

MUST RETURN TO ASYLUM.

Man Who Caused Georgia Hospital for Insane Inquiry Ordered Back.

Augusta, Ga., November 24.—R. E. Dunnington, on whose allegations an investigation of the Georgia State Sanitarium for the Insane was ordered recently by the Governor of the State, was to-day tried before a lunacy commission and ordered to the asylum. When the finding of the commission was announced, Dunnington swearing that he would not go back to the asylum to be punished for the action that he had taken against the institution, attacked the officers in Court. He was overpowered and placed in jail, pending his return to the sanitarium. Dunnington was on a furlough when he made his charges. Later he developed evidences of insanity. Steps were taken at that time to return him to the asylum. He armed himself, shot officers who tried to arrest him and escaped.

He was taken into custody and returned to Augusta, his trial for lunacy following to-day.

DUCK HUNTER FATALLY SHOT.

Marion O. Westbury Dies as Result of Accident.

Georgetown, November 27.—A very regrettable accident occurred on the Waccamaw river last Saturday, November 20, whereby the life of young Marion O. Westbury was lost. Mr. Westbury, 23 years of age, and his friend, Cornelius Dorrill, were out duck hunting, and while the young men were dragging the light ducking canoe across a bank in one of the rice fields bordering the river, one of the guns in the boat was discharged, the load striking Westbury in the left thigh and a few of the shot penetrating the abdomen, leaving an ugly wound. With great fortitude he bore his sufferings until rowed to town by his friend, where medical attention was quickly had. Young Dorrill, with great coolness and presence of mind, stanching the flow of blood as best he could, and prevented the wounded man from dying from loss of blood before medical aid could be secured.

It was at first believed that the life of the unfortunate young man might be saved, but unfavorable symptoms set in Sunday, and he passed away early Monday morning. The funeral services were held Tuesday, and the remains buried in Elmwood Cemetery, the Rev. W. H. Hodges officiating. Mr. Westbury was an oiler on one of the river steamers, and was well considered by those who knew him.

Five People Drown in Lake.

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 25.—Five persons were drowned in Muskegon lake this afternoon when a pleasure launch, carrying a party of nine young people, capsized as the result of a panic following a gasoline explosion. Four of those who lost their lives were members of one family.

The dead: Oscar Carlson, aged 28; Hulda Carlson, aged 24; Anna Carlson, aged 20; Jennie Carlson, aged 18; Ann Sanders. The party started out to attend a wedding on the north side of the lake and decided to take a short cruise before going to the festivities. They encircled the lake and were within 150 feet of the north landing when, in some manner, some gasoline exploded. The girls became panic stricken.

The bodies were all recovered.

Masked Mob Lynches Negro.

Meridian, Miss., Nov. 25.—Morgan Chambers, a negro, was taken from Town Marshal Broadway and Deputy Joe Camp at Meehan, 12 miles west of Meridian tonight by a mob of 200 masked men and his body riddled with bullets.

The negro had earlier in the day been beaten and robbed Martin Dressler, an aged citizen of Point, a small station two miles west of Meehan.

Dressler was taken to Meehan for medical treatment. The negro, captured at Chunkey, a few miles further west, was taken to Meehan, where he was positively identified by his victim. After the identification Marshal Broadway and Deputy Camp started with the prisoner for the town prison. On the way they were confronted by the mob, which took the negro by force, Marshal Broadway having his cheek grazed by a bullet in the scrimmage. After obtaining possession of the negro the mob dragged him a short distance and shot him to death, several hundred bullets penetrating his body. The mob then quickly dispersed, leaving Meehan, going in the direction of Point and Chunkey.

Three Children Burned.

Spartanburg, Nov. 25.—A message from Switzer says three negro children were burned to death on the Prince Bivings place, near there, this morning.

Their mother, Norah Evans, leaving the children in bed, kindled a fire in the room where they slept and went a short distance to a neighbor's home, but before her return her home was burned and her children perished.

RAILROAD RECEIVERS' FEES.

Get Sums Ranging From \$24,584 to \$40,000 a Year.

Judge W. H. Sanborn, of the United States circuit court, at St. Paul, Minn., on Monday filed an order allowing A. B. Stickney and Charles H. F. Smith as receivers of the Chicago Great Western railroad approximately one-half the amount they asked for as compensation for their work. They asked for \$50,000 a year.

Under the court's order Mr. Stickney will receive \$24,584 for serving one year minus six days. Mr. Smith is allowed a total of about \$42,000. Part of these sums have already been paid to both receivers.

Mr. H. G. Burt, who succeeded Mr. Stickney as receiver, will get \$40,000, but not by the court's order, as he was engaged by special contract with the London committee which is managing the reorganization of the road. He served nine months.

MESSERVEY FOUND GUILTY

JURY COMPROMISES ON VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The Sentence Twenty Years—Culprit Sobs Like a Child, Pleading to be Hanged.

Walterboro, Nov. 25.—Sobbing like a child and begging Judge Dantzier to change his sentence from 20 years in the State penitentiary to hanging, J. W. Messervey, the slayer of Constables Fishburne and Altman, at Ravenel, July 6, was led from the court room this morning at 9:50 o'clock, the jury having announced their verdict of guilty of manslaughter and Judge Dantzier having pronounced the sentence of the court a few minutes later.

The sentence was "That you, J. W. Messervey, be confined in the State penitentiary at such labor as you are able to perform for the period of 20 years."

The jury had deliberated 16 hours and when court convened this morning for the purpose of hearing their verdict the foreman announced that they had just agreed but desired some instruction as to the form of their verdict. It was learned that two of the jurors were for acquittal and the 10 at first were for murder but agreed to compromise on a verdict of manslaughter.

Judge Dantzier again instructed them and in about ten minutes they returned to their seats and announced that they had agreed upon a verdict.

The Crowd Expectant.

A large crowd was eagerly watching the announcement of the verdict. Judge Dantzier took the precaution to warn those present that no demonstration would be allowed. Messervey betrayed no sign of emotion as the clerk read the verdict.

When asked by the judge if he had anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced upon him he replied, "No, except I am not guilty."

The judge began to write the sentence but paused long enough to ask the prisoner, "How long have you been afflicted with your leg?"

"Sixteen or seventeen years," he answered.

After finishing the sentence Judge Dantzier said to the prisoner:

"If you had been convicted of murder I would not have disturbed the verdict. You have been represented by able counsel who did all they could for you; you have had a fair trial, you had no right to kill Mr. Fishburne. I do not believe he intended to confiscate your horse and wagon. In consideration of the condition of your leg I will not sentence you to hard labor in the penitentiary but will sentence you to perform such labor as you are able to perform. The sentence of the court is that you be confined in the State penitentiary at such labor as you are able to perform for the period of 20 years."

Breaks Down.

Unmoved through all the trial and seemingly not affected by any of the testimony, when the words, "For the period of 20 years" were uttered, the prisoner broke down and wept like a child, begging the judge to change the verdict to hanging, saying, "I would rather die than have my life wasted in this way. Judge, change it to hanging. Let me die, judge; change it to hanging. It's not right. I'm not guilty."

The judge ordered the sheriff to remain the prisoner to jail. Sheriff Fox told him to come with him but Messervey, not heeding him, continued to cry to the judge to hang him instead.

The judge again ordered him remained to jail. It was a pitiful spectacle, this unfortunate man, blind in one eye and a cripple, with his father on one side and brother on the other, sobbingly pleading with the judge to have himself hanged. A sigh of relief broke from the crowd as the sheriff led him from the room still sobbing.

Col. Padgett moved for a new trial on the ground that the judge had erred in holding that it was not necessary for a liquor constable under the Carey-Cothran law to file his bond with the clerk of court and that therefore a constable could legally perform his duties without the filing of such a bond. This was the main issue in the case from a legal point of view. Judge Dantzier promptly overruled the motion.

The verdict in this case is considered a great victory for the defense. A verdict of murder was expected, at least murder with recommendation to mercy. The verdict of manslaughter was not thought of, either murder or a mistrial was expected.

"Hot Supper" Killing Begins.

Spartanburg, Nov. 26.—Will Brown, colored, was shot and killed by Ed Fowler, colored, Thursday night at a Baptist church known as "The Corner," near Wellford in this county. Fowler gave himself up today and is in jail. The trouble occurred at a "hot supper," and followed a difficulty between the two negroes.

The shotgun Fowler used is said to have been picked up by him in the corner of the room where it had been placed by a negro who had been hunting during the day.

RAPIST GIVEN LIFE TERM.

Negro's Victim Attempts to Kill Him in Cell, but Fails.

McAlester, Okla., November 27.—William Jones, a negro, pleaded guilty to attacking Mrs. John King, near here, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life here to-day.

Earlier in the day Mrs. King, when taken to the negro's cell to identify him, attempted to shoot Jones with a revolver which she had hidden in the folds of her skirt. The bullet went wild, however, and before the woman could fire a second shot, she was dragged away from the cell.

Jones was given a speedy trial on account of the intense feeling against him. A mob vainly tried to take him away from the police.

To Tax Bachelors.

What to do about the alarming increase of unmarried men is a problem more pressing than what to do with our ex President. The increase in the number of spinsters has, of course, kept pace with that of the bachelors, but—whether justly or not—the latter get all the blame.

Various remedies for bachelorhood have been suggested, but the favorite corrective seems to be a bachelor tax, says The Chattanooga Times. Numerous bills of this nature have, at different times been introduced in the State legislature, and at the present writing there are at least four States where assemblymen will offer a bachelor bill.

In Iowa the proposed tax is \$25 per annum, in Missouri \$50, and in Texas it runs from \$10 to \$25—depending on the age of the offender. The Texas bill also provides that each eligible bachelor shall propose to at least one woman each year under a penalty of a double tax.

The Texas tax would probably bring the State \$2,000,000 annually, and even in Missouri the revenue derived from the proposed tax would be \$500,000. From these figures it is evident that as a revenue measure the bachelor tax would be a success—but, for that matter, so would a tax on the people blessed with red hair or large ears, and from a revenue standpoint one law would be as just as another. It would be class legislation based on homeliness and loneliness.

A Wisconsin assemblyman who has introduced a bachelor tax says that many people wish to marry, but don't know how to go about it. This is undoubtedly true and many who have succeeded in marrying didn't know how to go about it, either. They went about it, some of them, as though they were buying a horse or bargaining for a piece of real estate, and others married on sight, got acquainted when they had time, and then regretted wasting time. The assemblyman hopes to remedy this sad state of affairs by a State marriage bureau, which is one of the features of his bill. This is not freakish, as would at first thought appear. Isn't marrying as important as stock raising or growing turkeys?

Another Fallacy.

The generally accepted belief that a person is useful in proportion as he is busy is controverted by a writer who says: "I have a dog that is loaded with fleas. In the summer time, when the fleas are plenty, that is the busiest dog I ever saw; when he isn't biting at the fleas he's snapping at the flies. He never has a minute to spare, but when he is the busiest he is the least account for practical purposes. And there is a young fellow in my neighborhood who has a cheap watch and he smokes cigarettes. When he isn't winding his watch he is lighting a cigarette. He is a mighty busy young man, but he isn't worth two hoops in a water barrel."—Rule (Tex.) Review.

"The Rival Shysters."

A recent number of the Saturday Evening Post has a most amusing story of four shyster lawyers who were in turn, one after the other, and neatly, too, made to contribute handsomely to the purses of two sharp negroes. These four shysters, like all other shysters, jumped and leaped and ran after an apparently promising damage suit, "against the company." The two negroes put up a very plausible story about a third negro being hurt on the railroad. Each lawyer was approached, and each one greedily took hold of the case, and as readily loaned the alleged plaintiff sums up to \$50 in a lump. Each lawyer promptly filed his suit, and when court came each one was in the court room to press his case. Finally things came to such a pass that the railroad's attorney carried them all into a room and showed them that the two negroes had brought forty-six cases of the same nature, bleeding forty-six lawyers the while. The story is rich for the reason that the tables were turned on the shysters, who got a stiff dose of their own medicine. It makes good reading.

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Lanahan Appeals.

Columbia, Nov. 25.—The first notice of appeal to the supreme court from the findings of the dispensary commission in the matter of the several whiskey firms having claims against the State has been filed by the attorneys of William Lanahan & Sons. The notice was served yesterday on Attorney General Lyon.

The claim of this firm was \$5,916.54 and overjudgment was found against them to the amount of \$23,563.46. The firm also has a claim against Bamberg and Colleton counties amounting to \$2,456.27 which was ordered held up as the result of a resolution passed by the commission. It is stated that the attorneys for the Big Springs Distilling company of Savannah and the Jack Cranston company of Augusta will also serve notice of appeal before the time expires. Only a few days remain for the firms to appeal, the time being ten days from the time the judgment was rendered.

Wofford Receives \$10,000

Spartanburg, Nov. 24.—President Henry N. Snyder of Wofford college announces tonight a gift of \$10,000 to Wofford by E. L. Archer of this county. The gift came unsolicited and will be used in the erection of a much needed dormitory building at Wofford.

Mr. Archer is a farmer residing near the city. He has represented this county in the general assembly as State senator and is one of the public spirited men of Spartanburg. He is well known throughout the State.

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