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## Confessed Before Death

### McCue Met Death Coolly, But Without Bravado.

The Ex-Mayor of Charlottesville Told his Spiritual Advisers That he Was Guilty of the Murder of His Wife and That His Punishment Was Just.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 10.—Without a tremor J Samuel McCue met death on the scaffold at 7.35 o'clock this morning for wife murder. Hardly had his struggles ceased when his confession was given out by his three spiritual advisers, the Revs G L Petrie, D.D., H B Lee and John B Thompson. McCue listened calmly to the death warrant and when Sergt Rogers asked, "Do you think that if I gave you my arm you would be able to walk to the scaffold?" he replied calmly, "I can walk without your aid." On the way to the scaffold he stumbled once or twice and the officers proffered assistance. It was not needed, however. There was no weakness McCue had merely slipped on the frozen snow.

Watched by a silent crowd of perhaps thirty people, McCue mounted the scaffold. By this time the sunlight was streaming across the house tops around him. Not a muscle of his face moved. Rogers and two guards ascended the scaffold with him. The prisoner was placed over the trap, his arms were pinioned and his ankles strapped. The black gown was folded around him and the noose was adjusted.

All this time McCue stood without moving. The hopes that he might make some statement before he died finally passed away. The cowl dropped over his head and he had seen his last of the world. Not a word had he uttered.

Before he placed the rope about McCue's neck Sergt Rogers put his arm over the condemned man's shoulders and whispered something to him. When everything was ready Mr Rogers again spoke to McCue and asked him if he had any statement to make.

"None at all," was his answer. The trap was sprung and nineteen minutes afterward McCue was pronounced dead of strangulation. His neck was not broken.

After the execution one of McCue's spiritual advisers said that McCue left this world with feelings of bitterness toward no human being in it. His heart was wonderfully softened. He was earnest and tender. This morning in our presence he offered to God a fervent prayer for his family; for his brothers and their wives; for his sister; for his uncles and aunts and lastly and most fervently of all his children. He called them each by name. He invoked the blessings of the Almighty God upon them all.

Immediately after the execution Mr McCue's three spiritual advisers gave out the following signed statement:

"T Samuel McCue stated this morning in our presence and requested us to make public that he did not wish to leave this world with suspicion resting on any human being other than himself; that he alone was responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control, and

that he recognized his sentence as just."

J Samuel McCue was 49 years old had twice been mayor of the city of Charlottesville. The tragedy for which he paid the penalty created more interest than any other crime that has occurred in the State in the past quarter of a century. On Sunday night Sept 4, McCue accompanied his wife to church and they returned home about 9.15 o'clock. Within fifteen minutes after they had repaired to their room to retire for the night the city was aroused by messages announcing the murder of Mrs McCue. Mrs McCue was found dead in the bath room and McCue was lying on the floor with an abrasion on his cheek and feigning unconsciousness. He later asserted that the attack had been made by an unknown white man who had climbed through a window.

Mrs McCue had been dealt a blow that broke her nose and her left ear had been almost severed by a second blow. Death was caused by a gunshot wound just above the heart.

McCue was never able to explain the presence in the bath room of a small piece of cotton undershirt which fitted exactly a torn place in the shirt which he had on when the officers arrived.

Two women figured in the reports that circulated as to the cause of the murder and a letter filled with endearing language sent him by one of his women clients was produced at his trial.

McCue had quarrelled with his wife a number of times. She was 40 years old and the mother of four children. The coroner's jury held McCue for the murder three days after it occurred and he has since been confined in jail, vehemently protesting his innocence.

His trial was concluded Nov 5 and he was convicted, the jury being out only twenty-six minutes.

### A Night Alarm

Worse than an alarm of fire at night is the brassy cough of croup, which sounds like the children's death knell and it means death unless something is done quickly. Foley's Honey and Tar never fails to give instant relief and quickly cures the worst forms of croup. Mrs. P. L. Cordier, of Manning, Ky., writes: My three year old girl had a severe case of croup. The doctor said she could not live. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, and the first dose gave quick relief and saved her life." Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

### Railroad Clash in Columbia

Columbia, February 9.—This afternoon, when the New York and Florida Express, coming south, entered the city at Blanding street it came in collision with a shifting engine. Both engines were badly injured and the mail car was also torn up.

Mr. Graddick, the engineer of the shifting engine, was not injured. G. P. Harris, fireman on the switch train, jumped, and was badly shaken up, but had no bones broken. He was the only one who had to be lifted away, but is not badly hurt. The passengers were shaken up and some were thrown down, but no one was injured, and all passengers continued their trip after a delay in making up a train.

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## Mrs Edwards Exonerates Negro From Complicity

Reading, Pa., Woman Says She Killed Her Husband Single Handed—Execution May be Postponed.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 3.—Mrs Kate Edwards, who is under sentence to be hanged with Samuel Greason on Thursday next, for the murder of her husband, made a statement to her counsel today in which, it is said, she exonerated Greason from complicity in the murder. The statement will not be given to the public until it is presented to the board of pardons but the inference is left that she has admitted that she alone committed the crime.

Mrs Edwards and Greason, who is a colored man, were convicted of the murder of Edwards, and since the death sentence has been pronounced extraordinary efforts have been made to save them from the gallows. The board of pardons has heretofore refused to interfere and the State supreme court has affirmed the lower courts verdict.

Mrs Edwards' confession, it is thought will place the case in an entirely new aspect before the board of pardons. The board will meet at Harrisburg, Feb 15, the day before the date fixed for double execution. If the woman's statement is accepted by the board it may save the man's life. If the woman is spared it will, therefore, be entirely on sentimental grounds, as strong pressure is being brought before the board not to permit the woman to be hanged. In the trial much testimony was presented to show that Edwards was a dissolute character, that he drank heavily and that he treated his wife in a brutal manner. It was shown that Edwards was killed while he lay drunk at his home.

It is expected that the execution will at least be postponed, in view of the statement of Mrs Edwards. Another development in the case today was the receipt from St Louis of an affidavit signed by Mary Edwards, the daughter. This affidavit is as follows: "I wish to state that I was very angry at Samuel Greason for what he did to my mother, but he had nothing to do with the killing of my father that I know of; and, therefore he should not be hanged for that crime. I certainly wish they would not hang my mother."

### PECULIAR DISAPPEARANCE.

J. D. Runyan, of Butlerville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms, of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy, for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc." Guaranteed at Crawford Bros., J. F. Mackey & Co. and Funderburk Pharmacy, Drug stores, price 25c.

### Sheriff of Chesterfield is Dead.

Cheraw, Feb. 9.—Sheriff D. B. Douglas, who had just entered his fifth term as sheriff, died at his home at Chesterfield yesterday. Mr. Douglas was about sixty years old.

Make your druggist give you Murray's Horehound, Mullen and Tar Cures your cough. 25c a bottle

## Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

### LITTLE MOVEMENT IN FERTILIZER.

Charleston, Feb. 9.—The shipment of fertilizer is now much short of the usual figures but the dealers are expecting orders to pile in, necessitating a great rush at almost any time. Usually at this time of the year the soil enriching stuff is going out of Charleston at the rate of almost 400 cars a day and now the movement is less than 100.

### KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Westminster, Feb. 9.—Miss Magnolia Waters, a young lady of this place, was run over and killed by the fast mail near here Monday. The deplorable accident happened at Harbines, about four miles south of this place. Miss Waters was 27 years old and was afflicted with deafness, which probably accounts for her not having heard the approaching train.

### A DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Elloree, Feb. 9.—Charlie Livingston, a young man about 21 years old, while adjusting a belt at A L Otts' ginny today, was caught in the shafting and both arms and legs were broken: The body of the young man was wrapped around the shafting in a most torturing manner, mutilating the flesh of his legs and breast before assistance could reach him. Medical aid was quickly summoned and all that is possible is being done to save the young man.

### Murderer Insane.

St George, Feb. 9.—E L Dikes, col., charged with the murder of Henry Cummings, in January, was ordered sent to the Insane Asylum, physicians testifying that he was hardly in mental condition at this time to answer to the indictment.

### Murray's Horehound Mullen and Tar will cure your cough large bottle for 2c.

### Investigation Due.

(From the Manning Times.) The special Legislative committee appointed to investigate the several State officers, reported yesterday that they find the records in the office of Secretary of the State J. T. Gantt in a very irregular and unsatisfactory condition. It will be remembered that shortly after an investigation of this office was started last year there was a mysterious fire that done considerable damage to the records, and a short time ago there was an explosion of a boiler in the heating plant under the State House that had evidently been tampered with, about which an appointee of Secretary Gantt was frequently mentioned. In view of all the circumstances, it is due Secretary Gantt, as well as the State, that a thorough and exhaustive investigation of the whole situation should be promptly made.

For Coughs—at your druggists or direct from Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.—Murray's Horehound Mullen and Tar. 25c for large size bottle.

## Senator Biven's Wife Killed Jew Peddler

Homicide in Dorchester County Startles Legislature—Particulars are Indefinite.

The State, 12th inst.

Just after the senate convened for business yesterday morning Senator J D Bivens of Dorchester received the following telegram: "Your wife killed the Jew. Come home at once. Particulars later. J A Limehouse."

Senator Bivens naturally was dumfounded on receipt of this news from the deputy sheriff of his county, and immediately left for his home. Just after he had gone communication was established on the long distance telephone by a friend, but this disclosed little. Just before he left, Senator Bivens said that he supposed the telegram referred to a Jewish peddler named Greenberg, who had intended opening a store in the neighborhood of Ravenel, where Senator Bivens lived.

When The State received the news of the tragedy it immediately set about to obtain the particulars, but the district is so sparsely settled by white people that this was difficult. The telegraph operator at Ravenel knew nothing of the killing, and so The State wired its correspondent at St George, the county seat of Dorchester. The following message was received:

"A telephone message from Summerville says Mrs Docia T Bivens, wife of State Senator John D Bivens, killed a burglar peddler who entered her home last night. Mr Biven's home is some 10 miles from Summerville and 25 miles from here. The particulars of the killing cannot be ascertained."

Next the news was sent to the Charleston correspondent of The State, who wired as follows:

"A dispatch received here this afternoon states that Mrs John D Bivens, wife of Senator Bivens of Dorchester, killed a peddler named Greenberg last night and today the jury of inquest exonerated her, finding a verdict of justifiable homicide. It appears that Mr Greenberg was arrested at Dorchester a week ago for insulting Mrs Bivens, but was released and prosecution dropped on his promise to quit the town. He returned last night, calling at the residence of Mrs Bivens, who raised an alarm, bringing a number of neighbors to her assistance. The premises were searched and Greenberg was found in an outhouse. He ventured the explanation that he had returned at the request of Mrs Bivens, and the remark so enraged the woman, who accompanied the party, to such an extent that she raised her husband's shot gun, which she carried and shot Greenberg, killing him instantly. Mrs Bivens was released on a nominal bond."

Last night Senator Col's L Blease of Newberry, who is a close friend of Senator Bivens and who accompanied him home, having been engaged as counsel for Mrs Bivens, wired The State the following message:

"Magistrate Cummings held inquest over the dead body of Greenberg. Jury returned verdict of justifiable homicide. Mrs Bivens released under bond to appear at next term of court."

## Increase Half Mill.

The Supply Bill as Reported Makes the State Tax Levy 5 1-2 Mills—To Get on Cash Basis.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The supply bill, reported today, carries a levy of 5 1-2 mills. This is an increase of 1-2 mill for the general State purposes and the ways and means committee regards this as necessary to get the State in time on a cash basis.

The levy is 4 1-2 mills for general State purposes and 1 mill for pensions. The committee figures, that the expenses of the State aggregate \$1,225,000 and 5 mills, with the other sources of revenue, will raise \$1,185,000. This, with \$100,000 from the franchise tax law, it is figured, will allow a surplus of \$100,000 with which the State may catch up and get on a cash basis.

The committee regards this increase of half mill in the general supply bill as necessary, and has made it plain that 1 mill is necessary for pensions, \$200,000 being appropriated annually for that purpose.

### Prominent South Carolina Lady Passed Away.

Columbia Record, 9th inst.

Mrs. William Wallace, widow of the late Col. William Wallace, died at her home on Blanding street this morning after an illness of several days. Mrs. Wallace was 69 years of age and a member of one of the most distinguished families in South Carolina, all of whom have taken an active part in sharing the affairs of the state, and until recently were the controlling balance of power in political matters.

Mrs. Wallace was Miss Fannie Coalter Means, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Davis H. Means, and was born in Fairfield county in September, 1835. She was one of eleven children, all of whom made their mark in the world and were connected with some of the most influential families in the country. She was first married to Dr. John G. Mobley, of Fairfield county, and one and the only child survives this union, Mr. John G. Mobley.

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Funderburk Pharmacy.

### One Negro Kills Another.

St. George, February 9.—Jasper Shepard a negro lad about 16 years old was shot and killed on Tuesday morning, in the woods, a mile or two from town, by another negro, Henry Summers.

From the testimony it would appear that the killing was entirely accidentally no quarrel or threats appearing.

### FIENDISH SUFFERING

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers that eat away your skin. Wm. Bedell, of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, for Ulcers, Sores and Cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at Funderburk Pharmacy, J. F. Mackey & Co., and Crawford Bros., drug stores; guaranteed.

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