

DAVENPORT PAYS DEATH PENALTY ON SCAFFOLD

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neath the address attracted especial attention. Closer examination showed that the notes were written by the same man.

Murderer Jailed.

Davenport had come to the court house to attend Johnson's preliminary hearing and was standing in front of the station at the time. The chief called him and placed him under arrest. He became greatly excited and wanted to talk, but the chief refused to allow him to say anything. A 38-calibre revolver was found in his pocket.

Motive Discovers.

The woman theory having been exploded, the authorities were at a loss to find a motive for the crime. Tuesday afternoon, however, Mr. B. J. O'Hara, who was then detective sergeant, visited Davenport's house and, while searching through a bureau, came upon a life insurance policy. The policy was taken out in December, but the premium was not paid until January 17.

Dr. B. R. Gary, the coroner, conducted an inquest and the jury returned a verdict placing the crime at Davenport's door without even retreating to discuss the case.

Protested Innocence.

From the very first Davenport protested innocence. Not until yesterday, as far as is known, did the murderer give anyone reason to believe that he would confess his guilt before going to the gallows. Yesterday he made confessions to his lawyers and it is understood that he confessed to Rev. S. A. Howell, colored, some days ago. He always gave the same answer to newspaper men and his jailors: "If they hang me it will be a legal lynching."

The Trial.

The trial of Davenport began on Friday, February 23. Considerable trouble was experienced in getting a jury, and the panel was not completed until Saturday afternoon. Friday afternoon, March 2, the jury returned a verdict of "guilty of murder in the first degree" after being out for a little over two hours.

Commonwealth's Attorney C. W. Robinson prosecuted the case, assisted by J. T. Newsome, who was employed by the negro Masons, of which order Thomas was a prominent member. Attorneys Fay S. Collier, of Hampton, and E. S. Robinson, of this city, represented the accused.

Motion For New Trial.

A motion for a new trial was overruled by Judge Barham, then the case was taken to the Court of Appeals. The court did not hand down an opinion until June 10, although Davenport was sentenced to be hanged on June 1. In the meantime, however, Governor Swanson had granted the condemned man a respite until June 22. On June 10 the Court of Appeals refused to grant a writ of error.

Upon the urgent appeal of Attorney Collier, Governor Swanson granted a stay of execution until July 13 in order to give the lawyers time in which to petition for a commutation of sentence. Last Wednesday the governor notified City Sergeant Minstead that he had decided to interfere in the case no further.

A Burglar Too.

Davenport is a criminal with a record. In 1894 he was sent to the penitentiary from Nottoway county for eighteen years for burglary. While in prison he had a reputation as a "bad man" and on one occasion slashed a fellow prisoner with a large knife. In 1900 he was pardoned by Governor Tyler and came here to live.

Soon after his arrest the officers here learned that Davenport had been arrested in Hampton in 1892 on the charge of arson. He escaped from the Hampton lock-up, leaving an insulting note behind for Sheriff Curtis.

Davenport was born in Caroline county. He gives his age as 32 years, two months and fifteen days. He was a blacksmith by trade and worked at the shipyard for five years.

Woman's Confession.

Mittie Sanford, the young woman who lived with Davenport as his wife, made a poor witness for the commonwealth during the trial, telling a story that was calculated to weaken the case of the prosecution. Several weeks ago, however, in the presence of Chief Reynolds and several witnesses, she voluntarily made a lengthy statement in which she confessed that she perjured herself on the witness stand. She admitted that she saw Davenport write the notes that were found on the dead man and that Thomas was at the

house on the night of the murder. The woman also said that Willie Wimbush impersonated Thomas when Davenport got the insurance policy and that Thomas knew nothing of the existence of the policy.

LAST LEGAL HANGING IN 1867.

Warwick County Has Not Had an Execution Before For Nearly 40 Years

Until Davenport died on the scaffold this morning there had not been a legal execution in Warwick county since 1867, when a negro named Harrison Young was hanged at Denbeigh for his part in the murder of John Wootten, a white merchant. Sixteen negroes shot Wootten to death. Four were arrested and convicted, but the sentences of three were commuted by Governor Wells. City Sergeant Minstead's father furnished the rope and tied the knot for this hanging.

In 1881 three men, using bogus papers ordering that the prisoner be transferred to Hampton for safe-keeping, took William Allen, a young negro, from the Warwick county jail and hanged him to a tree. City Sergeant Minstead was in the jail with his uncle, Sheriff Curtis, when Allen was turned over to the men.

The small mob had papers alleged to have been signed by Mr. W. A. Post, who was then a justice of the peace and who had conducted the preliminary hearing. Allen killed a young man named Slaughter in cold blood because the latter would not give him a ride from this place to Denbeigh.

PASSENGER STEAMER ASHORE.

No One Hurt—Those on Board Taken Off Safely.

(By Associated Press.) WINONA, MINN., July 12.—The steamer Quincy, of the Diamond J. line of steamers, lies grounded near Trempealeau, on the Wisconsin side of the river.

There was no loss of life, nor were there any fire on the vessel. A few of the passengers were taken to La Crosse last night, but most of them were brought to Winona by a special train on the Burlington road and transferred here to regular northbound trains this morning and continued on their journey to St. Paul.

AMERICAN CHAMPION SWIMMER.

Daniels Goes 100 Yards in Less Than a Minute.

(By Associated Press.) NOTTINGHAM, ENG., July 12.—The 100 yards amateur swimming match for the championship of the world was won today by C. M. Daniels, American, who went the distance in 58 3-5 seconds, beating the record by two-fifths of a second.

Cecil Healy, the amateur champion of Australia was second and J. H. Derbyshire, of Manchester, third.

Tries Suicide Again.

Joe Straus, the white man who tried to commit suicide last week by slashing his throat with a razor, has been put in a straight-jacket at the hospital to prevent him from further injuring himself. Wednesday afternoon Straus tore the stitches from his wound and came near bleeding to death before he was discovered by a nurse.

Fence For Postoffice.

Collector of Customs J. E. B. Stuart, custodian for the Federal building here, has received plans for a board and iron fence which is to be placed around the building. Bids for the contract will be opened at the office of Supervising Architect Knox, at Washington, this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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MISS MARY MASSENBERG THE BRIDE OF J. P. HARDY

Assistant Principal of the Phoebus Graded Schools Married in Washington.

The friends of Miss Mary Massenberg, principal of the Phoebus Graded Schools, were given a surprise yesterday by the announcement that she had been married in Washington to Mr. J. P. Hardy, a motorman on the line of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company.

Miss Massenberg and Mr. Hardy, without acquainting their friends of their intentions, left Hampton Tuesday evening for Washington, and according to the message received yesterday they were married there Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

It is said that the decision to go to Washington to be married was due to the recent bereavement in Miss Massenberg's family.

Mr. Hardy has filled the position of assistant to the superintendent on various occasions and is recognized as a man of sterling worth by the officials of the line.

Miss Massenberg has for the last few years been the assistant principal of the Phoebus Graded Schools. She was only recently re-elected to the position.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy are expected to return to Hampton this morning and will make their home in "Hob Core," just at the entrance to the normal school.

Lawn Fete to Be Given.

The ladies of the Hampton Presbyterian church are making arrangements for a big lawn fete on the lawn of Mr. Henry L. Schmeiz, at the foot of East Queen street, next Friday evening. Many unusually attractive features will be offered the public.

Mrs. Janie Hickey, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. H. Clay Rees, in Newport News avenue.

Auction Sale of Furniture.

Auction sale of lot of first-class furniture, household goods, etc., at the courthouse, Saturday, July 14, at 11 a. m. GEORGE W. PHILLIPS, Auctioneer. 7-13-21

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- 56-piece Tea Set, Blue decorated, formerly sold for \$6.50. Sale price, \$4.25.
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- White Porcelain Meat and Soup Platters, 3, 4, 5 and 6 cents.
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- Large Glass Berry Bowls, the 25c size. Sale price, 14c.
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Lv. Philadelphia, Penn. R. R.	2:55 p m
Lv. Phila. B. & O. R. R.	2:08 p m
Ar. Washington, Penn. R. R.	6:10 p m
Ar. Washington, B. & O. R. R.	*6:00 p m
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