

NERVING HIMSELF FOR EXECUTION

All the Arrangements Completed for the Hanging of a Wife-Mur- derer in Camden

Sheriff John Wesley Sell of Camden, yesterday completed all arrangements for the hanging of Samuel Vanstavern next Tuesday. A new suit of black clothes has been provided for the condemned man. He was shaved by the prison barber. His cell was again looked over for weapons or poison, and he was instructed that no speech will be permitted from the gallows.

With the assistance of former Sheriff West the gibbet was tested yesterday and everything worked satisfactorily. Vanstavern heard the thud as the trap was sprung, and a shudder passed over the wreck of a once powerful physique.

To a city official who visited the condemned man yesterday at the latter's request Vanstavern said he felt better than he had for some time. Prison officials state he is trying to nerve himself for the final ordeal. His spiritual advisers, Revs. J. R. Mason and D. B. Green, spend a great deal of time with him. During their presence he seems to bear up fairly well, but in their absence he is an abject picture of distress.
