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Happenings in The State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

SPEEDY PUNISHMENT GIVEN, CHESTER NEGRO.

Chester, Nov. 4.—There was a case of speedy punishment on the opening day of the court of sessions.

Lewis Williams, col., committed house-breaking and larceny on the 30th of October. On the 1st of November he was indicted for the offence, pleaded guilty to the indictment, was sentenced to one year on the chain gang and began to serve his sentence before sundown of that day.

RECEIVED DEATH SENTENCE.

Chester, Nov. 5.—In the court of sessions here today William Hardin, colored, was convicted of murder and sentenced by Judge Watts to be hanged on Dec. 16.

Hardin's crime was the killing of his father-in-law, Henry Sanders, in September last.

Rebecca Walker, colored, charged with the killing of her husband, Glover Walker, on Aug. 6th, was convicted of manslaughter. Her counsel gave notice of a motion for a new trial.

DAVID OTT RELEASED ON BAIL.

Orangeburg, Nov. 5.—David Ott, who was arrested on Monday, charged with having committed a criminal assault on Miss Lula Shumaker last Sunday afternoon and who was subsequently bound over to the court of sessions, is out on bond.

Col. Adam H. Moss, council for young Ott, appeared before Judge Dantzer yesterday and applied for bail for his client, which was granted in the sum of \$3,000.

This was promptly furnished. Mr. A. A. Ott, father of the prisoner, and Mr. T. R. R. McCants, being the sureties.

The case will doubtless be tried at the January term of court.

THORNWELL ORPHANAGE SUFFERS FROM FIRE.

Clinton, Nov. 4.—The Memorial Dining hall of Thornwell orphanage was destroyed by fire last night.

The fire was discovered about 11.30 o'clock and had then gained such headway as to make it impossible to save the building. The best that could be done was to prevent the flames spreading to the dormitories on each side, in which the inmates were asleep when the fire began. There were no sleeping apartments in the memorial hall but it was fitted up in excellent style and the financial loss is heavy. The building contained dining room, store rooms and kitchen, the last being furnished with modern ranges and appliances. The destruction of the building leaves the orphans with nothing to eat and no place to cook or eat if there were provisions on hand. Despite the late hour, however, citizens of Clinton are preparing to feed the children tomorrow. But help must come promptly to put things in shape again and Dr. Jacobs, the superintendent, appeals to the people through The State for contributions at once.

The burned building was erected by popular subscriptions, chiefly from Presbyterians in 1888,

and was a handsome stone structure, about 50x60 feet, costing about \$10,000. It is supposed that the fire started from one of the ovens.

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Ex-mayor McCue Guilty.

Convicted Of The Murder Of His Wife.—The Jury Out Less than Half an Hour.

Charlottesville, Va. November 5.—J. Samuel McCue, for four years mayor of Charlottesville, was found guilty to-day of the murder of his wife, Fannie McCue, on Sunday night, September 4, last. The verdict was murder in the first degree, which carries with it the death penalty. The jury deliberated less than half an hour.

A dead silence prevailed in the Court room when the jury filed back into the chamber to announce the fate of the accused. The crowd that filled the Court room remained until the jury came in. Mr. McCue had grown nervous as Mr. Gilmer, the Commonwealth attorney, was closing, and the suspense while awaiting the jury's verdict was a severe strain but he held up, occasionally taking a Testament from a pocket and reading a passage or two.

When asked to stand up to hear the verdict, he rose calmly and with set features heard the words that sent him back to prison condemned to the severest penalty of the law.

It was when relaxation came during a half hours interim, while his attorneys conferred as to their motion for a new trial, that McCue showed emotion. His little daughter Ruby clined on his lap, her eyes redened by weeping, and while she was there two other small children clung to his side. Great tears streamed down his cheeks. Surrounding the group were relatives, who scarcely knew what to say to cheer the young man. The verdict was received in silence by the throng, which literally obeyed the Court's injunction that there must be no demonstration.

Counsel for the defense moved that the verdict be set aside, on the ground that the jurors had read newspapers. The Court called the Jurors to the witness stand one by one and questioned them under oath as to whether they had read the newspapers. As a whole they said they had not been influenced by anything they read. The motion will be argued later. As McCue left the Court House to go to jail, accompanied by four guards, a large crowd was standing on the outside, but there was no untoward act.

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