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SPECIALTIES.

THE RODDY EXECUTION.

The Murderers of David Berkey Pay

The details of the crime are so well and the death watch. known to our readers as to require no review at this time.

of the execution and matters pertain- the cell and affecting all who heard it. ing thereto, and the editor having been Rev. Mullendore read the "Beati-an eye-witness to the closing scenes, tudes," and "description of heaven." will give the readers of The Star a full The services were concluded by Elder account of such things pertaining to Vogel, who offered prayer.

space will permit. and although the great majority of gain admittance to the jail, yet they when they said "good-bye." crowded about the building in a great multitude, anxious to get such information concerning the progress of affairs within as they could learn from

e passing in and out of the doors. Sheriff Hartzell had all of his arrangements completed in advance, and they were carried out to the letter,

without a single hitch. The doomed men were launched into eternity a few minutes before one c'clock. At about 11:30 a.m. their last meal was brought to them in their cell, of which they partook with apparent They conversed freely

ness to them words with them. Both were thoroughgood-bye," John, in a cheerful voice. with a smile, "we are about to go on a James was not so cheer- ing and get justice. long tramp.' ful, but shook hands fervently and said: "Good-bye; I hope to meet you in

heaven. Just before the lunch was served, Valentine Berkey, of Goshen, Ind., a brother of the murdered man, entered the cell. The boys greeted him cor- to eternity. dially. John expressed his satisfaction at having an opportunity to tell a meminnocent of the murder. He said that Dr. Kimmel pronounced him dead in 11 he felt very sorry for the Berkeys, minutes, while Dr. Gardner pronounced Mrs. Berkey, whom he declared had been influenced by the detectives. "Tell her that I forgive her placed in coffins and sent to Johnstown and hope to meet her in heaven," he

added. Mr. Berkey replied that he knew nothing about the case, but his disappointment was apparent, as he believed the portion of Monday with the doomed course, the time when she is boys would break down at the last minute and confess.

were with the doomed men until the land they repeatedly declared that the same nest with the young birds. abroad. It will be like a letter from they were innocent of the crime.

At the instance of the condemned does the hatching. She lays the preciate your kindness.

Rev. Mullendore was closeted with James, while Rev. H. N. Cameron retired with John to the cell he has occupied during the past two weeks. The the Penalty of Their Crime.—Incidents of the Execution. Last Hours of the Condemned Men. Etc.

Clergymen read from the scriptures. It is boys in prayer. At 9:24 Rev. Mullendore, of Somerset, on Monday evening. The services were conducted by Elder Mullendore of the Christian church, the Rev. H. N. Cambridge. Hours of the Condemned Men, Etc. dore entered the cell of John and Rev-John and James Roddy, as per pre- Cameron went into James' cell, where vious announcement, were hanged in private devotional exercises were conthe Somerset jail on Tuesday, April tinued for a few minutes, after which 26th, 1898. The crime for which they the clergymen and the boys returned were executed was the murder of David to the corridor of the prison, where Berkey, a farmer of Paint township, they were joined by Elder Peter Vogel

Rev. Cameron sang a solo, "I Was Once Far Away From Jesus,"the sweet We believe however, that our readers tones of his sympathetic tenor voice are all anxious to know the particulars penetrating to the furthest corner of

the execution as he believes to be of John asked Rev. Mullendore to ac-

At 10 o'clock Gen. Coffroth, W. H. Long before the hour of execution Ruppel, Esq., and Chas. F. Uhl, Esq., arrived. Somerset was thronged with counsel for the boys, entered the corripeople from all sections of the county; dor and held an interview with them. All of the attorneys were deeply afthese people knew that they could not fected, tears streaming from their eyes

> Joseph Jackson, a brother-in-law of the boys, was admitted to the jail upon the arrival of the morning train from Johnstown. He witnessed the execution and escorted the bodies of his relatives to the home of their parents.

John Lorditch, a Johnstown friend of dents in their past lives.

When all was in readiness and the time for execution at hand, the doomed time for execution at hand, the doomed time for execution at hand, the doomed to be the form of the condemned brothers retired at men were led to the death trap. Here 11:45 o'clock and a few minutes afterrelish. Mrs. Hartzell had placed two button-hole bouquets on the tray, and blaced about their necks, the handcuffs awoke about the same hour, 5 o'clock, the boys placed them on the lapels of and straps adjusted and the black caps the morning of the execution, declarplaced upon their heads. During this ing that they never felt better in their while partaking of their last meal and ceremony both of them were somewhat lives. At 7 o'clock they were served spoke feelingly of Mrs. Hartzell's kind-nervous, but their nerves soon became with a substantial breakfast, which more steady and they maintained self- they are with apparent relish. Shortly before partaking of their last control to a remarkable degree. Both meal, and also a short time before were then assisted to their feet and being led to the death trap, the John spoke as follows: "I am as innoboys spoke freely to some of the spec. cent of the murder of David Berkey as public opinion as to the guilt of the The result was that they soon found tators and took advantage of the lim- the stars in heaven and know nothing Roddys. ited time to bid a last farewell to all about it. I leave lots of prayers behind them declare that the men were innorest, and Dunbar's ministerial career who desired to have a few parting me and forgive all. This is all I have cent, and there is no denying the fact was brought to a sudden close. ly self-possessed, but James was slight- almost the same words, but faltered opinion. Sheriff Hartzell, however, and ly nervous. When the editor of The somewhat and had to repeat. In ad- a great majority of Somerset county STAR took them by the hands to say dition to the words uttered by John, he and Johnstown people, especially those now live happily together in Minnesaid he had tried for two years to get who were best acquainted with the "Good-bye, sir;" then added justice here and that he was now going Roddys, seem to think otherwise. But to where he would have another hear-

black caps were pulled down over their acted conscientiously and the law had faces and Rev. Vogel offered a prayer. After the prayer the prisoners said: "Good-bye, Sheriff," and the trap was then sprung and the Roddys hurled in-

A few short convulsive struggles and all was over. John did not move perber of the Berkey family that he was ceptibly, his neck having been broken.

James dead in 12 minutes.

on the northbound evening train. THEIR DYING DECLARATION

Elder Mullendore spent the greater Revs. Mullendore, Cameron and Vo- mate that they had any knowledge of ing again, but she does not make

men Elder Mullendore reduced the following statement to writing, which the This process is kept up through the en Roddy brothers have requested to be published as their dying declaration:

Somerset, Pa., Apr. 25th, 1898. John and James Roddy desire to pair. leave this, their dying statement: "That we are innocent of the Berkey robbery, and we, neither of us, know anything about it. We are sorry that the Berkey people allowed the detectives to influence them into the belief that we were the parties that tortured and robbed them. We believe they were honest, but they were mistaken. We hope to meet them at the bar of God, where the truth will be known and where they will find us innocent. We will forgive them all and wish them We leave this world for other people's crimes. We are glad that if we must die we will die innogent of the crime for which we stand convicted. Some of the witnesses were honest, but were mistaken. Others swore falsely. We are not blaming the honest ones The dishonest ones we forgive as we hope to be forgiven."

JOHN RODDY,

JAMES RODDY. "The above statement was dictated by John Roddy in the presence of James. Both, however, have repeatedly made substantially the same statements to me alone, under the most solemn exhortation to speak the truth as they would speak it before God," said Rev. Wm. Mullendore to the editor of THE STAR.

CONVERSION AND BAPTISM.

After making the foregoing declaration, both of the condemned men then confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized into the Christian church, by Rev. Mullendore, of Somerset, on Mon-Christian church, the Rev. H. N. Cameron of the Somerset Methodist church, and the Rev. Peter Vogel of the Christian church. During the opening song, cruise. During his absence his mother in which the attorneys of the Roddys, the jail officers, a number of the Rod- talked incessantly about her boy, and John Roddy, at the beginning of the second stanza of "Jesus, Lover of My ticipation of his return. When she rea-Soul," joined in the singing. At the conclusion of the second stanza he bowed his head in grief. James Roddy went throughout the singing

John was the first to be baptized, the the ceremony according to the proper form of the sacrament. James while undergoing the baptism, appeared to mation he wrote the "There's a Light public interest, and also such other company the bodies to Johnstown, be greatly frightened and struggled in the water.

THEIR LAST NIGHT.

Just before Sheriff Hartzell locked the condemned brothers in their cells. John asked him to walk out to the death trap with him. With his feet resting on the trap, John said: "Sheriff, I hope everything will go off all right to-morrow; I don't want any accident to occur. About a half-hour before the time comes I want you to come to my cell, when I will tell you something. Then I want you to take me out to the trap and while the deputies are putting the straps on our legs I want you to put the boys, spent an hour with them in the rope around our necks, and then I pleasant conversation, recounting inci- want to say something that will surprise a few people, and then down will

PUBLIC OPINION.

James then spoke, uttering that there are many who share their whether they were guilty or innocent, they certainly had two fair trials. The When James finished speaking, the evidence was against them, the jurors to be complied with.

Industrious Birdlings.

Cincinnnati Inquirer.

Sparrows mate in the early spring, as early, if not earlier than any other bird. They build their nests, a huge, bulky concern, in any favorable place, sometimes behind window shutters, some times in cornices, and in the country they generally find it desirable to build in hay or straw stacks. The nest is built of strings, rags, feathers, and straw. They do not use sticks or anything rough or hard. The female lays from four to eight eggs, and hatches the first brood herself excepting, of brothers. According to his statement ting food, when the male temporarily inute and confess.

he never before pictured hell in such takes her place. But this does not often awful form as he did to them, or made occur. At the expiration of fourteen more powerful pleas to men to confess days, or the period of incubation, the the condemned men and remained with their sins. At no time during the them until the drop fell.

young birds are hatched. Four or five days later the female commences laygel arrived at the jail at 9 a. m., and the Berkey murder, while on the other other nest. She lays her eggs right in eggs, but her young ones do the rest. tire summer, so that by the end of the birds as the offspring of the original

PREACHER DIED A PAUPER.

Checkered Career of the Author of "There's a Light in the Window for Thee."

a Capital. The Rev. Edward Durbar, who wrote the old Sunday-School song—"There's a Light in the Window for Thee, Broth er"-sleeps in a pauper's grave at Coffeyville, Kan., where he died a tramp in the town jail two years ago. His name became a byword in the places where he was known, and from a prison cell he went forth a vagabond upon the face of the earth. In 1867 Dunbar was arrested at Leavenworth, while en gaged in holding a series of revival meetings, and taken to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was tried for bigamy, convicted, and sent to the penitentiary for three years and eight months

One night in the spring of 1866 Dun bar applied at the Coffeyville jail for lodging. He was ill and the authorities took him in. He died the next. Papers in his pockets revealed his idenity, and showed that he had tramped all over the country. Some church people have erected a marble stab over his grave on which these words are inscribed:

"Here lies Edward Dunbar, who wrote There's a Light in the Window for Thee, Brother."

When Dunbar was a small boy he lived in New Bedford, Mass., and worked in a factory. His mother lived at the foot of the street on which the factory was located, and as the lad's work kept him away till after dark, she always placed a light in the window to guide his footsteps homeward. One day the boy took a notion to go to sea, and off he fell ill, and was at death's door. She friends and others participated, every night she asked those around her to place a light in the window in anlized that the end had come, she said: "Tell Edward that I will set a light in the window of heaven for him." were her last words.

he returned home, and his mother's dying message had such an effect upon him that he reformed and became a

The Rev. Edward Dunbar married a young lady of New Bedford and several children were the result of the union The young divine soon made a reputation as a brilliant pulpit orator, and the public was, therefore, greatly surprised when one Sunday morning he skipped the country, leaving his wife and children behind. He came to Kansas, and, after snatching brands from the burning in different parts of the State, he swooped down upon the city of Minne apolis, Minn., and began to show the people the error of their way.

of Minneapolis, was one of the con-

the friends of the bride, who had mis lately Judge of the Second Judicial There seems to be quite a division of Minneapolis, and they took the case. The lawyers who defended evidence sufficient to warrant an ar-

After Dunbar's incarceration, Judge Young secured a divorce for Mrs. Dunbar and married her himself. They

A Song of Liberty.

The velvet vales sing "Liberty!" To answering skies serene The mountains, sloping to the sea. Wave all their flags of green

The joyful notes prolong,
And all their waves in glory leap
To that immortal song!

It rises, and an echo comes From chained and troubled isles

Beneath her flag of stars, Her heroes' blood the sacred flood That crimsoned all its bars!

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The lad had grown to manhood ere in the Window for Thee, Brother.'

A great revival followed and hundreds were converted. Miss Eunice Been Lewis, a handsome young heiress She fell in love with the evangelist and married him against the wishes of her friends.

Shortly after the wedding Dunbar returned to Kansas to fill an engagement at Leavenworth. While he was away trusted the evangelist all along, laid their suspicions before W. D. Webb, District of Kansas, and Judge Austin H. Young, who were law partners in

Across the land, from strand to strand, Loud ring the bugle notes, And freedom's smile, from ilse to ilse, Like freedom's banner floats.

The rivers, rushing to to the deep,

One song of liberty and life
That was and is to be
Till tyrant flags are trampled rags
And all the world is free!

And roars like ocean's thunder drums Where glad Columbia smiles.

Where, throned and great, she sits in stat

Hall to our country! Strong she stands,
Nor fears the war drum's bent,
The sword of freedom in her hands,
The tyrant at her feet!
-Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

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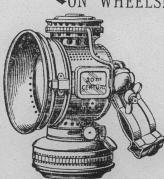
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