

**MAKING NEW MOVE
IN VAUGHAN CASE**

Solicitor to Ask Court to Resentence Former Superintendent of Odd Fellows' Orphanage.
Greenville, Aug. 23.—Solicitor J. Robert Martin today served notice of a motion for a court order for the purpose of resentencing Thurston V. Vaughan, former superintendent of the South Carolina Odd Fellows' Orphanage, near Greenville, who confessed to having wronged several young girls, inmates of the institution, and who was sentenced to death on a charge of statutory rape in 1912. The solicitor at general sessions court here next Wednesday, or as soon thereafter as counsel for the defendant can be heard, will move for an order remanding Vaughan from the State Hospital for Insane, at Columbia, to the Greenville county jail, where another examination of his mental condition can be held, and if he is found sane the court will be asked to impose the death penalty in compliance with the judgment of the court heretofore rendered. The order of several years ago committing Vaughan to the asylum provided that should he regain his normal mental condition he would be subject to resentence.

Another chapter will be written in the famous Vaughan case of many sensational developments, when the defendant will be required to show cause why he should not be resented to die for the crimes which he confessed to have committed while superintendent of the Odd Fellows Orphanage near this city. Vaughan's arrest, his escape from jail and his subsequent arrest in Baltimore and his trial and dramatic confession were features which held state-wide interest in the early stages of the case. He was represented at the trial by McCullough, Martin and Blythe and Proctor A. Bonham, then solicitor, was assisted by J. J. McSwain, representing the orphanage, of which he was a director, in prosecution. After the first day of the trial, at which time several young girls testified as to Vaughan's conduct, the defendant withdrew his plea of "not guilty" and entered a plea of "guilty" and laid himself to the mercy of the court. His confession and appeal for mercy was one of the most dramatic utterances ever heard in the court house.

The court sentenced Vaughan to be hanged, and in the meantime the form of death punishment in this state was changed to an electrocution. The case was appealed to the state supreme court and subsequently to the United

States supreme court and the judgment of the circuit court was sustained.

In the months that followed Vaughan is alleged to have lost his mind and presented the appearance of a physical and mental wreck when brought back to Greenville to resentence. Upon the examination into Vaughan's mental condition by experts and their support that he was insane, Solicitor Bonham consented to an order of the court staying the death sentence, and Vaughan was committed to the asylum.

**TAX COMMISSION
SAVES THOUSANDS**

New Assessment Figures on Merchants' Stocks Sent to County Auditors.
Columbia, Aug. 25.—The South Carolina tax commission has recently sent to various counties of the State statements of the new assessments on the stocks of mercantile establishments, ascertained from the recent stock statements from the merchants or furnished by them when subpoenaed to appear before the tax commission. The figures show that the tax commission has saved the State many thousands of dollars, and as a result of the work of the commission already this year the tax levy has been reduced.

As an illustration of the amount of money saved to the State and counties from the equalized assessments, the assessments on property of merchants in Greenville County alone are greater by a half million dollars than they were before the tax commission began its recent equalization work with the merchants. This means a saving of \$4,500 in taxes in Greenville county, and when the figures are tallied for all the counties and including the mercantile stocks and also automobiles, on which the tax commission has been at work lately, the saving to the State will run far into the thousands. All of the statements have not been sent to the county auditors yet and the tax commission has as yet no way of knowing to what the total increase of assessments amounts, though the tabulation for Greenville, made by Auditor Gullick of that county, gives an indication of the results of the commission's efforts.

A statement from the auditor of Greenville county shows many instances of figures returned by merchants being doubled, tripled and in a few cases, raised to ten and twenty times as much. Some merchants and business firms who made no returns in the belief that they did not come under the law have figures amount-

ing to several thousands of dollars against their names.

One merchant returned his business at \$500, and this figure has been raised to \$12,000. Another returned his at \$1,000 and will find that he must pay taxes on \$10,000. A third gave the figures \$8,000 which the tax commission has raised to \$68,000. Smaller increases than these are very numerous among the list of Greenville merchants.

The tax commission fixed property valuation on a basis of 42 per cent of the total value returned in the inventories which the merchants were required to fill out.

Reunion of Veterans.

For about 20 years the survivors of Company F, Fourteenth Regiment, S. C. Volunteers, have been gathering annually on the 19th of August, in a reunion of the remnant of a splendid company of a noted fighting brigade—McGowans; and too, they were a part of Jackson's famous "foot cavalry". Mr. Jim Dillard used to take a leading part in planning and working for the annual meeting. He is gone. There are not many left, some say 16 of the old company are alive; part of these are living in distant homes. Some are feeble in body only. Four of Co. F were present and about eleven from other commands of the Confederate States army. Will F. Wright has been the secretary for several years. His father fought with Co. F. Rev. C. D. Boyd preached a sermon then; then dinner was served and it was a bountiful one. The meeting was called to order and roll called. Those present were: Geo. M. Hanna, J. Wilson Blakeley, John M. Hopkins and H. P. Blakeley. Other old soldiers present were: M. M. Cunningham, R. P. Adair, J. D. Mook, T. F. Milam, Isaac W. Adair, W. D. Boyd, M. M. Fleming, W. J. Donnan, G. F. Waldrop, J. W. Lanford, Nesbitt Brown. The death of John B. Smith was noted. He died within the past year in Oklahoma. Remarks were offered by Geo. M. Hanna. Mr. Hanna made an interesting talk giving his experiences both in camp and in battle. He gave dates and told where many were killed or were wounded. His voice and manner showed emotion as he progressed in the recital.

At one of these reunions a few years ago it was agreed to designate the oldest son of a deceased soldier as an honorary member. Four or five of the last named were present. I have heard different members of the company express the wish that their descendants keep the reunion up even

after they, the actors in the awful conflict, shall have passed away. Since the first reunion was held some 18 years ago, I can recall the deaths of these: Warren Blakely, Bill Machray, Jas. P. Dillard, Ren Anderson, "Hug" Anderson, John Clark, Dr. W. A. Shands, Bill McKelvey, Capt. J. P. Sloan, Oliver Templeton, John Gore, Bill Copeland, Bluford Henry, Joe Todd. It is the hope of the writer that he can meet all the survivors of the company, as well as their friends on the 19th of next August.

NOTICE FOR BIDS.

Reinforced Concrete Bridge Construction.
Sealed proposals on reinforced bridge construction will be received at the office of the Supervisor of Laurens County, Laurens, S. C., until 2:30 P. M., August 26th, 1919, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans, specifications and form of proposal and contract will be on file for inspection by reputable Concrete Contractors in the office of the Highway Engineer, Laurens, S. C., on and after August 20th, 1919. Interested contractors are advised to personally inspect the proposed bridge sites before submitting bids.

Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

J. D. W. WATTS,
Chairman;
N. C. HUGHES, Jr.,
Chief Engineer.
5-2t Laurens Co. Highway Com.

SUMMONS.

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.
IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.
Mrs. DAISY M. BAGWELL, Plaintiff,
against
JERRY EICHELBERGER, Defendant.
To the Defendant above named:
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served on you and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscribers at their office in the Simmons Building at Laurens, South Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the service hereof exclusive of the day of such service. If you fail to answer said Complaint within the time aforesaid the Plaintiff of this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in Complaint.

Dated August 19, 1919.
BLACKWELL & SULLIVAN,
Plaintiff's Attorneys,
whose place of residence and address is unknown.
You will please take notice that the Complaint in this action, together with the summons of which the above is a copy, was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Laurens County, State of South Carolina, on the 19th day of August, 1919.
BLACKWELL & SULLIVAN,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.
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ATTENTION PARENTS

Is your boy or girl going to any South Carolina College or Prep School this Fall, as a pay student? If so write us, we can save you money. Give the name of the school.

Carolina Farmer and Stockman
8 Exchange Bank Building
Charleston, S. C.

FOR SALE

The Irby Plantation

Situated two and one-half miles South of Laurens.

Survey of property will be made this week.

If interested see
J. L. M. IRBY

AUCTION SALE!

JOHN MILLS FARM

Sept. 11th, at 10:30 A. M.

As announced last week this fine property of 800 Acres will be sub-divided into one, two and three horse farms, and sold at Auction. As fine an opportunity as ever offered.

REMEMBER THE DATE AND PLACE

FLEMING BROTHERS or B. M. WOLFF
LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA