an duty at 6 o'clock in the evening. I went to his cell, unlocked the door, and advised him to quiet and stop his hallowing, and I shut the door and went away again, and he continued hallowing loudly. I went back the second time and cautioned him, and told him I should gag him if he continued hallowing. I left him again and he continued. The third time I went back I took the gag and put it on him. I presume the gag was probably half an hour altogether. It was on loose or the man could hallow and articulate his name so that I could understand it. I never left the man to exceed five minutes. Five minutes is the longest, and that was only once. I don't think I was
away from him five minutes at that time, but excepting that time I don't think I was away from the man two minutes at any one time. After the gag had been on him probably ten minutes I tightened it up a little and remained right in the cell with him probably half a minute, and he appeared to breathe hard, and I was under the impression he was doing it to deceive me, to make me think it off, and I immediately loosened it again to the same place where it was. A short time after wards I tried tightening it again, and he acted the same as he had previously, and I loosened it again. I thought the man was practicing deception with me, but I did not wish to run
any risks. I was not competent to fully judge. I left it loose that way, and he continued hallowing. I left him once and went to the wash room and got a knife I had there and went immediately back. It was a shoe knife, something used by the shoemakers, in the wash room. There were shoemakers there, and two or three benches. I went right back and the man appeared to be in a fainting condition. In the meantime I had not locked the door but just closed the inside door, and left the blind door open. I went in, and the snap of the gag in the condition it was, and the back of his neck— it bucked rather hard, that is, the tongue of the buckle would kind of clinch in the hole.
patient to the hospital until he died.

2. Do you, I do not, I cannot tell

3. anything about that, I don't think it was long though, it

4. was only a few days.

5. About how long do you think

6. probably two or three days.

7. That is the best of your recollection.

8. you die.

9. How far the exercise made before or

10. after the man died?

11. I can't say as to that.

12. Are there any other cases besides those

13. two you have mentioned?

14. Not that I can recollect of, die.

15. Do there any other information that you

16. desire to impart to this Board of Com-

17. missioners in this investigation?

18. Not anything.

19. Appointment with the doctor a.m. tomorrow.

20. Thursday, May 16, 1874.

21. The next, meet at 10 o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment

22. when the following testimony was introduced:

23. Deputy Steward Benjamin L. Mayhew

24. being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination By

Commissioner M. W. Jones.

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Write what you hear about.
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has been told Ryan had been gagged, although I had never had anything happen from using it. I immediately went to the cell and took it off, and got some water and threw it in the man's face. I thought he was fainting by his over exertion, and I. D. Leasure, the guard there, was standing there. He had come out with some new men with Captain McDonnell, and he had not returned. He was standing in the wash room, and I called him and told him to go for the doctor quickly, and told him where the keys were kept. It was in my desk there. He went for Doctor Dripps to the hospital - and it is in connection with the kitchen or solitary, that is, we have free ac-
though the kitchen and the knitting room, and a vacant store room to go up in the hospital without going out doors. The doctor came immediately and assisted me in letting the man down.

And he died right off?

Well, I presume it was between five and ten minutes after the doctor first got there. I thought he was covering just before the doctor came. He made some noise although I could not distinguish anything he said.

Convipine: All Jones — was this man more than ordinarily desperate and unruly? Yes die.

Had you met with many such cases?

No die.

Have you ever met with any such cases?

Yes die.