

FAMILY WELLED SLEEP BY FIED

William Hill, His Wife and Two Step-Children, Mutilated With Ax.

MURDER COOLLY PLANNED

Newly-Sharpened Weapon Stolen From Distant Neighbor by Degenerate Slayer—Articles of Value Untouched.

Leaving no tangible clue but half-smashed, bloody finger prints upon the body of his victims, a man whose identity is not known to the authorities, but who is believed unquestionably to have been a degenerate, murdered four persons in a roadside cabin on the Milwaukee-Willsburg road, about six miles from Portland, sometime after midnight yesterday morning. The dead are William Hill, plumber, 22 years old; his wife, Ruth Hill, 22; Philip Rintoul, 8, and Dorothy Rintoul, 5. The two children were Mrs. Hill's by a former marriage. Her first husband having been James P. Rintoul, a newspaperman of Salt Lake.

Victims Battered With Ax.

All the victims were chopped and battered with an ax, which was left by the bedside and the woman and her daughter, after death, were assaulted.

The annihilation of the Hill family is especially terrifying to residents of the neighborhood for the reason that their deaths made sense when have been murdered within the range of a pistol shot in the last two decades.

When C. W. Matthews went to turn out his cow yesterday morning, he noticed that his neighbors, the Hills, contrary to their usual custom, were not yet out of bed. After having breakfast, he started to work and on the way endeavored to arouse them. Receiving no response, he called back to his wife that she had better see what was the matter.

Neighbor Makes Discovery.

Mrs. Matthews went to the Hill home, about 100 yards away, and peering through a window, discovered the body of little Dorothy in such an attitude as to convince her that the child was dead. She entered the house, unaccompanied by her husband, and discovered Mrs. Hill's body, which she found in a position that she seemed to be only one body, and this gave rise to a report that the husband was missing. City Detectives Carpenter and Price were at once assigned to look out for him in Portland, but the order was quickly followed by the Hill family, who had been found dead beside his wife.

Volunteer Passes Make Search.

Sheriff Maas and Coroner Fox, of Oregon City, within whose jurisdiction the crime was committed, and Sheriff Stevens and Deputies Leonard and Talbot, of Portland, were quickly on the ground and took charge of the investigation. Volunteer parties of citizens gathered and beat the brush around the site of the crime, in fleeting hope of discovering the murderer. The officers spent the day in questioning everyone in the neighborhood, gathering meager clues that exploded at a touch.

Because Deputy District Attorney Slipp was trying a case at Oregon City, official action was not taken by the Coroner until after 5 o'clock last night, and not until then were the exact details of the crime known. Dr. Mount held an autopsy, which established conclusively the treatment to which the woman and child had been submitted.

Man's Movements Tracked.

The officers have established that some time after 9 o'clock Thursday night the murderer went to the home of H. T. Dell, half a mile north of the Hill home, and stole a newly-sharpened ax, which he carried to a side porch. Then he went to the Hill home and the time of his arrival there is believed to be established by the fact that a few minutes after midnight a dog at the home of Johan Olson, a near neighbor, showed most unusual excitement, barking frantically and jumping at the windows as if to arouse the inmates. Mr. Olson is convinced that the dog was disturbed by the murderer and was overjoyed at the thought that his sleepiness probably prevented him from interfering.

The taking of the ax from a place remote from the crime, and the discovery that the murderer knew whether he was bound when he took the weapon. The readiness with which he made his way about the place, and the dispatch with which he must have accomplished the four homicides without giving any of his victims a chance to escape or even struggle, bear out his theory. That had been some days about the neighborhood, is generally believed.

Mr. Hill Killed First.

The murderer went first, it is thought, to the bed occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Hill and slew the man first. To do so, he must have grasped the handle of the ax about the neck of the victim, and the little temporary cabin was very low. Then he killed the woman, went to an adjoining alcove and killed the boy and last turned his attention to the girl, who slept on a couch in the living-room. Preparatory to the act he had hung clothing and other articles over the windows. Whether he used a light or depended upon the moonlight could not be established.

After the murders, the murderer coolly washed the blood from himself in the kitchen. Then it is believed he turned his steps toward the tracks of the Kaskas electric road and Portland, as in front of the Dell house, within 20 feet of the place where the ax was stolen. Sheriff Stevens found a bit of cheap linoleum smeared with blood.

Bodies Are Mutilated.

So fearful was the work of the criminal, that when Coroner Fox empaneled a jury, last night and called upon the neighbors to identify the bodies, none of them could say positively that the dead were the members of the Hill family. Dr. Mount told the jurors the results of his examination, which showed that Hill's head had been chopped until it was beyond recognition. Mrs. Hill had a cut across her forehead, another on the left side of the face, her upper teeth were knocked

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