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FLOGGING AT THE GAOL.

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THE three criminals—Phillips, Toohey, and Carmichael—convicted of the charge of assault and robbery, received the second instalment of lashes to which they were sentenced, at the gaol yesterday morning. Their first lashing had evidently filled all three men with considerable apprehension as was evidenced by their uneasy demeanour as the hour for their second lashing approached. The first man dealt with was Phillips. As he approached the triangle to be secured he was pale but firm. Thirty lashes were his allotted number, and at every stroke he screamed or groaned. When twenty-one lashes had been told by the warder, the Government doctor, who had been closely watching the culprit, raised his hand, and the flagellator ceased. A short examination satisfied the medical gentlemen present that Phillips was too exhausted to receive the remaining nine lashes, and he assisted by wardsmen tottered to his cell. Toohey was next, and appeared determined if possible to sustain his punishment without a cry. At the fourth vigorous stroke, however, his clenched teeth relaxed, and whilst receiving the remaining thirty-six lashes he screamed and groaned. On being released he walked to his cell, leaning on the arm of a warder. Carmichael's face betokened terror, and when he had been secured to the triangle the scars caused by his previous punishment were plainly discernible. Before the flagellator's arm was raised for the first time the unfortunate wretch gave vent to a piercing yell, and his cries of anguish were continued until the thirtieth lash had fallen on his scored and blood-stained back. The doctor now again interfered, and as Carmichael was very much exhausted, he deemed it would be unwise to permit him to receive the remaining ten lashes. The prisoner was thereupon assisted to his cell. The three men received a small quantity of brandy both immediately before and after their punishment. The Governor of the Gaol (Mr. Jenkyl), with the Sheriff and Drs. Taylor and Hobbs, subsequently visited the men in their cells. Carmichael was completely broken down, and sobbed piteously. He reiterated that he was innocent of the charge of which he had been convicted, and appeared to be terrified at the thought of the third instalment of lashes he had yet to receive. Toohey and Phillips although suffering great pain were calm and submissive, and beseeched the Sheriff to grant them small indulgences whilst suffering from their punishment.

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