



WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Pittsburg, Pa.—According to the statement of the prisoners and guards, murderers row in the Allegheny county jail in this city is said to be haunted, and the fear of the supposed ghosts has so worked upon the nerves of the condemned prisoners that the cells of the entire row have been vacated and the prisoners removed to another section of the jail.

The ghost of W. A. Culp, who killed himself in his cell some time ago while awaiting trial for the murder of his brother, is held directly responsible for the orders issued by Warden Edward Lewis transferring the 14 men occupying cells in murderer's row.

Culp's ghost was haunting them, they declared. "It" had come back, they said, visiting cell after cell along the row, and the prisoners, fearing removed to another section of the jail.

Streams of terror from the fourth tier of cells on the south side of the old part of the jail, where murderer's row was situated, aroused the guards and all the prisoners, says the N. Y. World. Lights were turned on and search made for the ghostly visitor, but of course "it" was never found.

Prisoner's Ghost Visits Cell. One of the prisoners, a condemned murderer occupying the cell adjacent to the one in which Culp committed suicide, a man who is to be executed in October, says the Culp ghost came on the first night it came back. That was on the night following the one on which the suicide was committed.

He had seen Culp, he said. Culp or Culp's ghost had come into his cell after he had been put to bed and reassured. "Don't you know that Culp is dead and buried and even if he were alive it would be impossible for his ghost to be around here," said the man.

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It seems a universal misfortune that our close friends are not close-mouthed.

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As ever, many of the most desperate prisoners were on the verge of nervous prostration. Nobody could ever tell them that the jail was not haunted. The warden was almost at his wits' end, but he had one more scheme. He began to transfer the prisoners a few at a time, from cell to cell, and guards were instructed to watch each change with the aid of a flashlight. In this way the noise was finally traced to a practical joker among the prisoners, who produced the diabolical yell with the aid of a paper cone and a newspaper. A piece of paper was folded across the cone and held as a mouthpiece at the small end of a megaphone made by rolling the newspaper up into a cone. Everybody knows what a fearful noise can be made by pressing the lips against a paper cone and blowing hard. With the megaphone added the noise was greatly magnified, and it made a noise calculated to give anybody cold chills in the pitchy darkness of a jail prison.

The Case of Ruminski. Mike Ruminski was one of the shrewdest prisoners ever placed in murderer's row. On the morning he was sentenced to death for strangling his wife, pointing between anastomy, the body and setting fire to the house, he declared that the sheriff would never get a chance to hang him. The evidence proved against Ruminski, and even beyond the granite walls of the prison, and still clings to it.

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One night Ruminski went to bed as usual. The light outside his cell door came directly on the cot, and the guard outside could see him quite plainly. But Ruminski, while pretending to be asleep, reached down with his right hand behind the edge of his iron cot and the wall and untied one of the thin cord faces fasten across the framework of his cot and supporting the mattress. Still working with one hand, he twisted the short length of cord, tied and slipped it over his head and around his neck. The handle of a tin cup, which he managed to get possession of, was passed through the hole, and then Ruminski carefully and quietly proceeded to choke himself.

Another mysterious happening that contributed to the spooky reputation of murderer's row was not explained away until it had been going on for weeks.

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One night several years ago heard the lights had gone out as usual, but a mysteriously shrieked the blackness of the big jail from somewhere in the neighborhood of murderer's row. It was a long, moaning kind of shriek, such as no mortal could make, and it seemed to swoop and circle down the main corridor before dying away. Everybody who heard it deputy warden, guards and prisoners alike—felt the marrow freezing in his bones.

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had made provision to guard against his plans being thwarted in that way. The handle of the tin cup had been straightened out and then hooked at the end in such a way that the moment Ruminski's hand relaxed it would fall into the cell of his neighbor's body had been removed to the morgue it disappeared most mysteriously, and that night Ruminski in murderer's row declared that he saw Ruminski's ghost walking along the corridor and making chaffy faces at the occupants of the cells. Several months later the murderer's row was found in a stable on Carson street, South side, and buried in potter's field. The man and fingers had been removed, presumably to be kept as souvenirs.

The Middle Brothers. The two Middle brothers did not die in murderer's row, but other prisoners confined there have often declared that they saw their ghosts on many occasions. One of the Middle brothers does break jail and fled with the warden's wife, only to be run down and killed a few hours later. The sensational case of the Middle brothers is too well known and has been dramatized too much to need recalling; to the memory of readers it was merely one of many cases which have served to give the Allegheny county jail a spooky reputation and to make the old murderer's row locally habitable.

The nerves of condemned prisoners occupying cells there were recently wrought up to such a pitch by hearing the noise made by carpenter's feet on the wooden galleys in the jail yard that Warden Lewis has put together a steel scaffold which can be jacked up to the level of the galleys with the aid of a few screws and a wrench.

Origin of Sedan Chair. Perhaps some expert in the Shamesian philosophy will tell us what is its use for "sedan chair." When the King of Siam's ministers, protesting against his majesty's favor toward motoring, suggested recently that "the royal sedan chair" was always at his disposal it is improbable that they used a word reminiscent of the French tongue.

For it is from the scene of Napoleon III's collapse that the sedan chair takes its name, and perhaps remote posterity will suppose that it had some connection with that event. But Sedan first produced these conveyances centuries ago, and they were seen in England in 1581, as used by James I. Buckingham provoked great popular outcry against the burden of men as beasts of burden. Sir R. Dundas is credited with having introduced them to London in 1815.

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EDWARD BIDDLE



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THE WRONG WORD. "Did you finally sum up enough courage to ask her to marry you?" "Ah, I said she gave her word."

ON AT STATIONS. "Yes, he heard of ad on." "Why, I heard he had a good steady job."

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For Iron Cloth.

Iron cloth is largely used to-day by tailors for making the collars of coats and trousers. It is manufactured by a new process from the steel wool and has the appearance of having been woven from horsehair.