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Mrs. J. D. Price Found Dead; Husband Placed In The County Jail

Mrs. J. D. Price, about 41 years of age, died some time Tuesday night at her home between Nashville and Lenox. Her death was reported early yesterday morning by her husband, Mr. Price.

Relatives of the deceased were skeptical concerning the death, so therefore, notified Sheriff Hughes, the county coroner, Mr. Overstreet, and Drs. Shuman of Nashville and Beckham of Lenox, who hurried to the scene.

An autopsy was performed and the coroner pronounced death from violence. The husband was arrested by Sheriff Hughes upon suspicion and placed in the Berrien county jail.

It is understood that the deceased appeared to have been choked to death, as blue spots and bruises were on the throat and bruises on top of the head.

Two sons of Mrs. Price by a former marriage, spent the night away from home, and Mr. and Mrs. Price were the only occupants of the home that night, it is understood.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at Empire church and conducted by Elder J. B. Luke of Nashville.

The deceased is well known in this county as the former Miss Della Sutton, having many relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death. She was first married to Mr. L. D. Outlaw, who died in 1918, and in 1922 she was married to Mr. Price.

Those surviving are her husband, and two sons, W. H. and Buren Outlaw; brothers, Messrs J. M., G. T. and N. L. Sutton of Lenox, and M. N. Sutton of Adel; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Hooper of Lenox.

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Price Is Removed To Lowndes County Jail

Mr. J. D. Price, who was arrested last Wednesday morning and placed in jail, charged with strangling his wife to death, was removed from the Berrien county jail Thursday night and carried to the Valdosta jail.

It is understood from the sheriff's office that close friends and relatives of Mrs. Price, the deceased, were somewhat wrought up over the tragedy, and it was thought best by the officers to carry the accused to the Valdosta jail for safe keeping.

Mrs. Price was found dead in bed at her home last Wednesday morning. The death was reported by her husband. Officers, doctors and the coroner were called to the scene, and death was pronounced as caused from violence. Mr. Price, the husband, was arrested, charged with the act, and placed in the county jail.

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J. D. PRICE WAS — FOUND GUILTY

**Jury Recommended Mercy. Sentenced To Life Imprisonment
— Motion For New Trial**

The trial of J. D. Price, aged Berrien county man charged with the murder of his wife on September 6th, came to a close here Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty with recommendation for mercy. The defendant was sentenced to serve the rest of his life at the state farm at hard labor.

Immediately following the decision the defense filed a motion for a new trial. The hearing will be held within the next few weeks.

The trial was begun Tuesday at 10:30 o'clock with Judge A. J. McDonald of the Cordele Circuit presiding, Judge W. R. Smith having been disqualified. Solicitor H. C. Morgan and Col. H. W. Nelson of Adel, handled affairs for the state, and Converse and Powell, Valdosta law firm, and Col. W. M. Story of this city, represented the defendant.

A change of venue motion was filed the first thing Tuesday morning, and the court heard with interest arguments from attorneys on both sides. The families had a broad acquaintance and it was argued that Price had to be moved from the Berrien county jail to Valdosta for fear of violence. Judge McDonald ruled the case be tried in Berrien county and at the first show of violence he would declare a mistrial and have it moved to some other county.

The trial and arguments by the state and defense were completed Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and at 3:30 o'clock that afternoon, five hours later, a verdict was reached by the jury.

Near twenty-five witnesses were used in the case. Dr. P. A. Shuman, local doctor, who first examined the lady, testified that no one could tell what had caused the death. Dr. P. H. Askew, who also examined the body, testified that he was positive that death was caused from strangulation. The defense combatting the state's best evidence, argued that such evidence was entirely circumstantial. The case was bitterly fought throughout.

Interest was very great during the trial and the courthouse was filled to capacity.

The courthouse was so crowded until Judge McDonald ordered the doors closed in order to keep people from crowding into the room and delaying proceedings.

Mrs. Price, the alleged murdered woman, was reported dead or dying at her home on the morning of Tuesday, September 6th, by her husband. The county coroner, Sheriff N. N. Hughes and several physicians were called to the scene of the tragedy. The coroner's jury gave a verdict of death from strangulation, and the husband, J. D. Price, was arrested and placed in the Berrien county jail, charged with the murder, later being moved to Valdosta for fear of violence.

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J. D. PRICE DIED TUESDAY NIGHT AT MILLEDGEVILLE

Mr. J. D. Price, who was serving a life sentence for the death of his wife on September 7th, died Tuesday night at the State Farm at Milledgeville. He was stricken with the "flu" which developed into pneumonia. The deceased was 63 years of age.

He was sent to the state farm just before Christmas to spend the rest of his life in prison, following the verdict of a jury that he had murdered his wife.

At the time of going to press complete funeral arrangements had not been made, however, it is understood that burial will take place at Empire church cemetery.

Surviving are a number of relatives in this county.