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CROWD CHEERS HARVEY AS COURT FREES HIM

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one with a guilty knowledge would employ a lawyer before he even had been accused.
'If this man is to be held on this evidence then no man in this courtroom is safe, and I should advise every man, woman and child in this county to carry a gun in every pocket.'

Br. Brownell referred to the prisoner once as 'brother Harvey,' and said his reputation had been spotted up to the time of his arrest in this case. The lawyer made a strong and eloquent appeal.

After the applause had subsided Justice of the Peace Samson said: 'I have known this defendant twenty-five years. I never heard anything against his character before. The fact that he was seen at the station the night the crime was committed is not sufficient evidence upon which to hold him. Human nature is flexible. He was frightened into going to Portland and signing that contract. I do not believe he knew what he was doing. It was not ethical in the lawyers to take advantage of his condition, and I think an investigation should be made, and if it is shown they did what they are accused of doing, they should be disbarred. The complaint is dismissed.'

'I have been working on this case ever since the discovery of the crime,' said Sheriff Mass, 'and only a few days ago the grand jury sent for me and asked me what progress I had made. I gave the jury an outline of the evidence, without mentioning any name, and the jurors are reported as having said the man should be indicted. A few days later I was called before the jury again and gave the evidence in greater detail. The jurors insisted upon indicting the man accused, and asked me to communicate with District Attorney Tongue. This I did and the district attorney advised me to have a preliminary hearing. The same grand jury will meet again January 10.'

LA FOLLETTE TELLS OF ALLEGED BRIBE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Dramatic details of the tense situation when the late United States Senator Philetus Sawyer of Wisconsin tried to bribe Senator La Follette to corrupt Judge Siebecker are given today in La Follette's autobiography in the January issue of the American Magazine.

It was during the suit for the state of Wisconsin against several former state treasurers and their bondsmen to collect interest on state funds appropriated by the defendants. Sawyer, Republican boss, stood to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars as bondsmen for several of the former treasurers. He asked La Follette to meet him at the Plankinton hotel in Milwaukee, and then shot his proposition straight from the shoulder. La Follette says Sawyer said to him: 'No one knows I am to meet you. I don't want to hire you as an attorney. And I don't want you to go into court. But here is \$50, and I will give you \$500 more, or \$1,000 (or \$500 more and \$1,000) if you will never be able to recall exactly the sums named when Siebecker decides the cases right.'

'I said to him,' La Follette declares, 'Senator Sawyer, you cannot know what you are saying. If you struck me in the face you could not insult me as you insult me now.'
'He said: 'Wait, hold on.' I was then standing up. I said, 'No, you don't want to employ me as an attorney. You want to hire me to talk to the judge about our case or of the bench.' He said: 'did not think you would take a retainer in the case, I did not think you would want to go into the case as an attorney. How much will you take as a retainer?'
'I answered: 'You haven't got enough money to employ me as an attorney in your case, after what you have said to me.'
'Well, perhaps I don't understand court rules. Anyway, let me pay you for coming down here.'
'I said: 'Not a dollar, sir, and immediately left the room in complete realization of the extremes to which this power that Sawyer represented would go to secure the results it was after.'

GRAND JURY TO PROBE HILL CRIME

SHERIFF MASS TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE TO THAT BODY

JANUARY 10.

DECLARES SLAYER WILL BE FOUND

Official Has Labored Night And Day Trying To Find Guilty Man

Friends Praise His Work

Sheriff Mass announced Wednesday that he would turn over what evidence he had in the case of Nathan B. Harvey, the Milwaukee nurseryman, acquitted of having any connection with the slaying of the Hill family in Justice of the Peace Samson's court, to the grand jury, which will meet January 10.

'I want the grand jury to have the evidence and the case to be sifted to the bottom, not only for the benefit of the people of the county and state, but for the benefit of the man we accused,' said the sheriff. 'We made a mistake in not introducing more evidence at the examining trial. The mistake will not be made again. I shall have a talk with District Attorney Tongue regarding the course to be followed.'

Scores of friends of Sheriff Mass said Wednesday that the sheriff had done his duty, and should not be blamed in any way. He has worked almost continuously on the case since the finding of the bodies, and has gone without the necessary sleep for weeks at a time. It is argued that the sheriff has done all it was possible for any human being to do in trying to solve the case.

'I am confident that the slayer of the Hills will yet be captured,' continued Sheriff Mass, 'and I have no means given up the fight. If Mr. Harvey is innocent I want that fact to be clearly shown. But as certain as the crime was committed the guilty person will be found, and I believe punished.'

No complaint has been filed against T. F. Cowling, Jr., brother of Mrs. Hill, who fired two shots at Mr. Harvey in an altercation between them December 1.

NEIGHBORS DECLARE HARVEY IS INNOCENT

The following statement by neighbors of Nathan B. Harvey was issued last evening:

'In view of the statements being published in the different papers at this time, we the neighbors of N. B. Harvey, who have known him and his family for twenty to thirty years, wish to protest against these statements against the Harvey family.'

'First, Dan Harvey, who killed his mother and himself, was known to be out of his mind at the time and had been for some time before the act. He feared poverty, although he had \$10,000 at the time, which fell to N. B. Harvey, by will, through his mother, and was turned over to the estate by N. B. Harvey and divided among all the heirs.'

'Willard Harvey was drowned in the Willamette River at Milwaukee while bathing alone, in the year 1878 or 1879. He was living with Seth Lewelling at the time and was found by Mr. Lewelling in the water.'

'Charles Wilson, who killed Mamie Walsh, was no relation to N. B. Harvey, neither was she killed on Harvey's premises, or near them.'

'Seth Lewelling has said in the hearing of some of us that he was well acquainted with the father and family of N. B. Harvey. He says they were Quakers and highly respected by his death, and we surely have never heard of any in our thirty years' acquaintance with the family.'

'N. B. Harvey is the youngest of the family and came to Milwaukee when only a boy. He has associated with our wives, daughters and other women folks under all conditions, and we have never heard of an immodest word or act on his part. The time we have known him, nor of his brother, Dan.'

'It is said that N. B. Harvey has insulted different women in the neighborhood. Is it not strange that not one of his neighbors has heard of it?'

'MRS. J. E. WETZLER.
'C. A. LAKIN.
'E. S. WILMAN.
'MRS. R. SCOTT.
'FLORENCE E. OLSON.
'WM. SHINDLER.
'F. C. HARLOW.
'S. V. LEWELLING.
'MRS. L. A. HARLOW.
'HENRY SCOTT.
'J. C. JEMEL.
'J. E. WETZLER.
'O. W. WISSINGER.'

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

ENGLAND AND JAPAN MAY ACT IN CHINA

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Considerable curiosity has been aroused in diplomatic circles here regarding the reasons for the proposal of Great Britain and Japan to undertake a dual mediation in China after the powers, including the United States, had decided to present an identical note to the conference now meeting at Shanghai.

There was a tendency to believe that the Japanese government had made the proposal and that Japan was anxious to intervene. It turns out now, however, that the proposal really came from the British government, acting on the belief that the British Consul at Hankow, who had induced the combatants to agree to an armistice, might again succeed as a mediator in the larger question.

It is understood that the State Department is making inquiries both in Japan and Great Britain in regard to the proposed British-Japanese mediation.

HARVEY SUSPECTED IN HOLZMAN CASE

DETECTIVES SAY IT IS POSSIBLE RICH NURSERYMAN KILLED GIRL.

LANDLADY THINKS HE WAS ROOMER

Arrest Said To Have Been Precipitated By Threats of Neighbors To Lynch Man Called Hill Slayer.

Nathan B. Harvey, under arrest on a charge of slaying the Hill family at Ardenwald Station, also is suspected of having slain Barbara Holzman, in Portland. Mrs. Bertha Nelson, keeper of the lodging house where the girl was killed, has seen Harvey and according to the authorities, thinks he was the man who rented the room from her.

That Harvey was arrested and locked up as a protection against acts of violence on the part of neighbors, is the latest development in the case. It has leaked out that Harvey, within the last few weeks, had been threatened with lynching by irate residents. One threat made was that he would be strung up on the Milwaukee bridge to force a confession from him, and that the crowd might forget to cut him down until too late.

'There has been general feeling against Harvey for some time in that neighborhood,' explained the sheriff, 'and the threats became so strong that we had to take serious cognizance of them. We will not divulge at this time just who made these threats, but we know they were made and who made them. This part of the affair has, of course, nothing to do with the Hill murder, and is not a part of the evidence which we will use against Harvey to pin the atrocious crimes onto him.'

The authorities have not made any serious or systematic effort to fasten the Barbara Holzman murder on Harvey. When Mrs. Bertha Nelson, the landlady who rented a room to the slayer of the little girl, gave the fiend's description, she thought of connecting Harvey with it and was aroused until after the Hill tragedy. But when the detectives and sheriffs began investigating the latter case they noted the striking manner in which Harvey answered the description given by Mrs. Nelson.

Desiring to know every resource in running the Holzman's girl slayer to earth, the authorities gave Mrs. Nelson three opportunities to see Harvey at close range. At these times she said she thought Harvey was the man who rented the room.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

Morning Enterprise, Oregon City, Or.—To the Editor:—Concerning single tax, the subject which will probably receive more discussion in Oregon in the next few months than all other public questions combined, I do not wish to be understood as either advocating or opposing it. I am seeking information, I do not know to-day whether I shall vote for or against single tax, when it comes to a vote, or not, but I am trying to watch the arguments, pro and con, as well as I can, in hope that before the time to vote comes I shall be able to determine to my satisfaction how to mark my ballot.

I am not from Missouri, but I lived for a long time (when I was young) and am susceptible to impressions where the winds from the west used frequently to blow the 'show me' infection across the state line, and doubtless some of the morbid germs found lodgment in my system. Therefore, it is up to the propagandists of the single tax theory on the one hand, and its opponents on the other, to show by relevant facts (not conclusions, the intelligent voter will reach them if he has the facts), whether or not the single tax theory, if put into actual practice, will probably result in a more equitable distribution of the burdens of taxation, and in substantial benefits to the state and to the interests of the people and the intelligent voter will not fail to keep in mind the fact that, to get a worse and more corrupt system of taxation than we now have, we will have to 'go some.'

As to whether it will cost \$16 or \$16,000 to place the single tax theory clearly and intelligently before the voters of the state or not, I cannot see that matters if the money was not corruptly obtained, and is not being corruptly used. Because, I suppose that the most conscientious member of a legislature would not balk at the amount of expenditure that had been necessary to place before the body, for its enlightenment, the true facts of great general importance upon which the body was called upon to act.

Whether the money that is being expended in the single tax propaganda is tainted with corruption or not, we don't know, but we seem to be getting some light on the question. Mr. E. C. Hackett, in the Enterprise of December 23, says that single tax is a scheme of the interests to shift what little they now pay over on the backs of the farmers. But he is it. But Mr. Hackett says so—which appears to be merely his opinion without a single fact to back it up.

Mr. Hackett admits, however, that the interests only pay 'a little.' Now, the question is, can't we devise some means by which they can be compelled to pay more up to their just proportion? Certain people, ycleped single taxers, assert that we can, and submit a scheme by which they say it can be accomplished. Can it? If Mr. Hackett knows to the contrary, I think he should tell us how and why he knows, or believes, it. There are a lot of us waiting now for just that kind of information.

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Mr. Hackett also says, impliedly, that the reason why taxes are inequitable under existing laws, is because the assessors do not give all a square deal. Now that's rather hard on the assessors, but since he says he believes they have been trying to do this, I will give every one a square deal, though he gets his negatives somewhat tangled up, we will take it for granted that the assessors will get the minimum sentence.

Mr. Hackett also says that if any of us know of instances where assessments are not just and equitable it is our duty as good citizens to point these out to the assessor, and to go before the board of equalization if he refuses to consider them.

I have known Mr. Hackett, as deputy sheriff and tax collector, 'expert accountant,' and in other capacities giving him opportunity to have first rate information along those lines, and I never heard him accused of inordinately swelling the revenues of the county by calling the attention of the assessor or board of equalization to inequitable assessments.

As before stated, I neither advocate nor oppose single tax at this time, the reason being that I consider it the most important question that has been before the people of Oregon in many years, and because of lack of time to properly study it, I do not consider myself qualified to discuss it intelligently. But owing to a somewhat economical turn of mind, I dislike to see such prodigal waste of good printers' ink as has attended, more or less, the discussion of the question thus far.

V. R. HYDE.

OPPOSES SINGLE TAX. I was much pleased with Judge Dimick's article in the Morning Enterprise regarding single tax. When a man accepts \$16,000 and better to work for a measure in direct conflict with the interests of the common people and in favor of the capitalists, I do not know where to place him. I am glad to know, also, that so many of our leading men are coming out in the open so that we know where they are. Where are you, Mr. Editor? Friend Starkeholder, I'm glad to know, is with the farmers and has his heart in the right place.

If the farmer and land owner can't see through this scheme of the interests, to shift what little they now pay over on their backs, God pity them. They'll wake up when it's too late. Every patriotic citizen is willing to carry his just proportion of the taxes. Under existing laws whose fault is it that the taxes are not equitably adjusted? If the assessor gives each and every one a square deal, then the burden must fall on each and all alike.

I am of the opinion that our assessors have been trying to do this. If they have failed in any sense I am loath to believe it was not done intentionally.

If any of us know of instances where assessments are not just and equitable it is our duty as good citizens to point these out to the assessors. If he won't consider the matter we should go before the board of equalization and make a showing there.

We hear the cry of high taxes everywhere, but this is our own fault to a great extent. We are living in a fast age and are trying to fly before we get the wings. Extravagance prevails everywhere, from the inauguration of President down to constable. History tells us that Jefferson rode on horse-back to the White House and in and read his twenty-minute inaugural. This was done without any pomp and ceremony whatever. What do we do now? It is needless to say that we've drifted so far away from the simplicity of former days and buried so deeply in the sins of extravagance, that Gabriel's horn may not save us. We must return to simpler and simpler things as the socialists proclaim.

Single tax does not lead in that direction and it remains for us to man the watch-tower, and not be led by hirelings. A man who sells his birth-right for a mess of pottage and who advocates certain things because he is paid to do so, is not to be looked up to as a director and leader, but rather as an enemy in disguise and a man to be despised and shunned for such is not of the Kingdom of God.—they are the followers of the other fellow. E. C. HACKETT.

Mr. U'Ren, in a statement in today's issue of the Enterprise, denies that he received \$16,775 as charged by Judge Dimick.—Editor.

PLEA FOR TEACHERS. Oregon City Enterprise. To the Editor:—At a recent teachers' meeting held in our supervisor's district, it was suggested to me that I write my opinion about the relation that ought to exist between the parents of a district and its teacher. Now whether this opinion was to be given at our next meeting or to be given to the public at large, I do not know. And having confidence in a charitable public, I give it with the hope that I am not treading on forbidden ground. In our rural communities neighbor visits neighbor from time to time as a matter of social necessity.

They meet at least once a week, many of them, as a religious necessity and listen with due respect to the man they have chosen for a limited time, to act as guide on their way to Paradise. They will erect freely and uncomplainingly, at any expense, their places of public worship, and regard the individual who fills the pulpit as a superior being. But how different does the same community act toward its other common home, the public school! The most valuable discovery, if you please, of modern times! The common meeting place of all the children in the community between certain ages. Children who have as many kinds of training as there are homes in the community meet here. This same community 'hire' a man or a woman from somewhere for eight or nine months in a year to instruct their children in human affairs. But this man or woman who is called the 'teacher' is looked at in a different way than the man in the pulpit. The one is looked at with reverence, the other is regarded with suspicion generally. You have established a custom that one day in seven you meet your minister but you never feel it your duty to meet the teacher of your children one day in a hundred. Parents, however, are not to be blamed alone; and in many cases, possibly in a majority of cases, the teacher is most to blame. Note the new minister just 'come to town.' He, although a stranger, begins at once to meet his people and becomes acquainted with them. He is courteous, polite, and sympathetic. In other words, he goes right into their homes, no matter how humble, and leads them to feel that he is their friend. How many teachers do this? Do we wonder why parents feel like strangers in their own schoolhouses? It is also true that many teachers feel better if the parent finds no time to visit the school. (But this should not keep parents away.) For the great majority of them, to establish and maintain those happy relations between all the children of the school that come only from an impartial teacher. It is equally true, that the best successful teachers in their best days fall to please all the parents. For it is a curious fact that some parents feel that their children are so good that no reprimand is ever earned by them! Having thus briefly out-

lined the conditions of mind concerning the schools as they exist, and the causes therefor, I earnestly believe that if parents, and teachers also, will do more visiting, the parents the school, and the teacher the home, and each have regard for the other as men and women; talking over matters concerning the individual children confidentially; and adding to this all, a kind voice, a good eye, and a strong arm, etc., on the part of the teacher in the schoolroom, our schools everywhere will become happy homes for all the children, a pleasant outing for parents, and an honor to the teacher.

ROBERT GINTHER. Oregon City, Route 4, Dec. 26, 1911.

HOP MARKET IS AT STANDSTILL FOR TIME

Trade in the hop market has all but come to a standstill, and dealers as a rule do not look for any resumption of business until after the holidays. There are orders on hand, both for spot goods and futures, but at prices that do not appear to interest the growers to any great extent. The general impression seems to be that there will be a good demand for spot hops for export early in January. For contracts on 1912 hops up to 25 cents is said to have been freely offered this week, but with little business resulting. The next two weeks will in all probability be dull ones in the Coast hop trade.

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