

[LeRoy, New York]

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A LeRoy correspondent of the Rochester *Post Express*, speaking of the Rev. G. W. Powell, says that while pastor of the Universalist church there "he was regarded as a somewhat eccentric though a very able man. He was addicted to evening chats in corner groceries, and used to sit for hours at a time with his feet on the top of the stove, and smoke cigars and gossip. His sermons bordered on the sensational, and it seemed to be his desire to attract all the attention possible. Evidently this desire clings to him still, for, while attending to the spiritual needs of Mrs. Druse¹, he neglected few opportunities for getting his name into the papers. The result has not been what he expected, perhaps, for he has achieved an unpleasant notoriety and has been obliged to encounter much severe newspaper criticism. His prayer on the gallows seems to have been particularly objectionable to the critics."

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¹ Roxana Druse was hanged in Herkimer, NY on February 28, 1887 for the murder of her husband. Rev. Powell was her clergyman.