

Running along over the
(indicating a point on the
inside of the leg about
six inches from the hip
joint) and it looked like
it came from behind, or
a man falling in this
position on sleds. The
hustlers are all made
of iron and it might have
been done in that way
in a scuffle there. When
the man has been fighting
in the cell house.
Showing hands all the time
timony in this case what
is your opinion.
I think it was done with
a stop. now.
I state before the Board of Com-
missioners what it would
have required in your opinion
before proceeding that work
if done by the stop?
Well, ordinary force - the
would strike pretty hard;

he would strike pretty hard.

R. W. McLaughery
warden of the Illinois State
Penitentiary being duly sworn
testified as follows:

Examination by
Commissioner A. M. Jones.

Q Please state your name?

A R. W. McLaughery.

Q What position do you
occupy in the prison?

A I am Warden of the prison.

Q How long have you oc-
cupied that position?

A Since July 30th 1874.

Q What are your duties as
warden as to the discipline
of the prison?

A I have charge of the
discipline of the prison.
I have the control of it
subject to the orders and
regulations of the Board of

the words state pretty far.
R. M. McBlanchery
Member of the Illinois State
Legislature being duly sworn
testifies as follows:

Commissioner R. M. Jones
Examination by

1 Please state your name?
2 R. M. McBlanchery.
3 What position do you
4 occupy in the prison?
5 I am warden of the prison.
6 How long have you been
7 occupying that position?
8 Since July 31st 1874.
9 What are your duties as
10 warden as to the discipline
11 of the prison?
12 I have charge of the
13 discipline of the prison.
14 I have the control of it
15 subject to the orders and
16 regulations of the Board of

Commissioners.

2 Who are your immediate subordinate officers, and state their titles?

a Benjamin L. Mayhew, Deputy Warden, D.C. Sleeper, Assistant Deputy Warden, and there are a number of others.

2 What are your orders in regard to the punishment of convicts and their nature?

a For minor offenses or for the first one or two offenses committed by a convict, I take away his privileges — what are called his privilege tickets — deprive him of the privilege of tobacco, of candles, or ^{the privilege} of seeing his friends or the privilege of writing to his friends for such length of time as is deemed proper. For more serious infractions of the rules he is punished by confinement

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to make infraction of the rules
is deemed proper. The more
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friends or the privilege of
candles, or of selling his
privilege of tobacco, of
tobacco - deprive him of the
what one calls his privilege
take away his privilege -
committed by a council,
the first one or two officers
in the minor officers or for
councils and their actions?
regard the punishment of
what are your orders in
other.

There are a number of
and Deputy Order, and
Order, D.C. Order, Council
Deputy Order, Deputy
State their titles?
Subordinate officers, and
What are your immediate
Commissioners.

in the solitary cell, with reduction of diet. For aggravated cases he is punished with this confinement and reduction of diet, and in addition to that he is sometimes compelled to stand at his cell door with his hands cuffed to the grated door for a greater or less length of time as the case may demand.

2 What other punishment, if any, is used in this prison?

a There is nothing else used that I consider as a punishment. The gag is used, and has been, as a measure of restraint.

2 Under what circumstances?

a When a convict is noisy, and obstinately so, so much ^{so} as to disturb the quiet of the prison, the gag is used only as a measure of restraint.

in the history of the world, with
 a question of life. For up-
 graduates come to a point
 where with this confidence
 and a question of life, and
 in addition to that the
 is sometimes compelled to
 stand at his cell door
 with his hands pressed to the
 grates for a quarter
 or less length of time as
 the case may demand.
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 if any, is used in this
 prison?
 There is nothing else used
 that I consider as a pun-
 ishment. The fog is used,
 and has been, as a measure
 of restraint.
 Under what circumstances?
 When a convict is noisy,
 and obstinately so, so much
 as to disturb the quiet of
 the prison, the fog is used
 only as a measure of restraint.

and only so long as is necessary to secure quiet. That is the policy and those are the general orders.

2 The Board of Commissioners desire you to state to them any matters that you may know to enlighten them in this investigation?

As I understand it, this investigation is for the purpose of ascertaining not only the causes of the death of Convict Gus Reid, who died in Solitary on the 7th of May, but also ascertaining whether any illegal punishments have been inflicted by any officers of this prison, and if so, by whom. I will state that on the 7th of May I left the prison on the 2 o'clock train and went with Commissioner A. M. Jones to Kankakee, to transact some

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leave you to state when
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Also I understand it this
investigation is for the purpose
of ascertaining not only
the causes of the death of
Governor Geo. Bliss, who
died in battle on the 7th
of May, but also examining
any whether any illegal
proceedings have been in
fact by any officers of
this prison, and if so, by
whom. I will state that
on the 17th of May I
left the prison on the 2
o'clock train and went with
Commissioner Mr. Jones to
Hankook, to travel some

business connected with the
Lusane Asylum, which
this prison is constructing.
On Wednesday morning, the
8th of May, I received a
telegram from Dr. Stevie
asking me to come home
by the first train. Com=
missioner Jones at the same
time received a telegram from
the deputy warden asking
him to come home with me.
The first train we could
get was at 4 o'clock in
the afternoon, and we
reached the prison about
half past 9 that night.
I found on arriving that
convict Gus Reid had died
in solitary on Tuesday night
the 7th instant, that the Cor=
oner had been notified, had
been to the prison, and in
consequence of our absence
had postponed further enquiry
into the causes of his death

business connected with the
 business department, which
 this person is conducting.
 On Wednesday morning, the
 8th of May, I received a
 telegram from Dr. Harris
 asking me to come here
 by the first train. I was
 informed from at the same
 time received a telegram from
 the Deputy Governor asking
 him to come here with me.
 The first train we could
 get was at 11 o'clock in
 the afternoon, and we
 reached the prison about
 half past 2 that night.
 I found on arriving that
 General Fox Pitt had this
 morning on Wednesday night
 the 7th instant, that the Gov-
 ernor had been notified, he
 had to the prison, and in
 consequence of our absence
 has postponed further enquiry
 into the conduct of his death

until Thursday morning,
 that would be the 9th.
 On Thursday morning the
 Coroner came and I think
 I asked him to summon
 a jury and have the matter
 fully investigated. The jury
 arrived about 2 o'clock
 in the afternoon. They were
 summoned for 2 o'clock in
 the afternoon of that day.
 In the meantime the Coroner
 directed an autopsy of the
 deceased to be made, and
 upon Dr. Heise's request
 summoned Dr. Dargall to
 make the autopsy, and as-
 sisted at it himself he
 being a practising physician.
 Dr. Dargall, Dr. Heise, and
 Dr. Dripps and Dr. McPride,
 Commissioner Jones and myself
 and the deputy warden were
 all present during the whole
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Dr. Knapall, Dr. Jones, and
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of the deceased was being made. The testimony before the Coroners jury I need not recount, because it is all reduced to writing, and I have submitted a copy of it to the Board with my official report at this meeting. It transpired in the course of this testimony that Keeper Reed, the day keeper of the Salitay testified having used upon the deceased convict the leather strap which now lies before the Board. He also testified having used that same strap upon convict Harris, a man who has been under punishment several times, and in treatment a considerable time for either real or feigned insanity - The doctors thinking this insanity was feigned. I was very much surprised at