HANDCUFFS WITH A HISTORY.

A Thrilling Incident in the Life of a Police Officer.

From the Washington Press.

"That pair of handcuffs has a history."

The speaker was Sergeant Volkman of the Seventh precinct, and he pointed to a pair of nickel-plated "bracelets" which were hanging near the telephone in the station.

"A history?" quired the reporter.

"Yes, and one that I shall never forget. Eleven years ago, nearly, a negro named James Carroll perpetrated an outrage upon Mrs. Richard Thomas of Buckeyestown, Va. He made good his escape and four days after I arrested him here, after a chase of two or three miles. The clock was striking 12 when I brought him in the door. It was decided to send him to Virginia at once, and Officer Benjamin F. Harper and myself started with him. There was a strong feeling against the fiend and we feared trouble. Mayor Moberly of Frederick, Md., was telegraphed to meet us. As the train stopped at Tuscarora station about 30 men boarded it. Everything was conducted in the most quiet manner and nothing whatever said to the prisoner or us. The train switched off at the Point of Rocks station for Frederick, and as it slacked its speed more than 100 men gathered around and, armed to the teeth, they boarded the train and began crying for vengeance. We appealed to them, but it did no good. They were bent upon their mission of vengeance, and a regiment of braver men than we could never have stayed their hands. Carroll was dragged out, though we struggled hard to retain him. We were pushed to the rear of the car and kept there until the lynchers had gone with their man. The men who held us at bay were so anxious to see the lynching that they left us and we followed up the crowd. Again we were picked up by main force and carried back to the train, and there guarded until its departure for Frederick. Fully 300 men gathered around the fiend, and with a rope around his neck he was given a few moments to make his peace with his maker and then was strung up. It was quick work. Many of the lynchers bore the trace of years, as gray hairs covered their heads; many were young men in the prime of life; all were honest farmers and had left mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters at their homes, and the vengeance they had taken was for their future protection. This was late Thursday and the body was watched until the next morning, when it was cut down and turned over to the coroner. The handcuffs were taken off and returned to me and I never look at them without remembering the terrible experience of that day. Lieut. Skippon had charge of this precinct then, and when we returned next day we found him insane. The news of the fearful affair was more than he could stand, and to-night he is an inmate of St. Elizabeth asylum."

BACK IN SYRACUSE.

A Chat With Stephen A. Estes on His Life in the West.

From the Syracuse Standard.

"S. A. Estes, Montana," is a name on the register of the Vanderbilt House. Almost everybody who was in Syracuse ten years ago will remember Mr. Estes, for few men were more popular than he while he was here. It is just about ten years since he took it into his head one day to invade the wild and wooly west, and from that time until Thursday last he has not been back to Syracuse.

"Now, I don't want to be interviewed," he said to a *Standard* reporter, who run foul of him in the lobby of the Vanderbilk. "What do you think I could say that would be of any possible interest to your readers?"

"You might tell me what changes you notice in Syracuse since you went away?"

"Changes, my dear sir, aside from two or three new business blocks and the new city hall, I notice but little change. Why it really seems to me as I met my old friends that it was only yesterday that I went away, for they, too, are practically unchanged. Of course, if I should go out into the suburbs I have no doubt but I would fail to recognize many of the old familiar spots, for the city has grown wonderfully. Perhaps one reason why I notice but little diffference in the place is that I read a Syracuse paper every day. I don't skip a line of the local, and so I know pretty well what has been going on. I am enjoying my trip immensely."

"How do I like the West?"

"First rate. It is a grand place to live on many accounts. The chances for investment are as good, if not better, than in the east, and the returns are quicker and better, as a rule. In the west every man has a chance, and if he has any ability, I care not in what line, business or the professions, he will surely succeed. It is the place for young men, and we're looking for them as fast as they come. Anaconda, where I live, is, I think, destined to become a great place in time."

"How about politics in Montana?"

"No, I don't think I care to talk politics. The fact is that we haven't had anything but politics in Montana m so long a time that I'm heartily sick of it all. The election didn't appear to settle much of anything."

THE ORIGIN OF "HURRAH."

A British Authority Says that the Cry Springs From the German.

Writing to the London *Times* with reference to the remark of its Berlin correspondent that the exclamation of "Hurrah" "is said to be of Sclavonic origin," Dr. C. A. Buchanan, of Kings college, London, says: "I presume your correspondent must have some authority for this assertion, but I hope you will allow me to point out that, as far as I know, the word is of purely German origin. It is generally assumed to be derived from the imitative interjection hurr, describing a rapid movement, from which word the middle High-German hurren, 'to move rapidly,' or rather to hurry, has been formed. Hurrah is, therefore, nothing else but an enlarged form of hurr, and, as I said, of purely Teutonic origin. In Grimm's 'Worterbuch' we find the interjection quoted from a Minnesinger. It also occurs in Danish and Swedish, and it would be interesting to know when it was first introduced in this country in the Anglicised form of 'hurry.' In Germany it was frequently used during the Napoleonic wars by the Prussian soldiers, and it also occurs in some political and marshal songs of those days. Since then it seems to have been adopted also by other nations, even by the French in the form of hourra. That the interjection did not become so popular in Germany as a cheer at convivial gatherings as in this country is probably owing to the circumstance that preference was given there to the brief exclamation 'Hoch!' forming respectively the end and the beginning of the phrases 'er lebe hoch' and 'hoch soil er leben.' Of late the word hurrah seems to have become rather popular in Germany. It is just possible that the English reimported it there or that it was revived through the magnificent poem of 'Hurrah, Germania!' written by the poet laureate of German people, Ferdinand Freiligrath."

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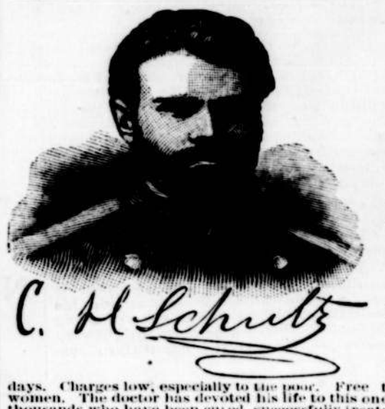

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