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**The Penalty Paid.**  
NEWGATE PRISON, London, December 17.—O'Donnell was hanged at two minutes past eight o'clock this morning. Despite the boisterous and squally weather, considerable of a crowd assembled at the prison at 7 o'clock, hundreds of workmen passing by the jail waiting to gaze at the black flag. Among them was O'Donnell's brother, who paced to and fro opposite the flag-staff in the most dejected manner, exciting the sympathy of all present. The execution occurred without a hitch. O'Donnell was calm and collected and made no statement on the scaffold.

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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17, 1883.  
Though "the season" in the official social circles of the capital does not open until the first of January, there have been a few informal receptions, etc., and on some days the door-steps of certain residences have been pretty well littered with the little tissue slips dropped from packages of visiting cards. It must be an awful bore to be the wife of an official and receive this stream of callers on certain days, yet the ladies seem to like it and are even more ambitious than their husbands to occupy the positions placing them high in the social scale. There being no Mrs. Arthur in the White House, and Senator Anthony, who is to be President of the Senate, and really Vice President, being a bachelor, Mrs. Carlisle, the wife of the new Speaker, will occupy the position of society-leader this winter. At all official dinners Mrs. Carlisle, like Mrs. Keifer last year, will rank her husband, and if the President is present will take the position corresponding to his. This official etiquette seems very strange outside of Washington, but here where so many guests at entertainments are official it is absolutely necessary that there should be some rule of precedence, or else there would be bitter jealousies. At a dinner the oldest Senator in point of service takes precedence of all other Senators present, even though he may be the dullest and most uninteresting one present. In the same way the Members who have served the longest take precedence of the younger ones.  
Mrs. Carlisle is a woman who will grace her position. She is a Kentuckian, her father having at one time been Mayor of Covington, and she inherits the splendid physique for which Kentucky belles are famous. She is a blonde in complexion, with blue-gray eyes, and a figure as lithe as a young girl's. It is difficult to realize that she is the mother of two grown sons. She is dignified, but unassuming in manner, loyal to her friends and kind to every one. Her great faith in her husband's success was well illustrated in her cool confidence during the Speakership contest. No one showed less excitement, and whenever the subject was broached to her she said calmly: "I am just as certain of his being Speaker as I am that I'm alive. Of course no one can beat John. He has never been beaten yet when he was a candidate for anything."  
Even had Senator Edmunds remained President of the Senate Mrs. Edmunds would not have taken her place as society leader, as she is in mourning for a daughter. The President's house will be unusually gay this winter, it is said. Mrs. McElroy, of Albany, the President's sister, will be here with her beautiful daughter to do the honors there. They say Mr. Arthur is remarkably fond of music, though the stories are not quite true. One of his friends says that even a well-tuned hand organ has charms for the President, and relates the following incident: "One day a few weeks ago he was driving in from Soldiers' Home accompanied by Miss Nellie and myself. We had just turned into Fourteenth street when a hand organ was heard playing a lively air near by. In an instant the President's face lightened up, and when we reached the spot where the organ grinder was standing he ordered the driver to stop. For fifteen minutes we remained there until the Italian had exhausted his repertoire and his monkey had climbed into the carriage twice. Each