

SIDNA ALLEN GETS 35 YEARS.

Wesley Edwards Will Spend 27 Years in Prison.

Wytheville, Va., Dec. 11.—Final settlement of all the cases resulting from the killing of five persons in the Hillsville, Va., court house by the Allen clan on March 14, last, was reached here this afternoon when Sidna Allen pleaded guilty to second degree murder for killing Sheriff Webb, and Wesley Edwards pleaded guilty to three charges pending against him.

Thirty-five years in the penitentiary is the penalty Sidna Allen will pay. Allen's nephew, Wesley Edwards, will spend twenty-seven years in the penitentiary.

These two sentences were the result of a compromise this afternoon, following a verdict of voluntary manslaughter in the case of Sidna Allen for the murder of Commonwealth's Attorney William M. Foster, the jury fixing the penalty in that case at five years' imprisonment.

Compromises Agreed Upon. Allen already had been found guilty of second degree murder at a former trial for the killing of Judge Massie, for which he had been sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary, and the other indictment pending against him, for the murder of Sheriff Webb, was compromised by letting him plead guilty to second degree murder and take a fifteen-year sentence, the combined sentences making thirty-five years.

Three indictments against Wesley Edwards also were compromised, he taking a sentence of nine years' imprisonment on each.

In the second trial of Sidna Allen, which ended to-day, nine of the jurors on the first ballot stood for acquittal and the other three for murder in the second degree.

Views of Jurors. Following their discharge the jurors, in an interview, declared that not one of them thought the evidence presented by the State was sufficiently strong to sustain the charge of conspiracy.

This ends, as far as the courts are concerned, a tragedy which was without parallel and which stirred the country from one end to the other. On the 14th of last March, following the conviction of Floyd Allen, of an offense which would have sent him to the penitentiary for one year, members of the Allen family, clannish mountaineers, opened fire in the court house on the court officials. At the first volley Judge Thornton L. Massie fell mortally wounded and when the smoke cleared away Sheriff Webb and Commonwealth's Attorney Foster were found dead. On the following day one of the three jurors who were shot died of his wounds, as did also Miss Bettie Ayres, who had been a witness against Floyd Allen.

All Finally Caught.

Floyd Allen was arrested on the day following the tragedy, being too badly wounded to escape. The arrest of the others implicated in the shooting followed at various intervals, the two men whose fate was decided to-day having been the last caught.

Of the six men who have been convicted of complicity in the shooting, two—Floyd Allen and his son, Claude—are under sentence of death, while the four others—Sidna and Friel Allen, and Wesley and Sidna Edwards—have each been given long terms in the penitentiary. Victor Allen, a son of Floyd, was acquitted, and Byrd Marion was discharged because of lack of evidence against him.

Father and Son Again Respitied.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—On the statement of attorneys for Floyd Allen and Claude Swanson Allen, that newly discovered evidence is sufficient to make the granting of a new trial by the supreme court probable, Gov. Mann this afternoon granted a respite to the two men until January 17. They were to have died in the electric chair Friday, of this week, for their part in the Hillsville murders of March 14, when Judge T. L. Massie, Commonwealth's Attorney W. M. Foster, Sheriff L. F. Webb, Juror Augustus Fowler and Miss Bettie Ayres were killed.

The governor did not express an opinion as to the new evidence, but required the attorneys to sign a paper stating that they believed it to be material. An application will now be made to the supreme court for a rehearing on the petition for a writ of error.

Girl Killed; Father Hurt.

Atlanta, Dec. 14.—Miss Carolina Dubose, of Spring Hill, Tenn., received injuries from which she died in a local hospital, and her father, W. T. Dubose, a department editor on the Atlanta Constitution, was badly hurt when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Louisville & Nashville train near Cartersville, Ga., late to-day. They were en route to the Tennessee town when the accident occurred. A sharp curve, it is said, prevented the engineer of the train from seeing the automobile.

CONFESSES TO THEFT

Young Express Messenger Tells How He Stole \$20,145.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 15.—Marvin W. Hamby, the 22-year-old express messenger, whose car on the Sunset Western train of the Santa Fe Railroad was robbed of \$20,145 in gold near here last week, confessed to-day that he had robbed the safe with the aid of his 16-year-old brother, Melvin.

The money which had been hidden by the boys in a brickyard at Kern Junction was recovered with the exception of \$300 which was found in Melvin's room. Both brothers are in jail.

The robbery was committed last Monday night. After telling a story of an attack by two bandits who had laid him unconscious with a blow on the head, the young messenger was taken to a hospital at Taft, Cal., where he shammed injury so successfully that not until yesterday was he seriously suspected. Then he was brought back here and to-day was subjected to a "third degree" for five hours by railroad and express detectives.

Breaking down finally, Hamby threw his hands over his head and sobbed out:

"Oh, I did it myself." Then he told where the money was buried, how he had conceived the plan of the robbery and how he had carried it out.

In his confession Marvin shouldered the entire responsibility for the theft, declaring that although Melvin had taken the bags of gold when he had thrown them from the train and buried them, the younger lad did everything under his instructions. "I knew my car was to carry a heavy shipment of gold to the National Bank of Taft about the 10th of the month," said Hamby. "So I posted Melvin at Kern Junction with instructions to have a lantern and shovel. As we passed Kern Junction, three miles from Bakersfield, I heaved off the bags of gold.

"Then I bumped my head against a trunk to make people believe I had been hit there by a bandit, and just before the train pulled into Taft, I bound myself hand and foot and rooted my head under a pile of mail sacks. I was lying like that when railroad men and a constable at Taft came into the car."

The two boys agreed that they would let the money lie buried until excitement had abated and the man hunt, which was immediately instituted by county, city and railroad authorities, had been given up.

ORANGEBURG MAN IN TROUBLE.

N. E. W. Sistrunk Arrested for Shooting at a Greek.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—N. E. W. Sistrunk, formerly of North, Orangeburg county, but now of Georgia, shot at George Pappas, a Greek fruit vender, last night in the Metropolitan cafe. The bullet went wild, and Pappas took his heels. Mrs. Sistrunk, who was sitting at the table with her husband, snatched the pistol out of his hand, ran across the street to the Columbia hotel and hid in their bed room.

All three parties were arrested by the police. Mr. Sistrunk was charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. His wife and Pappas both had the charge of disorderly conduct opposite their names on the police blotter.

To-day Sistrunk waived preliminary hearing and was released on a bond of \$200. He was fined \$40 for carrying an unlawful weapon.

The cases against Pappas and Mrs. Sistrunk, both of whom were charged with disorderly conduct, were dismissed on the grounds that the testimony would disclose Mr. Sistrunk's defense.

It is said that Sistrunk's motive for shooting at Pappas was that the Greek cursed in the presence of Mrs. Sistrunk. Also that he was attacked by two Greeks before the pistol was fired.

Notice is hereby given that all debts due the estate of N. C. Crosby, deceased, are payable to the administrator, or E. H. Henderson, his attorney, at Bamberg, S. C., and that all claims against this estate should be filed, duly probated and itemized. J. A. WYMAN, Administrator. Bamberg, S. C., Nov. 25 1912.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ehrhardt, S. C., is hereby called to meet in the office of the bank in Ehrhardt at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Friday, January 10th, 1913, for the purpose of considering a resolution of the board of directors of said bank to increase the capital stock of the bank to \$20,000, with the privilege of later increasing said capital stock to \$25,000.

S. W. COPELAND, President. W. MAX WALKER, Cashier. Ehrhardt, S. C., Dec. 16th, 1912.

NOTICE!

The public will please take notice that the oil mill office will be closed December 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th. THE COTTON OIL CO.

NOTICE FINAL DISCHARGE.

I will file my final accounting as guardian of Imogene Dougherty (nee Cope) and Ira M. Cope with G. P. Harmon, Judge of Probate for Bamberg county, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, and will ask for letters of discharge as guardian of said persons.

JOHN H. COPE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

By virtue of an order in the case of Nancy Dowling vs. Rosa Watson, et al, in the court of common pleas for Bamberg county, I, H. C. Folk, Master for Bamberg county, will hold a reference at his office, Bamberg S. C., on the 6th day of January, 1913, at ten o'clock a. m., on said day, for the proof of claims against the estate of Samuel Dowling, deceased; and all persons having claims against said estate will appear at said time and place and prove the same, or forever be barred.

H. C. FOLK, Master for Bamberg County. Bamberg, S. C., Dec. 16th, 1912.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

The undersigned, as trustees of the Ehrhardt graded school, will offer for sale, to the highest bidder, ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of school bonds, said bonds to bear interest not exceeding five per cent., payable annually. These bonds having been voted by the Ehrhardt graded school district according to law, for the erection of a public building for school purposes. Direct all communications to

S. W. COPELAND, G. B. CLAYTON, J. L. COPELAND, Trustees, Ehrhardt, S. C.

NOTICE OF SALE.

State of South Carolina, County of Bamberg.

By virtue of power in me vested I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the court house at Bamberg, S. C., on Monday, January 6th, 1913, during the legal hours of sale the following described real estate and personal property, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, with the buildings thereon, situate, lying, and being in the county of Bamberg, State aforesaid, containing two and three-fourths (2 3/4) acres, more or less, and bounded by lands now or formerly of J. J. Folk and Jno. M. Patrick, same being known as Bethlehem church grounds of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Purchaser to pay three dollars for papers. Also one pine table and one silver communion set, (5 pieces.) CALVIN RENTZ, Trustee.

December 12th, 1912.

MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of the decree of the Court of Common Pleas in the case of Mrs. Ida Brown, et al, plaintiffs, against Monte Nix et al, defendants, I, H. C. Folk, Master for Bamberg County, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door, Bamberg, S. C., on January the 6th, 1913, between the legal hours of sale, on the said day the following described tract of land, to-wit:

All that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Bamberg, State of South Carolina, containing two hundred acres (200) more or less, and bounded on the North by lands of Isaac Dyches, East by Melton Zorn's Hightower place, South by lands of H. J. Faust, and West by lands of Flem Weeks.

This property will be sold at risk of former purchaser. Purchaser to pay for papers. H. C. FOLK, Master for Bamberg County. MAYFIELD & FREE, Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the court of common pleas in the case of N. P. Smoak, plaintiff, against Meta S. Elkins, defendant, I, H. C. Folk, Master for Bamberg county, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder, or cash, at the court house door in Bamberg, S. C., on Monday, January 6th, 1913, same being legal sales day, between the legal hours of sale on said day, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain lot, with the buildings situate thereon, situate in the said town and county of Bamberg, said State, containing one-half of one acre, more or less, and bounding and measuring as follows: North 150 feet on Railroad Avenue; East 250 feet on lot of J. A. Nimmons; South 150 feet on Broad street; and 250 feet on street.

Purchaser to pay for papers. H. C. FOLK, Master for Bamberg County. MAYFIELD & FREE, Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decretal order directed to me out of the court of common pleas in the case of Nancy Dowling et al against Rosa Watson et al, I, H. C. Folk, Master, will offer for sale to the highest bidder, on January the 6th, 1913, the same being legal sales day in said month, between the legal hours of sale, in front of the court house door at Bamberg, S. C., the following described real estate:

All that certain tract of land situate, lying and being in Bamberg county, State aforesaid, containing fifty-one acres (51) more or less, and bounded North and West by lands of O. R. Faust; East by lands formerly of H. C. Rice; South by lands of J. S. J. Faust.

Those two certain lots situate in or near the town of Bamberg, S. C., known as lots Nos. 5 and 6 in block 5 of Richard Carroll Heights. Terms cash, purchaser to pay for papers. H. C. FOLK, Master for Bamberg County. MAYFIELD & FREE, Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

WHY PUT OFF YOUR XMAS SHOPPING UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE DO IT NOW! Be an up-to-date Santa Claus—it's easy—no difficulties in the way if you make your selections from our extensive assortment of New Christmas Novelties, shown for the first time this season. Presents to fit your needs in gifts for old and young. Your wants have been anticipated. We place at your disposal a wide range for selection from pretty remembrances at small cost to elaborate and valuable articles. Won't you come and see. We name here a few of the many things we have for you:

French Ivory Toilet Sets, Genuine Ebony Toilet Sets, Sterling Silver Toilet Sets, Quadruple Plate Toilet Sets, Sterling Silver Manicure Sets, French Ivory Manicure Sets, Quadruple Plate Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, French Ivory Hair Brushes, Lap Desk, Brass Jardinieres, Brass Fern Dishes, Desk Blotters, Ladies' Alligator Hand Bags, Ladies' Seal Skin Hand Bags, Gentlemen's Bill Books, Gentlemen's Pocket Books, Real Hand Painted Chinaware, Solid Sets, Chocolate Sets, Teapot, Sugar and Cream, Bon Bon Dishes, Hat Pin Holders, Nut Bowls, Marmalade Jars, Puff Boxes, Syrup Pots, Cake Sets, Fern Jars, Celeries, Sherbert Sets, Tobacco Jars, Berry Sets, Nunnally's Candies, Merschaum Pipes.

MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decretal order, directed to me in the case of B. F. Free et al against Mary E. Felder et al, I, H. C. Folk, Master for Bamberg County, will sell to the highest bidder for cash on January the 6th, 1913, same being legal sales day, between the legal hours of sale, in front of the court house door at Bamberg, S. C., the following described parcels or tracts of land, which constitute the real estate of E. M. Cox, deceased, and not otherwise disposed of by the said E. M. Cox, deceased, in his last will and testament:

Lot No. 1, containing 3-10 of an acre, bounded North by Railroad Avenue, East by street, South by lot No. 2, and West by colored Methodist church lot, building on lot.

Lot No. 2, containing 3-10 of an acre, bounded North by lot No. 1, East by street, South by lot No. 3, and West by colored Methodist church lot; building on lot.

Lot No. 3, containing 1/4 of an acre, bounded North by lot No. 2, East by lot of Susan Edwards, South by street, and west by colored Methodist church lot. This is vacant lot.

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TAX NOTICE.

The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1912 until the 15th day of March, 1913, inclusive. From the first day of January, 1913, until the 31st day of January, 1913, a penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of February, 1913, until the 28th day of February, 1913, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of March, 1913, until the 15th day of March, 1913, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

THE LEVY. For State purposes 5 1/2 mills. For County purposes 5 1/2 mills. Constitutional school tax 3 mills. Total 14 1/2 mills. SPECIAL SCHOOL LEVIES. Bamberg, No. 14 9 mills. Binnakers, No. 12 3 mills. Buford's Bridge, No. 7 2 mills. Cleff Pond, No. 19 2 mills. Colston, No. 18 2 mills. Cuffie Creek, No. 17 2 mills. Denmark, No. 21 6 1/2 mills. Ehrhardt, No. 22 9 mills. Govan, No. 11 4 mills. Hutto, No. 6 2 mills. Hampton, No. 3 2 mills. Hayward, No. 24 2 mills. Hopewell, No. 1 3 mills. Hunter's Chapel, No. 16 1 mill. Lees, No. 23 4 mills. Midway, No. 2 2 mills. Oak Grove, No. 20 2 mills. Olar, No. 8 4 mills. St. John's, No. 10 2 mills. Salem, No. 9 3 mills. Three Mile, No. 4 2 mills.

All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar. Capitation dog tax 50 cents. All persons who were 21 years of age on or before the 1st day of January, 1912, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, and all who have not made returns to the Auditor, are requested to do so on or before the 1st of January, 1913.

I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1912, until the 1st day of March, 1913. G. A. JENNINGS, Treasurer, Bamberg County.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

All persons are warned to keep off our lands. Hunting and fishing and trespassing of any kind is forbidden. D. M. SMITH, D. P. SMITH, Ehrhardt, S. C., Nov. 22, 1912.

Delays Are Dangerous

I represent the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, one of the strongest old line companies in existence. Let me show you our many attractive policy contracts. I also represent the Standard Live Stock Insurance Co., of Indianapolis. This is a strong company. Insure your horses and cattle. W. MAX WALKER, EHRHARDT, S. C.