

THE PENALTY IS PAID

Brief Ceremony and a Short Shrift Marked the Closing Hour of His Life

Death Came Quickly and Was Met Bravely, and Egbert's Account With the Law Is Balanced

Slept From 2 to 7 This Morning and After Breakfast, Slept Again Until 10:30—Prepared Calmly for the Ordeal and at 12:30 His Soul Went Out Into the Impenetrable Darkness of the Unknown

Harry D. Egbert, twice murderer, and one of the most noted criminals of the Harney country, has expiated his crime on the gallows, and the first legal execution at the penitentiary is a thing of the past.

Shortly after 12 o'clock, noon, the death warrant was read to the condemned man, and all was in readiness for the execution as ordered by the circuit court for Harney county, on December 10, 1903, and from that moment two guards, one of them P. N. Peterson, the regular death watch, stood in front of the cell and watched his every movement, while Rev. St. Pierre spent the last moments with the man in prayer.

Promptly at 12:30 this afternoon, Egbert left his cell shackled to two guards, and began the march to the death chamber, for the last time going out in the free air, as he passed from the chapel through the yard to the place of execution. Here were gathered the invited guests, including officers from all parts of the state, and the prison officials, to the number of about 70. Egbert mounted the scaffold, and in two minutes from the time of the arrival of the condemned man on the trap, the rope was adjusted and he was dropped into eternity. Perfect quiet prevailed in the death chamber during the execution, and a great sigh of relief from the tension

went up, when Drs. J. D. Shaw and E. A. Pierce, who seized the hanging man's hands as he came through the trap, and felt the pulse-beats, pronounced him dead, his neck having been broken by the fall of nearly six feet.

The body of the executed man has not been claimed by relatives yet, and will probably be buried in the prison cemetery.

His Last Night.

Egbert spent the night in writing and reading, until an early hour this morning. His wonderful nerve, that has seldom deserted him during his confinement in the prison, staid by him, and he showed no signs of breaking down, when, at 2 o'clock this morning, he finally removed his clothing and laid down on his cot for a rest. Before retiring he spoke pleasantly to his death watch, Mr. J. B. Chenowith, who was watching his every action, conversing on ordinary topics.

He slept until 7 o'clock this morning, when he was called as usual. He arose, but soon laid down again, and went to sleep. Several times his day guard, who stood at the door, watching the prisoner every instant, called him. Egbert always answered in a sleepy voice, but soon fell asleep again, and he remained in this condition until 10:20 o'clock, when the prison missionary came out to spend the last hours with him, and all visitors were excluded from the prison.

The Death Chamber.

The place where Egbert was executed was especially constructed for the purpose to which it was put today. It is a substantial two-story brick structure, built on the south end of the new dining hall, and entered only from the yard. The lower floor, with a cement floor, is intended to be fitted with strong steel cells, in which

condemned prisoners will be kept. There is room for five of these cells, and this number is believed to be enough for all purposes.

From this floor a broad stair leads to the execution chamber on the upper floor. This room, about 26x40, is the last view the condemned man had of this world. The west end of the room is occupied by a platform, about 10 feet wide, and reached by a narrow stairway. In this platform are two traps through which the con-



HARRY EGBERT. Alias Jack Frost.

demned men are sent into eternity. The rope with which Egbert was hanged, a new inch cable, was attached to an iron ring above the trap, on the west end of the platform, several days ago, and to it was suspended a sack of sand of the weight of a man, and since it was suspended the rope has stretched several feet, and become pliable and thoroughly prepared for the gruesome job awaiting it. The traps are sprung from the rear of the platform, where a handle at the upper end of a low box is attached to a rope that in turn connects with a spring that releases the trap. One pull of the handle, given at the signal that all is in readiness, releases the traps, and the condemned man is dropped into eternity. The traps are 9 1/2 feet above the floor, and under it are posted the physicians, who announce the death.

The death chamber is bare of furniture, and the brick walls and the sinister platform, with its death-dealing paraphernalia, are not a pleasant sight, especially when one realizes the grimness of the use to which the place is being put. It is a chamber of horrors, and is destined to hear the last words of many a wretch who is through the agency of the law, brought here to expiate his crimes.

Convicts Locked Up.

The execution was fixed for 12:30 o'clock, for the reason that all prisoners are then locked in their cells for the noon hour, and this precaution was strictly observed by the officials. Every prisoner inside the grim walls was in his cell, and only a few outside trustees were about their work when Egbert's execution came off as scheduled. Only one man in stripes inside the prison was kept at his work—the fireman at the heating plant, a short-term prisoner—who takes very little interest in what is going on about him. This was for the two-fold purpose of preventing a disturbance among the men in the prison, when the execution took place, as this would naturally excite them very much, and to have the use of all the prison guards in the execution chamber at the time of the carrying out of the mandate of the court. This course was decided upon long ago, and is the plan followed in all the penitentiaries where the death sentence is executed.

The drop fell at 12:42:40 p. m. in the presence of about 70 witnesses.

The arrangements were perfect, there was no hitch in the proceedings, and the execution was a success in that the condemned man's neck was broken and life was extinct within a few minutes.

The citizens and officers invited to witness the execution were early on the ground, and as soon as the prisoners were locked up for the noon hour, about 12:25, the doors were opened and the crowd admitted. Proceeded by a platoon of guards, they entered the death chamber, while Superintendent James, Warden Curtis, Deputy Warden Smith and several of the regular guards went to the con-

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CHINESE FIGHT IN FRISCO

San, Francisco, Jan. 29.—In a desperate highbinder war, fought in Chinatown this morning, two men were wounded in an exchange of 20 shots. Thos. Stellman, a watchman, was shot in the thigh, but not dangerously. How You, a highbinder, was shot in the leg by Stellman. You and two companions started out to clean up some Hop Sing men, and encountering one, began to shoot. The fire was returned, and a running battle followed until Stellman appeared. A bullet soon put him down, and the highbinders were about to kill the man they were after, when Stellman arose and shot You, who was arrested. The others escaped, and further trouble is expected.

Observed McKinley Day.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The White House observed carnation day. Roosevelt and Loeb had immense bouquets, and gave each visitor bouquets.

Harry Egbert Gives Up His Life to Balance the Scales of Unswerving Justice

Harry D. Egbert, alias Jack Frost, the man who was executed at the penitentiary at 12:30 o'clock today, only began a few days ago realize his position and as a result he has been moody and silent, caring little for conversation and demanding more attention at the hands of the officials caring for him and watching him, than in the past six weeks, the time he has been in the death cell. During the past few days he received a few callers, among them the prison missionary, Rev. St. Pierre, and several ladies who spent considerable time with him in conversation on religious topics and the welfare of his spiritual existence.

Vigilant Death Watch.

He was closely watched day and

night, and at no time was he given an opportunity to do himself harm, for the report that he had attempted suicide before leaving the jail at Burns placed the penitentiary officials on their guard from the moment of the condemned man's arrival, and at no time had the vigilance of his guards relaxed for a moment. P. N. Peterson, of Portland, was with the prisoner all day long, and when the guard went off duty at night, J. B. Chenowith, a veteran of the Philippine campaign and a former guard at the Walla Walla penitentiary, took charge and sat in front of the cell all night, watching the condemned man. No man could be more closely watched than was Egbert. Even dur-

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