

A MURDERER'S CONFESSION.

Confession of Alexander McConnell to the Murder of Rosa Colvin, in O'Connell's, on the 24th of March, 1866—His Denial His Confession not Published Till After His Death.

By invitation of Sheriff Nicola, we were present in the Court at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, to hear the confession of Alexander McConnell, the murderer of Rosa Colvin, on the 24th of March last, and sentenced to be hung on the 10th of August, 1866.

There were several gentlemen in attendance, including M. B. East, the Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff Nicola, Deputy Sheriff Blodgett, reporters of the Leader and Herald, and one or two jurors who sat on the trial. McConnell shows signs of deep, heartfelt contrition, and often choked with emotion while making the appended statement. He seems to have no hope of commutation, and talks of his approaching doom with a sigh of half-despair and half resignation.

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that they had agreed upon a verdict of "Guilty of murder in the first degree." When the verdict was announced, Thairwell appeared to be completely overcome. Notwithstanding the conclusive evidence which had been adduced against him, and the fact that he had made a full and free confession of his participation in the horrible deed, he had indulged in the hope that the jury would either reduce the grade of the crime, or probably acquit.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Important Letter from Governor Curtin. UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMITTEE ROOMS, NO. 1106 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, July 4, 1866.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, HARRISBURG, Pa., July 11, 1866. Sir—Your favor of the 4th inst. has been received. The question of calling an extra session of the Legislature to ratify the amendments proposed by the Congress of the United States has been carefully considered.

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