

THE SHERIFF READS THE WARRANT

Condemning Price to Die—His Mother Again Visits Him.

The *Baltimore American* of last Saturday printed the following: "Marshall Price, the young man who is sentenced to be hanged on July 5 for the murder of Miss Sallie Dean, near Harmony, in Caroline county, was visited at the city jail yesterday by his mother. The meeting took place in the drug supply room in the jail, and was very affecting. Price fell upon his aged mother's shoulders and sobbed audibly, while Mrs. Price put her arms affectionately around her son's neck. Price then sat on a chair, while the mother sat on his lap, with her arms still entwined about his neck. In this position they conversed for a half hour, and then another affecting scene took place at the parting.

"Price still maintains his cheerful mood, and does not seem to realize the doom that awaits him. It is believed, however, that he will break down when the death warrant is read to him. The only spiritual consolation Price has sought has been the Bible, which he says he has nearly read through since he has been in prison. He has not asked to see any clergyman, but has had several visits from the prison chaplain, Rev. Louis F. Zinkhan.

"Recently Price was denied the daily papers for the reason that he might see some mention of his case which might cause him to break down, but he learned something about the Henson lynching at Ellicott City, and then began to calculate how much longer he had to live. 'It is just thirty-five days,' he said to his keeper. Since then he has been allowed to read the papers. This occupies most of his time, save the hours he reads and re-reads the letters that have been sent to him by relatives. All of these letters are of a cheerful nature. Price has a rather good, intellectual face, with a sympathetic expression. This is noticed by every one who sees him. Only two days ago a party of young ladies were visiting the jail, when their attention was called to Price, who was pacing up and down one of the corridors. One of them exclaimed, 'Oh! that man couldn't have committed a murder. He is too good looking.'"

Sheriff Berry went to Baltimore Wednesday last and read the Governor's death warrant to Price. When Sheriff Berry entered the jail he went to Warden Constantine's office and said he was ready to read the death warrant to Price. The young murderer was sent for and when he entered the office Sheriff Berry read the document to him in the presence of the Warden and his deputies. During the reading Price did not seem to be affected. He sat calmly near the Sheriff while the paper was read to him. When Sheriff Berry finished Price said: "I suppose you will carry out the law." Sheriff Berry nodded his head and the ordeal was at an end. Price was led back to his cell and the Sheriff conversed with Warden Constantine for a few minutes in the corridor. After Price was locked in his cell, which is No. 16, at the end of the second tier, the death watch was put on him. Deputy Warden Joseph C. Sauer was detailed to watch the prisoner during the day. Wednesday night Warden Constantine engaged a man to watch Price, and during his stay in jail he will be constantly watched and guarded. He will be allowed to take exercise after the other prisoners are locked up and his meals will be served from a restaurant. Price has a good appetite, but he occasionally gets into despondent moods and refuses to talk with his attendants.

Sheriff Berry has written the sheriff of Dorchester county for the use of the gallows belonging to the Cambridge jail. If he succeeds in borrowing one a considerable item of expense in the Price execution will be saved to the county.