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GRUESOME REMINDERS OF SALT LAKE CRIME

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Since the recent clean up of the old station, and the changes made by Chief Hilton in the desk sergeants' and officers' quarters, many old, half forgotten rieles were uncovered and caused some of the "old members" of the force to lapse into a reminiscent mood, for all the relics were captured by Salt Lake policemen, and if their records were published, it would form an interesting volume. There would be long tales of thieving, from petit to grand larceny and highway robbery. There would be burghary and house breaking stories by the score-stories of thugs who waited in the dark to pounce upon their unsuspecting victims, beat them almost to death with a murderous sand bag strip them of their possessions and leave them unconscious on the ground; and there would be a few narratives of actual cold-blooded murder. But a tenth of the stories will never be told for the reason that it is only in recent years that careful records have been kept of the numerous criminal devices which fall into the hands of the department.

ment. Before the improvements inaugurated by Chief Hilton were thought of, the relies were piled hap-hazard in an old show case in the public office. Half the time it was left unlocked, and as a consequence many valuable articles were carried away by persons who have a babit of forcetting to return that a habit of forgetting to return that

which they borrow. Now, however, it is different. A com-fortable office has been fitted up in the southeastern portion of the old station, for Detectives Sheets and Janhey, and in a large show case in this office the relics are to be preserved. Last week Janney took a few hours off and "set things in order," and the show case now presents a most interesting appearance. In this case are nearly all of the ap

purtenances utilized by smooth graft-ers in fleecing their victims. There

Not a great many citizens are aware of the fact that the Salt Lake police which a father murdered his child and then shot himself in '91 down by the Rio Grande Western Depot. There is also the pistol used by A. J. Van Guil-der, who shot himself and two chil-dren not so many months ago as to be forgotten by those who were scene of the shooting soon after the tragedy.

On another shelf is a collection of knives; one of them, a most murderous looking weapon, has a tag on it which gives the information that with the knife a Chinaman assaulted a boy on Commercial street in 1890.

A couple of shelves are loaded with sand bags and slung shots of all sorts and descriptions. The mere sight of some of them is enough to cause the average person to shudder and wonder what kind at a balan be much be when what kind of a being he must be who would attack a fellow-creature with such terrible weapons. Some of these consist of a round chunk of lead with strings of leather attached to them. Some are made of leather filled with sand or shot. Others consist simply of a rould the handker black and bound a rock tied in a handkerchief and bound tightly with wire. One of these was used by a desperado named Chas. Hunt, On October 8th, '95, he almost killed a man whom he knocked down and robbed. He was captured and sent to the penitentiary.

In this same collection are a number of loaded canes and clubs. One of them Chief Hilton prizes very highly. It came near being the death of him, but whether or not that is the reason he prizes it so is left for him to explain.

About four or five years ago Hilton and some other officers raided a gang of tough men, burglars, foot pads and house breakers, and as the officers en-tered the room where the men were. Thomas Griffin, one of the gang, seized the club and aimed a vicious blew at Hilton's head. Had the officer been a second too late he would not now be guiding the destinies of the police de-partment. He ducked his head just in time and the club smashed his helmet. If Griffin could now see and compre-hend the relics he would doubtless recognize a 44 navy revolver and some burglar tools as once his property; but purtrances utilized by smooth graft-ers in fleecing their victims. There are sets of burgiar tools galore, and some of them are very valuable. One of the shelves is loaded with revolvers of all kinds taken from having its history. One of these reUncanny Collection of Curios Unearthed at the Recent Police Station Change of Rooms-Every Variety of Device From the Harmless Latch Key to the Mask, Slung Shot and Revolver of the Murderer is Included in the List-Fred Hopt's Last Letter.

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There are a number of safe drills used by professional "crackers" or safe blowers. One of them was taken from Jim Lancing and C. P. Adams in 1889. Among the sand bags there is the one which was used by the thug who dealt James Caine, son of Hon John T. Caine. his death blow, in 1892, on east First South street. The act was a most

shocking one and sent a thrill of hor-ror through the whole community. The murderous implement is simply a piece of rubber hose about a foot and a half long, filled with sand and plugged at each end. When used to strike with it produces but little noise and its effect is invariably deadly.

Among the grafters and sure thing sharks' implements is a "flash roll" of onfederate bills, used in fake betting. There are also marked cards and loaded dice. Then there are a couple of sand stones gilded which sometime were sold to the guiless as "solid" gold nuggets." To the ordinary ob-server they are very deceiving and it is not to be wondered at that commitmes a not to be wondered at that sometimes a onfidence man will find a man to "blte" and pay him a few hundred dol-lars for a few bits of worse than worth-

less rock! There is part of a Chinese gambling outfit, which is regarded with interest by visitors, and opium pipes by the score. The department boasts of a fine colection of jimmles, both large and swall, used by burglars in prying open windows, doors and cash tills. On the top shelf is a mask made from

the lining of a coat. It war worn by Fred Ritchey a noted crook, who is now doing seven years for burglary.

Of skeleton keys there is no end. Keys which will open almost any kind of a lock. There is also a pair of "pinchers" used to open a door when the key is in the lock. This little contrivance is in-serted in the keyhole, fastens securely over the end of the key, and the rest is easy, and you are at the mercy of

locks and work the combination of the robber unless you happen to have safes with the best of them. the drop on him with a colt's or douthe drop on him with a colt's or dou-ble barrelled shot gun, loaded to scat-

In 1894 a man named Fitcher planned a most diabolical scheme to murder a man to whom he owed a grudge. It was only equalled by the attempt of dynamiter Smith made recently upon the lives of Judge O. W. Powers and Warden Dow of the Utah state prison. The neuron Sittle of desired to murder The person Fitcher desired to murder was Fred Pine, who resided on Third South between Fourth and Fifth West. During Pine's absence from home, Fitcher entered the house and Iaid a trap to blow his victim into eternity. He procured a plumbers grease trap and filling it with dynaminte fixed a copper lid on it. He bored a hole in the lid, inserted a fuse and then taking a small piece of wood with a rounding top punched it full of holes and inserted a couple of dearm match hards to which a couple of dozen match heads to which the fuse was attached. He then arranged some sandpaper over the match heads, tied a piece of string to it and attached the other end of the string to it and attached the other end of the string to the front door so that when the door would be opened the sandpaper would be pulled across the match heads, igniting the fuse and exploding the dynamite dynamite.

Fortunately, the police got a clue to the horrible scheme and going in at the back door soon rendered the deadly instrument harmless. The boom minus the explosives, is numbered among the interesting collection at the police sta-

Fitcher was never punished for the crime as he immediately left the state. Subsequently, however, he served terms in the state prisons of Idaho and Montans for felonies

The police hope to secure the remains of the infernal machines sent to Judge Powers and Warden Dow.

Probably the most gruesome article in the whole collection is a portion of the plank to which Enoch Davis, the wife murderer, was strapped when he was executed on September 14th, 1894. The

board is about a foot in length, a half a foot wide and about three inches thick. It still contains some of the rifle balls which passed through Davis' body. Pinned to the board is a per-scription blank by Dr. Witcher which was placed over the murderer's heart to insure the shooters hitting the vital

part. While assorting these various articles Detective Janney was naturally lead to speak of the execution of Davis, Thede

and other murderers. "I will show you something." re-marked the officer, as he reached for

"Here are some pictures. "Here are some pictures which but few people have seen. They are photo-graphs of the execution of Fred Hopt, the man who murdered Johnny Turner. These pictures were taken on the siy. You know I was one of those comprise You know I was one of those compris ing the death watch over Hopt for three

Asked to relate something about

Hopt, Detective Janney replied: "All right; I will tell you something about him which only two or three persons ever knew, and it shows how honorable a man can be although a murderer.

"At the time of the execution of Hopt the marshal issued six passes to per-sons who wanted to see the execution. Among those who were given passe was Mr. Turner, father of the murdered man. Somehow Hopt learned of this and sending for Marshal Dyer begged him pitlously to recall the pass. Final-ly the Marshal consented to do so. At 1 o'clock on the morning of the execu-tion which was August 11, 1887, when I went on death watch to relieve Jim Doyle, Hopt said to me, 'Ed, do you think the marshal will do as he prom-ised me?'

"I told him, yes, that he could rely on him. 'Then,' said Hopt, 'I will take my medicine like a man,' and putting his hand into his pocket he pulled out 41 grains of morphine and handed them to me to me "How, where or when he secured that

drug must ever remain a mystery. Un-

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der the circumstances, it would have been easy enough for him to kill himself and avoid being shot. . "Here is a copy of a letter Hopt wrote to his sister at 5 o'clock on the morning to his sister at 5 o'clock or file and avoid being shot. "Here is a copy of a letter Hopt wrote to his sister at 5 o'clock on the morning of the day he was executed. "The original letter," continued the officer, "was entrusted to me to mail to his sister, and he gave me a verbatim copy and told me to do as I pleased with it." With Officer Janney's permission it is here published in full: Dear Sister Lausia: I have not heard from you since you went home. I trust you and mother are in good health, as this leaves me.

and youth, I beg them to forgive me. I know that my life is not what it should have been. I was young and reckless and often done wrong, but us reckless and often done wrong, but us reckless and that is that I do now and thing I desire to say to you and my shall at the hour of my death deny the been unfortunate to net offer a prose-defense; believe me, sister, what I say. You know that I have no earthly of-ject in stating a thing that is not true. I will now conclude by asking you bear Lousia, it is my duty though pitiful it be, to inform you and mother and my sisters and brothers, that my long suffering and sorrow are drawn to close. Through prejudice I will have mother, and all the family to remem-ber me kindly in your prayers after my soul has departed for eternity and my body slumbers in a cold and ioner a close. Through prejudice I will have to meet a terrible fate today; this af-ternoon, August 11th, my life will be taken. I shall meet my death calmiy and with a clear conscience. I shall be fully prepared to meet my God in heaven. I shall die in the Catholic faith, a priest will visit me to my end. "Oh, dear sister; it is an awful death to meet. I know this letter will cause "With love and affection to you all 1 will bid you good bye on earth, hoping we all will meet in heaven. I lovingly sign myself for the last time your af-fectionate and loving brother."

many tears: do not grieve, but you know we can do nothing to avoid it. It is my duty to write you this farewell letter. I will only write to you. Lousia, please tell mother that I for-give her and in return ask her to for-give me I shall be dead and graps he

"P. S.--I will send you by mail a Ger-man book. The book has been present-ed to me by a lady in lilineis. Good FRED." Detective Janney has a spiendid photo of the murderer, takes piler to his execution. This article would not be complete without some reference to the rauge' gallery. Like the collection of rolts it sallery. Like the constant aways prove is quite extensive and always prove is quite extensive and always prove is quite extensive and always prove to visitors. There are

Lousia, piease teil mother that I for-give her and in return ask her to for-give me. I shall be dead and gone be-fore this letter can possibly reach you. Oh, God knows I would like to see you all just a minute before I die. But then let us bear our burdens in this dark hour for it is the will of God almighty and we his children must submit it. Dear sister pray to God be will help you carry this burden. The scripture tells us that Jesus said to his disciples "Come to me when ye are heavily laden and I will give you rest." Put your trust in God. Let your pathway in life be in accordance with the teachings of Christ and your life will be rewarded with the splendor and glory of an eter-nal life in due hereafter. Although I shall depart from this cold cruel world today, and our parting here is sad and cruel, we will meet again where there is no parting but happiness forever and gorrow unknown. Dear Lousia I do love larcienists to murderers-of each thi every crook who passed through its hands of the Sait Lake authorities The photos of Hermanns and Thied are among the collection; also the duch where Hermanns murdered his vicine and the furnace in which he sorrow unknown. Dear Lousia I do love you, and it is all I can do to write to you. But let facts of meeting again be our comfort and consolation. As I said, I shall not write to mother, but this letter is as much to her as to you. Tell her that I still love her as I did in my childhood. When you write to Mary and our brothers tell them for me that while they did not do what their afwhile they did not do what their af-

where Hermanns mudered his views and the furnace in which he crunind their bodies. On the back of each pic-ture is the name and complete descip-tion of the convict. Recently the pi-lice have been very crook who has falses into their hands. By this means the officers are enabled to keep watch upon them and render their chances of com-mitting crime exceedingly small. mitting crime exceedingly small Perfect digestion is the only founds.

I will now conclude by asking you mother, and all the family, to prose

"May God bless you all and bestow

all earthly bappiness unto you and may we all meet together where these

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interesting to visitors. There are photoes of hundreds of criminals of all

classes, male and female, from par larcienists to murderers-of each the



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pearance was made when he was about 16 years old, at a political meeting at Fort Scott, Kan, The political meeting er's candidacy, but that made no dif. ference to young Funston. In fact, it was the reason for his being there.

few remarks to make. He proceeded to make them in the face of strenuous op-position, but when the audience presentiy discovered that he was telling a good story on his father it quieted down. He finished that story and then panother, and then began to tell what kind of a man Foghorn Funston, who had been the butt of so much ridicule. really was.

now had his audience with him, and by the time he had finished a brief but well put statement of the political situation it was a Funstea audience, and the effect of his oraiory was evident

where he was a classmate of William Henry White, who made himself famous by his inquiry. "What's the Matter With Kansas?" White says that if it hadn't been for himself Funston would have stood at the foot of the class, and even as it was, it was a close race. He tells this story of the young fellow's

walk. Once the town's bad negro tried

most intellectual circles of society in every great capital of the world-in Washington as in St. Petersburg, Paris or Vienna-there are a certain number of men and women, foreigners of distinction, plying a strange, unnamed, but very profitable trade, says the Kansas City Star. They are the secret, paid agents of their respective governments. Officially they are not recognized as diplomatists by the country they serve, much less by the country in which they much less by the country in which they live. Yet they are doing diplomatists' work-often for more than diplomatists' wages. They would indignantly resent the name "spy." Yet in return for their handsome salaries they keep their home covernment minimized. government minutely posted on all the undercurrents of political movements concerning it in the capitals in which they are established.

open arms in London drawing rooms. English poets, like Swinburne, who was then a passionate republican, celebrated Nihilist "heroism" in ringing verse. This disposition raging all over England did not by any means suit the book of the Petersburg cabinet. Heads were laid together in the winter palace to consider the situation. Soon after there arrived in London a Russian lady of great intellectual power and social cherm, who brought letters from grand dukes and statesmen of Russia, opening to her the most exclusive doors in Engto her the most exclusive doors in Eng-land. This was the now famous Ma-dame Novikoff. She was charged with the task of revolutionizing English opinion toward Russia-and she did it. It is said that Mme. Novikoff has nev-er received pay for her political work. The persons charged with secret ser-vice, such as Mme. Novikoff is still per-forming, all proceed by the same means. Their government procures them let-

lon after dinner and wherever he goes unobtrusively takes or makes opportunity to explain matters, the subject being one on which naturally he is es-

being one on which naturally he is es-pecially well informed. He will begin by telling amusing stories about the court balls at Vienna, then pour out gallons of lively gossip about the ways of the emperor, show-ing, as if incidentally, the biuff old

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