

he said I had better gag him again or not - but I gagged him any way. The first time I gagged him he acted as though he was going to faint, and took the gag out of his mouth, and the second time I gagged him the buckle pulled out of the strap. When I gagged him the second time, in gagging him he closed his mouth, and I had to force the gag into his mouth. I pulled down on his teeth to force it in. I put the gag in, and held the strap in my hand so it would not slip out - as the buckle had slipped out of the strap - until Mr. Sleeper came. When Mr. Sleeper, the Assistant Deputy came, he asked the man if he would behave himself if I took the gag out, and the man either said he would or nodded his head, and then Mr. Sleeper told me to

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take the gag out, and I did so. While after that - I cannot say how long, but it was not a great while - the man commenced hallooing again and making noise - making the same noise, and I strapped him.

2 Did you try to persuade him in any manner to stop this or talk to him?

I did, Sir. Before I gagged him each and every time. In gagging men I always ask them - in the first place I always talk to them before I put the gag in their mouths and tell them what the consequences will be in case they do not stop making a noise. I tell them the gag will be used if they don't stop their noise.

2 Do you, whenever they signify that they will stop their noise, immediately take the

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gag out?

A yes sir. I ask them if they will stop making a noise if I will take the gag out, and if they say they will, or nod their heads, ~~or~~ let me know in any way. I take the gag out. When I went to strap this man, one reason why I strapped him was - the reason I strapped Harris in the first place was, Mr Mayhew thought the man was playing insane, and the reason I strapped Reid - one reason was because the buckle of my gag had slipped out, and another reason was I thought the man was playing insane, the two cases being a good deal alike.

2 How many men who are officers of this prison, and what are their names that you know, knew of the whipping of the first convict, Thomas

Harris?

The Deputy Warden, Mr. Mayhew, Doctor Dripps, the hospital Steward, Doctor Heise, the prison physician, and I think I told Captain Sleeper, the Assistant Deputy Warden, and Mr. Leasure, the night guard in the Solitary.

Will you describe this strap that you strapped him with?

Take your rule, and take your time, and describe that.

The strap itself is about two feet long, and about an inch wide, and it is fastened on to a soft wood handle. This strap, I suppose, was used before in shackling men to keep up the shackle - to put around the man's waist to keep him shackled. The handle is sixteen or seventeen inches long. It is about an inch thick at the large end, and tapers down to about half an inch thick at the

January

The first of January, 1900, was a
very cold day, the temperature
being only 10 degrees above zero.
The wind was from the north
and the sky was overcast.
The ice was very thin and
the water was very cold.
The people were all dressed
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smallest part of it.

Q Who made it?

A I made it, Sir.

Q How many officers or employees in this prison ever saw that strap before the convict Gus Reid died?

A Doctor Heise saw it. Doctor Dripps saw it, and, I am not sure but I think Mr. Reasner saw it.

Q Where did you keep it the most of the time?

A I had it locked up in a tool box a part of the time, and part of the time in a bucket in a closet cell in the solitary—a bucket of water. The closet is in a room that is set aside for the use of the solitary guard, in which are kept shackles, and different irons used in the prison.

Q What object did you have in keeping it in a bucket of water?

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Q To make it pliable - to make it limber.

2 Did you have any object in keeping it in a ~~pe~~ bucket of water for the purpose of having it inflict a heavier blow?

A I don't know that I thought of that at all.

2 How many officers or employees of the prison knew that it was used for whipping convicts, and their names?

A Doctor Heise, the prison physician, Doctor Dripps, the hospital steward, and Mr. Leasure the night guard in the solitary - knew that we had the strap.

2 Do you know of any other officers connected with this prison who knew that it was used for that purpose; if so, who?

A The deputy warden knew that I had the strap, or at least

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he ordered me to strap the man, but I don't know whether he knew anything about this strap or not.

Q Have you any reason to believe that he knew of that strap in that form?

A No sir, I have not.

Q When was the strap made?

A I had it finished about ten minutes after I got the order from the Deputy to strap Harris.

Q Have you ever seen a similar instrument, or were you given any direction by any person connected with this prison, how to make this strap?

A I have heard guards speak of straps that they used in other prisons, that is all.

Q Have you any reason to believe that the Board of Commissioners or the warden knew of the whipping?

A Well, this is all I know about

