

M'ELHANEY'S END.

Boston's Condemned Wife Murderer Sacrificed to Justice.

Massachusetts Vies with New York in Maintaining the Laws.

THE CULPRIT'S LAST NIGHT.

He Sleeps, Prays and Cheerfully Awaits His Fate.

Affecting Religious Ceremonies and Painful Adieus.

ON THE GALLOWS.

In Mournful Silence Four Hundred Spectators Witness His Launch Into Eternity.

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A HORRIBLE MYSTERY.

A Wealthy Citizen of Brooklyn, Brother of An-Assemblyman Goodrich, Found Shot Through the Head.

WAS IT MURDER OR SUICIDE? A Gold Watch, Chain and Pocketbook Stolen from the Person of Deceased—Singular Efforts to Lend the Semblance of Self-Destruction to the Body.

Brooklyn has become the scene of another sensation of a sanguinary character. The affair is one which is enshrouded in an air of mystery, which will require the utmost industry of the expert detectives and the most incisive and penetrative powers of the Coroner to dispel.

BULLET HOLE THROUGH HIS LEFT TEMPLE and a deep scar on his right eyebrow. The window of the rear basement (the kitchen) was broken, so as to admit the entrance of a hand to shove back the catch which fastened the sash.

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THE NOOSE ADJUSTED. Immediately after the conclusion of the reading of the warrant Deputy Sheriff Bradley approached and adjusted the noose around the neck of McElhanev, and the black cap was drawn down over the neck of the condemned.

THE BODY OF THE DECEASED. When the body was lowered and so that the knot, which should have remained under the ear, passed around and rested against the side of the neck.

WASHINGTON MURDERERS. President Grant Commutes O'Brien's Sentence of Death—The Condemned Man to Spend the Remainder of His Days in the Albany Penitentiary—Wright, the Alleged Assassin of a Polish Pedler, Not Yet Disposed Of.

WASHINGTON, March 21, 1873. The President to-day informed the Attorney General that he had decided to commute the sentence of O'Brien from hanging to imprisonment for life, and the Attorney General consequently directed the proper documents to be prepared.

ARREST, RELEASE AND REARREST OF THE HUSBAND—HE IS COMMITTED. Daniel Hickey, the man twenty-eight years of age, who is suspected of having thrown his wife from a second-story window of the apartment house, at 42 West Forty-second street, on the 8th of January last and thus caused her death, as heretofore published in the HERALD, was yesterday brought before Coroner Herrman, at the City Hall, by Sergeant Phillips, of the Fifty-seventh street Police Court, who had arrested him the night previous at 78 Second avenue, the residence of his sister.

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ANOTHER FIRE IN ERIE.

All the Buildings at the Long Dock Consumed.

The Passenger Depot, the Ferry Buildings and Two Freight Houses in Ruins—Loss \$175,000—Travel Not to Be Impeded.

For the third time within six years the Erie depot in Jersey City has been visited by a most destructive fire. That which broke out yesterday, shortly before one o'clock in the afternoon, was the least destructive of the three, though the conflagration swept over an area of three acres, leaving scarcely a landmark of one half the passenger depot on the eastern side and reducing the two immense east-bound freight houses, with their contents, as well as the ferry house, to a heap of cinders which floated away with the tide.

It appears that the fire originated in that part of the passenger depot in which Appell's saloon is located, and so rapidly did it spread that the clerks and employes within the offices could barely escape with their lives. They left behind them not only the archives and documents of every kind, but some even left their overcoats. The front row of offices comprised on the ground floor the Northern Railroad office, the telegraph office and baggage room.

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