any time. Other cases of cruelty were very frequent.

"I know of one previous to that," he said, "under Mr. Nobes, who was kept in, I think, about ten days. He was a rather feeble man, and when he came out he was very feeble and soon went to the hospital, and was there until he died. I think that hastened his death, but otherwise he would have died, as he could not have lived a great while.

This mode of punishment has never changed as long as I can remember. It is different under different administrations, being more severe under one than the other. This is the cure for all diseases, and you can often tell by the neck if they have been in there for some time.

"I do not know anything about Powell's case only what I have heard. I buried him. It was an uncommon thing, though; he was put into the coffin and the coffin closed up before I got there, which has never occurred before since I have been chaplain. I think it was undersigned; a new deputy warden had charge and he probably did not know the rules, which were that I should see every man, and see whether it was a man that I buried, though I supposed that I did. They generally call me right off when there is a death, but I was not notified in this case until I was called to the funeral.

IT WAS THE COURT'S DESIRE.

LITHONIA, GA. March 8.—The military ball, which was in progress tonight in the chapel of the academy is taking place under protection of the courts of the state.

The church people sought an injunction against its being held, which was today refused by Superior Court Judge Clark on the ground that public policy favored the meeting of the sexes.

In rendering his decision Judge Clark said: "Under the circumstances, I think this dance will have to go on. It would not be right and proper for me to interfere at this late date, as the ball is to come off tonight. The young ladies have gone to a great deal of trouble I know in preparing their new dresses with all the fancy fixings known to young ladies, and the young men have bought swallow-tailed coats, low cut vests and fancy bosomed shirts, and it would be highly improper for me to stop the dance at this critical period. Then again if we were to stop this ball it might back up several weddings and the most serious consequences might follow. So I feel it my duty to say, on with the dance."

INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS

The senate took up the general appropriation bill Thursday and considered five departments, increasing the five in the sum of \$12,150, which, added to the \$18,300 added the day before makes a total increase of \$30,450.

Referred back to the department of superintendent of public instruction, the total \$5,200, by giving \$300 for travelling expenses, \$500 for publishing an annual report, \$2,000 instead of \$1,000 for sending out blanks and for postage and printing items, and voting \$6,000 for furnishing district supplies instead of \$3,000.

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OPPOSE AN ADVANCE.

Thirty-Two Roads to a Unit in Denying Their Demands.

PREPARED FOR THE FIGHT.

War on the Railroad Labor Organizations to Follow in the Event of a Strike - Freight's Move at Toledo.

CHICAGO, March 9.—Without a dissenting vote the general managers of the railroads entering Chicago determined at their meeting this afternoon to refuse any demands of the switchmen's mutual aid association. An answer was sent to the switchmen by the general managers of the thirty-two roads entering Chicago declining to grant any increase over the present scale of rates and enclosing the following resolution which was passed unanimously at the meeting:

"Resolved, That this association has carefully examined the schedule of wages paid by the Chicago roads to foremen and helpers in switching service and that the scale of wages paid on the Chicago lines is practically uniform and we find that the switchmen of Chicago and vicinity are now paid the highest rate ever paid for similar service and higher than is paid in many localities.

Further, that the revenue from freight and passenger traffic has constantly decreased and the cost of the service has constantly increased to the extent that no advance in wages can be granted and that no change can be made from the present schedule of rates affecting the compensation of men engaged in this service."

This answer was sent to the officers of the switchmen's association this afternoon and ends the trouble so far as the managers are concerned. The switchmen have not yet determined what course they will pursue and officers of the association decline to discuss the situation.

If they should decide to strike the fight against them would be a bitter one, as the general managers of the thirty-two roads have determined to act as a unit and fight the men as one road. A still more significant determination reached by the general managers is an agreement to discharge all union men on their lines in case the roads should be crippled by a strike of switchmen. This will apply to engineers, conductors, firemen and in fact to all branches of organized railroad labor. The general managers say they will not pay union men for doing nothing when their idleness is enforced by strikers to whom they are giving aid and encouragement.

In the event of a general dismissal of union men the vacancies are to be filled as rapidly as possible with non-union men, the roads to act in concert in securing new men.

The switchmen demand that the rate of pay for daymen be made 32 cents per hour, day helpers 30 cents per hour, night foremen 34 cents per hour, night helpers, 32 cents and that ten hours work be guaranteed each crew night or day.

Grand Master Wilson of the switchmen's association talks in a very conservative manner about the probability of a strike and will not say what the men will do. He added that the matter could not be decided before the end of the week.

PEOPLE AND AFFAIRS.

LINCOLN'S MOTHER'S GRAVE

[Henderson (Ky.) Cor. Lafayette Journal.] Not a great distance from this place, near the town of Lincoln, on the Indiana side, rests the mortal remains of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the martyred President.

This grave is situated on what is now an isolated knoll in a dense forest, and marked only by an iron fence and a common slab, bearing the plain inscription: "Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of President Lincoln, died Oct. 12, 1818, aged 35 years." Near this the site on which the cabin that served as the home of Abe during his boyhood days where, in his rural simplicity, little dreamed of the great dramatic future in the future he was destined to play such an important part. Nothing remains at present to mark this historic spot but the debris of some crumpled brick and a native cedar that once cast its charms and shadows upon this forest home.

A NOTED ROYAL WATCH.

[From the London Standard.] A watch which the Kaiser is giving as a wedding present of his sister, Princess Margaret of Prussia on her marriage with Prince Frederick Charles of Hasse, has a curious history. It originally belonged to Queen Louise of Prussia, the mother of Kaiser William. The watch was looted by French soldiers after

one of the victories which practically placed Berlin as a conquered city in the hand of Napoleon's troops. Being taken to Strasburg it was a year or two later won as a prize in a barracks lottery by the cook of the officers' mess. This man gave the watch to his sister, who subsequently obtained a domestic position in the palace at Potsdam where Queen Louise, noticed the watch in the woman's possession and bought it for a generous sum of money. The late Empress Augusta instructed the watch to the present Emperor, with an expression of her wish that it might always remain the property of a Prussian princess.

A MODERN MANSION.

The new house which Mr. L. Z. Leiter is building on Dupont Circle, Washington, will cost several hundred thousand dollars. A writer in the Washington Star thus describes some of its features:

"You can get lost in the basement. There are two rooms for all sorts of purposes. Here are two for ice and cold storage. In this ice house you could stay away enough ice for a month, and in it are hooks where the beaves and sheep and game shipped to Mr. Leiter can be kept for weeks. All the beef and mutton used in this house come from his big farm in Wisconsin. It will be killed by his own butchers and shipped direct to Washington for his own use. This is now done in the Blaine mansion. Take a look at the kitchen. The stove is 9 feet long, and you could feed one of John Wynnemaker's Sunday school picnics with the food that could be cooked on it at one time. It has a ventilator over it which runs from the kitchen to the roof, and this is so operated by a fan and an extra pipe that when Mr. Leiter eats sauer kraut or codfish the smell of the cooking will go from the stove up this ventilator, and even after the dish is taken off of the stove the pipes will carry its aroma from the table to the ventilator. Another curious arrangement is the apparatus for keeping the plates warm. I venture to say that this apparatus cost at least \$500, for it had to be made especially for the house. It consists of a great boiler of heavy iron as big around as a two-bushel basket and so heated by gas that a coil of pipes running from it to the butler's pantry overhead is always filled with hot water. These pipes run back and forth in the butler's pantry, and in this cupboard the plates are kept. They grow warm in a few minutes, and the cupboard is large enough to hold the service of the whole dinner. There is a billiard room in the basement which is 25 feet square, and this, as the whole house, is heated by hot water, the pipes being so covered up that you can't tell where the heat comes from.

The lighting is to be a revelation. Electricity will turn night into day and in the dining room and in the music hall the electric lights will be so arranged that no one can see where the light comes from, but the rooms will be brilliantly lighted by the pressing of a button. The whole house has electric light and electric bells. In each room there is a bell for the butler and the ladies' maid and a third servant, whose name I forget. The lights are so arranged that you can touch one button and light the whole house or you can turn on the light on a single floor or in a single room. The electric wires of the building are all incased in tubes, so that if anything gets out of order you can pull the wire out from the tube and pull another within it at the same time without disturbing the building. These tubes run all over the place. The tubes from the electric wires are of brass, the electric bells are of iron, but the wires are not of iron.

It is a round piece of brass about the size of a half dollar and engraved on both sides, but now worn almost smooth from having been carried in Mr. Leiter's pocket so many years. On one side is the head of Mary, the mother of Christ, and the letters "O P. M. Mother, Pray For Us." On the other side is the head of Christ and "Man-Salvator." The young priest who gave it to Mr. Leiter informed him that it had come from Rome and had been blessed by the pope. - Du Bois Courier.

Oh, not for the great departed

Who formed our country's laws And not for the bravest hero, Who died in our nation's name, And not for some living hero, To whom all bend the knee, My name would raise her song of praise - But for the man to be.

For out of the strife with a woman Is passing through today A man that is more than human Shall yet be born, I say, A man in whose pure spirit No traces of self will lurk; A man who is strong to cope with wrong, A man who is proud to work.

A man with hope undimmed, A man with godlike power, Shall come when he most is wanted, Shall come at the needed hour, He shall silence the din and clamor Of our dispiriting with clan, And for his hour fight with pure proud might, Shall triumph through this noon.

I know he is coming, coming, To help, to guide, to save, Though I hear no martial drumming And see no flags that wave, But the great soul of a woman, And the bold, free thought unfettered, Are heralds that say he's on the way - The coming man of the world.

Men not for calculated ages With their great heroic men, Who dwell in history's pages, And live through the poet's pen, For the grandest times are before us, And the world is yet to see The noblest youth of this old earth In the man that is to be. - Ella Wheeler Wilcox in New York Truth.

In His Pocket For Fifty Years.

Mr. S. T. Fulton, who recently came to Du Bois from Smicksburg, Indiana county, carries in his trousers pocket a brass medal that has been with him for more than 50 years. When he was a young man, more than half a century ago, he was teaching school down in Cambria county, and while there Matthew W. Gibson, a young Catholic priest, became his fast friend. Mr. Fulton is not a Catholic, but when he left Cambria county Father Gibson gave him the medal that he still carries.

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Evidence by Photography.

An instance of the safety and certainty of photography as a witness occurred at an inquest. A servant fell while cleaning a window and was killed. No one saw the accident. But her employer, who happened to be an amateur photographer, took a photograph of the window before anything was disturbed. This photograph showed the position of the sashes, the wash leather, dusters, etc., on the sill, and satisfied the coroner that the girl was sitting outside at the time she fell and was not leaning out from the inside. It is suggested that the time is not far distant when a photographer will be officially attached to every division of police. - Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Position of a Sister.

A sister is a sort of a guardian angel in the home circle. Her presence condemns vice. She is the quickener of good resolutions, the sunshine in the pathway of home. To every brother she is light and life. Her heart is the treasure house of confidence. In her he finds a safe adviser, a charitable, forgiving tender, though often undeserved friend. In her he finds a ready comfort. Her sympathy is as open as the sweetest perfume of the fragrant Exchange.

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Serves and Nerve.

After a seven years' courtship George Bailey, a well to do farmer, and Esther Bailey, his cousin, have made two attempts to get married in Norwich, Pa., within two weeks, and the wedding is off. The ceremony was to have been performed Wednesday of last week, and a large number of guests were present. Suddenly the prospective bride disappeared and was found locked in her room. To her parents' appeals to come out she only replied, "I'm too nervous! I'm too nervous! It'll have to be put off!" Nothing would do but a postponement to Monday. Monday came and the bride was over her nervousness and ready with the guests. But now the bridegroom did not come. Instead he sent this message: "I'm not nervous. On the contrary, I've got nerve enough to postpone this wedding indefinitely." And it was postponed. - Philadelphia Record.

Bridget's Admiration For Education.

Bridget was a "hired girl" who was too amiable to believe in a scolding. A story of her should be remembered as an item on the credit side when the delinquencies of "help" are being counted over. "Why, Bridget," exclaimed the housewife, "I can't write my name in the dust here!" "Dust, ma'am?" replied Bridget with generous admiration, "that's more than I can do. Sure now, there's nothing looks education, after all, is there, ma'am?" - Youth's Companion.

The London Sewer Hunter.

Milk after milk does the sewer hunter traverse underground until a tolerably heavy load is a result of his labor. Night or day is all one to the hunter. Some dogs enter the sewers at night and work on until morning, while others carry on the search only during the daytime. Rates abound everywhere, some of them being of enormous size, large enough to frighten any beginner at the game. The expert sewer hunter, however, takes no notice of them, and the rats are only too pleased to scurry away in the darkness.

With "finds" in the way of coins, scarce the "humble penny" predominates. Shillings and shillings, however, often increase the value of the collection, and at rare intervals - too rare to please the hunter - half sovereigns and even sovereigns are discovered. Like the flies in amber, the mystery is how they got there. Among other articles of immense worth, silver spoons are most often found, although shirt studs, diamond rings, silver drinking vessels and many other quite out of place articles swell the list from time to time.

Lucky finds, such as those above mentioned, do not deter the hunter from keeping a sharp lookout for less valuable articles as they float by. His "single eye" from long practice is capable of judging the worth of the floating refuse before it would be even discernible to the ordinary observer. - Chambers' Journal.

The Greeks sometimes buried their dead in the ground, but more generally cremated them, in imitation of the Romans.

The average weight of the Chinese brain is said to be heavier than the average weight of the brain of any other race.

Tutt's Pills

To purge the bowels does not make them regular but leaves them in worse condition than before. The Liver is the seat of trouble, and

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