A WOMAN HANGED.

Description of the Execution of Susan Eberhart, the Accomplice of the White-Murderer, Enoch Spann, in Georgia.

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PRESTON, Webster County, Ga., May 3.-To-day was the saddest ever witnessed in Georgia. Susan Eberhart, aged nineteen, was hanged at Preston to-day, for her complicity in the murder of Enoch F. Spann, in the murder of his wife on the 4th of May, 1872. At her request a statement of what she did in connection with the murder was written yesterday and will be published. In it she says she did nothing, except being present and handing Spann a handkerchief when he called for it to wipe his face. She says he threatened to kill her if she did not to kill his wife. He said he would if she were hanged five minutes after, and he for five minutes. He also forced her to go off with him. She begged him with tears to leave her, but he said: "I will hang you up and take you off." And all the journey she begged him to let her go back home. She says she made no such confession as was made by her companion. She believes that if only the actual truth had been given in the testimony, while the worst is described she believes would not have been hung. But, considering her condition, she thought it was the best thing she could do. She was very willing; she did not fear death. She believed that she would be better off, and that it would be better for her. She was brought to jail she determined to seek earnestly God's forgiveness and salvation. Some six months after her arrest she thought of death as a deliverance to be desired rather than dreaded.

The morning of the pastor of the Baptist church visited the jail, at 8 o'clock, and prayed with and conversed with her. He found her composed, cheerful, confident, and perfectly willing to die. At 11 the guard met at the jail and formed a bodyguard to accompany the pallbearers. The sheriff and his companion rode in a buggy. The ministers walked, and thus they marched to the gallows, located a quarter of a mile distant, in a grove of tall pines. She told the sheriff as she went that she was not the best woman in the world, and was no doubt less than any other present. She had on a white, small-striped, cambric-flushed dress, never before worn, at the expense of the sheriff. Her hair was plainly combed in two long braids, one on each side, then crossed at the back. She wore a calico sun bonnet.

At the gallows the sheriff assisted her to alight on the platform, and the bodyguard took her to the hanging rope. The minister read the 88th and 130 psalms, and spoke a few words of encouragement. He said he had grown up in love to the woman in her profession of conversion and faith. Then followed an earnest prayer, after which she took leave of her friends. She spoke comfortably, and said, in a firm voice that she had freely given all and loved them. Then she was ready to die. The sheriff said, "Susan, are you ready?" She said, "Yes, I'm ready." And walked deliberately to the platform. The sheriff placed the black cap on her head and adjusted the rope. She said, "Mr. May is my witness, I am ready to die, and do die, and shall be choked to death." The sheriff slackened the rope a little and asked "Is that right?" She said, "Yes, I am ready." He then asked, "Are you ready?" "Susan, place your hands behind you." She did so, and he tied them. Then he said again, "Are you ready?" She said, "I am ready." Then the platform dropped at precisely 11:30 o'clock. She fell five feet and stood two feet higher.

She was pronounced dead in eleven minutes, and the sheriff and undertaker carried her off and carried for the night to her father's house to be buried from the church at Preston to-morrow. She died in the hospital with the same rope that Spann was three weeks ago. About 700 persons were present, half men, and the town was agitated. Her neck was not broken. The doctors with an electric battery tried to resuscitate her, but failed. She died about 11:30 this evening. None of her kindred were present. She was the second woman ever hanged in Georgia.