

Execution of four murderers in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 25.—The four Jefferson murderers were hung to-day, at three minutes past twelve o'clock. Their real names are James Knight, Thomas Perry, George Crab and James Lysaught. Two had been in the rebel army.

Yesterday several Orthodox ministers called, conversed and prayed with the prisoners, who exhibited some emotion. Afterward, Father Beagrath of the Catholic Church, who is a friend of the prisoners, preached the Roman Catholic faith. Knight and Perry were baptized. The other two had been baptized in infancy.

The prisoners had previously shown great hardness, singing such pieces as "Bold Jack Dumbarton" and "Bingen on the Rhine." The past two days had tamed them down, but they were still stolid, frivolous and careless, joking about their doom.

They slept soundly last night, Crab having to be shaken to arouse him. Lysaught retired at nine o'clock, the others about twelve. They ate their breakfast with relish. Mrs. Johnson, wife of the keeper of the penitentiary, providing the meal from her own table.

This morning, Perry's brother brought him clothing. The parting scene between them was heart-rending, Perry giving way to tears and sobs. Colonel Innis provided the others with clothing. Lysaught said, at first, that he didn't want any more, but those he had were good as gold to him. Crab was asked to tell who shot Ferrerman. He replied, "That is not a fair question; I'll never tell that in this world."

Father Beagrath came about ten o'clock to attend them in their last moments. Lysaught said he felt as if he was a liar. He said he had been badly treated, else he would be with his parents now. Father Beagrath read a touching letter from Lysaught's parents to the Bishop, asking him to have James' grave marked that some day the priest might find the body away. He was earnestly exhorted to repentance, but he remained almost stolid.

Some one in the room having a looking-glass, he jumped up, exclaiming, "By golly, I must look at my face once more." He then looked at himself and remarked, "Look at yours—its your last chance." Crab replied, "It ain't any use." Lysaught asked, laughing, "Afraid you'll break the glass?" when all four seemed much tickled. Crab having caused Lysaught to snatch it away, saying, "Let me smell it for everlasting." Then, turning to Crab, said, "You're enough to make a monkey grin."

Perry was asked if he feared to die. He replied, "I don't dread it a bit. It is best to take it easy, it's got to come." Crab indicated the following letter to Byron Heaton, Oswego, New York: "George Crab, the boy who used to run on the pigsticker when I was in jail, about to be hung. He requests to be remembered kindly to yourself and family."

Perry took his brother aside, at parting, and advised him never to indulge in sinful, lazy ways, never to swear, and to leave alone whisky cards and bad houses, "for the like of this has brought me to the gallows. I want you to take my body home and let mother see me. I am sorry she did not see me before I better world as I am prepared to die. God bless you Good-bye!"

When the priest left them for a few moments they began to chat and joke about the ropes that would hang them, the feeling of contrition being evanescent. An immense crowd, numbering fifteen thousand persons, were on the ground. At twenty minutes past eleven the prisoners were brought to the gallows, which they mounted with a firm step, and stood gazing round for fifteen minutes, while the charges and specifications and sentences were read. Perry compassedly leaned against one of the uprights and surveyed the crowd. Crab took hold of the noose before him, and viewed it with a comic look, testing its strength with his thumb, and rubbing his head against the rope.

George's Fields.

It is a large and lofty room, some twenty feet wide by one hundred and fifty feet long, and in it are now at work on basket-making about fifty boys and men. There is generally a teacher, with sight, at either end of the room; but one is now just gone to fetch some oilers from another part of the building. One of the boys, Trotter, is at work half way down the room, but has met with some trifling difficulty not to be solved without his teacher's help.

The fifty boys and men are almost all talking as they work; or perhaps humming a tune, or beating their work with a bar of iron; and some are crossing the room in search of tools, help or advice; so that, altogether, the scene is full of noisy life, and as unlike a shop full of blind people as may well be imagined. But in the midst of all the noise and bustle, there is a quietude which the boys and men are not aware of. They know that the master went out of the room five minutes ago (he will tell you he saw him go), and though several persons have since come in at the door, he knows that his teacher is not one of the few who once he starts up, the door shuts with a bang—and the pupil walks quickly up the room, in a direct line, as if he saw the table at which his teacher now sits.

As he goes back to his place another person enters by the same door, and makes his way rapidly towards the other end; but he has not gone a dozen steps before more than one voice among the basket-makers is heard to whisper, "Here comes the chaplain," or "There goes Brown."

Or, glancing into the same room an hour later, and the whole scene is changed. The bell has rung for leaving off work; but, as it is a wet, wintry day, some fifty or sixty of the pupils are here under shelter, walking two-and-two, arm-in-arm, round the room, whistling, chattering, singing, or shouting most uproariously—but promiscuously as methodically—and even, as if every one were had a light. Not a single boy ever strays out of his rank, no one runs against his neighbor, though, at the first, the boys appear only like a noisy and confused crowd. There are three doors to the shop, one at either end, and one in the centre; every two minutes some boy darts out from the crowd, or rushes in to join it, by that middle door, and then comes Trotter himself. He is in search of his friend Jones, who, driven in by the rain, left him ten minutes ago at the swing, and is now the solitary unit in the long chain of couples. He thinks that it works its slow way past the door where he stands, Trotter, with his face all eyes, watches to pounce on his friend as he goes by. In spite of all the din he hears him when some yards off, seizes on his arm, as if he were passing, and away they go, to join steadily in that jolly unbroken march.

Our friend Trotter has just set off in a great hurry for that door; way he seizes the handle, opens the door hastily, shouts out one or two lusty words, and is no answer, but rushes off again elsewhere. Ask him what this pantomime means, and he will tell you he is in quest of a certain trio of boys who promised to meet him there; that he looked into the club-room and found that they were not there, and that he thinks not, as judging by the sound of his own foot against the form on which they usually sit, and of his own voice, the room seemed empty. And empty it really is. The well-known story told by Mr. Anderson of a blind man, who, at a religious meeting, entirely corroborates this fact. "I had occasion," he says, "to send out one of those blind men with a mattress. I gave him the bill with it that he might receive payment. But, to my surprise he returned with the mattress, and the mattress too. 'I've brought back bath, yee, sir,' said he. 'How so?' 'Indeed, sir, I didna like 'leave't yonder, else I'm sure we'd ne'er see the siller—there's nae a stick of furniture within the doore, 'cept as you come to know that?' 'Oh, sir,' he taps on the floor 'wi' my stick son tell me that!' And true enough was the blind man's guess; for guess it must still be called, though in both the cases cited it was shrewd enough to pass for wit."

Reception to Admiral Porter. BALTIMORE, Feb. 2.—A grand reception was given to-day at Annapolis to the Admiral Porter, who is here on his way to the Executive Chamber, at the Executive Chamber, to Rear Admiral Porter, the hero of Vicksburg, &c. An eloquent and historical address was given by the Lieutenant-Governor Cox, followed by pointed, characteristic and eloquent remarks from Governor Swann, which were enthusiastically applauded. The ceremony of the reception was concluded by the reading of a message from the Governor, and the House of Delegates, in an appropriate style.

The reply of Admiral Porter was patriotic and highly practical. He acknowledged the cordiality of the reception, and desired co-operation with him on the part of the representatives of the people in making the Naval Academy at Annapolis such a school as the founders designed. During the recess of both Houses, and whilst partaking of the hospitalities in the Executive Chamber of the State House, from the great crowd, a floor sunk considerably, causing much consternation; but it was soon allayed by the assurance of Governor Swann that the floor was only sinking, and that the supporting chains underneath, when all was quiet.

Baltimore, Feb. 2.—The pilot bill requiring all vessels to be furnished with a pilot or pilot or pay full pilotage, which had previously passed the House, and was by the Maryland Senate to-day, and is now a law. The bill was passed by the Maryland Senate to-day, and is now a law. The bill was passed by the Maryland Senate to-day, and is now a law.

The State War Debts. The Iowa States, with the exception of Kansas, Iowa and Michigan, and the three Pacific States, have furnished to Mr. Blaine, of Maine, Chairman of the Select Committee on the War Debts of the Loyal States, the amounts expended by them severally in supporting the late war. The footings, in most cases, include the amounts by counties, cities and towns, and the aggregates, in round numbers, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: State and Amount. Includes Maryland (\$8,000,000), New York (\$10,000,000), Pennsylvania (\$10,000,000), etc.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FEDERAL GUARANTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMPANIES OF PENNSYLVANIA, INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1885. OFFICE AND HEAD QUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 215 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

OFFICE OF THE BRANTON ISLAND COAL COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, JANUARY 29, 1886. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at the office of the company, 215 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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