

THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA. Friday, June 20, 1877.

SCOTCHED BY FIRE. Description of the City of St. Johns. \$20,000,000 OF PROPERTY BURNED.

On Wednesday last week a fire broke out in McLaughlin's boiler shop in the town of Portland, Me. The flames spread with frightful rapidity and were not checked until they had destroyed the better part of the city. All the public buildings, nearly all the stores and half the dwellings were consumed.

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Brigadier General E. Wallace Matthews, who has been appointed commander of the First brigade, First Division N. G. P., vice Gen. Thayer resigned, has recently been promoted to the position of captain and aide-de-camp on the First brigade.

General W. H. Davis, of the Doylestown Democrat, whose name has before been mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for Auditor General, is now formally in the field for the honor.

THE EXECUTIONS. ELEVEN MEN PERISH ON THE SCAFFOLD.—SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

On Thursday, June 21st, four men were hanged in the prison yard at Mauch Chunk, six in the Pottsville jail, and one at Wilkes-Barre.

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man; I never saw him in Tamaqua until I saw his name in the paper; Thomas Duffy—I saw him in the paper to meet my Lord, and Thomas Duffy is a man that I won't say that, for fear I might be lying, that I never seen him the third time I see him in Pottsville jail, and what I can say for him is this: I never heard him talking about Benjamin F. Yost nor about the shooting affair, nor anything concerning the thing at all, and another thing I may say for McGeehan and Boyle, I may say I never asked him to come and shoot Benjamin F. Yost nor any other man; if they are to come after me, let them say so; I am satisfied, and I hope forgiveness from the world, from everybody; I hope they will forgive me; I have not loved to go; that is all I have to say.

At this point the crowd looked to Carroll, who was quietly awaiting his fate, without betraying any special emotion either of contrition or despair. In appearance he was the most intelligent and dignified among the half dozen murderers. Apparently conscious of the hollowness of professions upon the gallows, and appreciating his terrible death-hour, Carroll merely uttered with calmness: "I have nothing to say, gentlemen, only I am innocent of the crime I am charged with." Here Roarkey broke in again with the remark, "Well, that is what I forgot; you see gentlemen, that is another word I forgot—that I was going to die an innocent man. I forgot to put that in (then the doomed man's voice grew tremulous), but I hope it is good for me; and as to them that prosecuted me and brought me to this place, I forgive them from the bottom of my heart. I hope God will forgive them and forgive me, too."

Carroll made no attempt to prolong the remarks, apparently interrupted by his associate, but improved the opportunity, when seizing the proffered hand of the Sheriff, he spoke in a low, but firm voice, "I have nothing to say, gentlemen, only I am innocent of the crime I am charged with. I have nothing to say, gentlemen, only I am innocent of the crime I am charged with. I have nothing to say, gentlemen, only I am innocent of the crime I am charged with."

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Ex-State Auditor Johnson of Louisiana has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and imprisonment in the Parish Prison for ten days for refusing to produce certain books called for and to answer certain questions as to their contents propounded by the Grand Jury. Johnson says some of the missing documents were destroyed and others taken away when they were expecting an attack by the White League in January last. In a petition to the Court Johnson says he could not answer the questions for fear of criminating himself.

C. F. Warden has been appointed chief clerk of the Auditor General's office vice C. C. Waddell. Mr. Warden has been in the office for some time past and his promotion will give general satisfaction.

THE CROSS AND THE CRESCENT. The American people are distant, yet most deeply interested spectators of the desperate struggle now in progress between the Moslems and the Turks. The vast array of forces on either side, the character of the combatants, the relentless, obstinate courage of the Russian, the fanatic valor of the Turk, the conviction there is, which seems to have defined to involve all Europe in the strife, and the effect which such a war is likely to have upon the agricultural and industrial pursuits of this country, are points which give to this contest a deep and absorbing interest.

And yet it is a fact that the mass of the Americans are almost wholly ignorant of its definite knowledge of the regions most directly and primarily concerned in this war. To most readers of our newspapers, the news of Moslem and Turkish wars is almost wholly unintelligible, from lack of information as to those people and countries. Moreover, the demand for this information was developed the fact that there is no one to whom we can give what is wanted, in reliable and popular form.

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MR. HAYES' PRONOUNCEMENT. The circular letter of Mr. Hayes regarding federal office holders taking an active part in political conventions, &c., has created a panic in the ranks of the Republicans. They have carried elections away by the most energetic work on the part of office holders and in every State, to-day, the most active workers, chairmen of State and county committees and wire pullers generally are federal officials. The circular likewise interdicts assessments for political purposes. This is worse yet. What does Mr. Hayes mean by this sort of thing? Does he suppose for a moment that his party can achieve success without money? There is howling and writhing among the office holders and in perspective for Mr. Hayes.