

NEIGHBOR SEIZED AS HILL MURDERER

Nathan B. Harvey, Milwaukie Nurseryman, Is Jailed and Arraigned for Crime.

INNOCENCE IS PROTESTED

Sheriff Mass, of Clackamas, Says Circumstantial Evidence Points to Prisoner as Family's Slayer. Accused Asks Delay.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Nathan B. Harvey, a prosperous nurseryman of Milwaukie, was arrested last night, charged with the murder of the four members of the Hill family in their home at Ardenwald June 9 last. Harvey protests his innocence.

In Justice of the Peace Samson's court this afternoon Harvey was arraigned. C. M. Idelman, of Portland, his attorney, did not appear, and Deputy District Attorney Stipp read the warrant charging the prisoner with murder. Harvey asked that the hearing be postponed until he could confer with counsel. The request being granted, Harvey was taken back to jail, where he was joined by Mr. Idelman. It is probable that the hearing will be held next Tuesday, when Sheriff Mass says he will allow only enough of the state's evidence to be given to insure the prisoner's being held.

The arrest of Harvey was timed to take place after the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Cowing from Portland for Clatsop, and before Mrs. Cowing and the parents of Mrs. Hill. The Cowings left by the Shasta Limited Tuesday night.

The woods around and across the road from the Hill place now are being dug by detectives, who say they expect to find a suit of bloody clothes, which they allege, Harvey buried in the Ardenwald hills.

Prisoner Not Downcast. While waiting for the case to be called, Harvey, who is well known at Milwaukie and has always borne a good reputation until his name became connected with the Hill tragedy, chatted pleasantly with Sheriff Mass and Stevens. His conversation related to the weather, his business prospects, his little daughter, who is 15, and other commonplace topics. Not once did he mention the crime of which he stands charged.

Harvey denies his guilt and declares he can prove his innocence. His deepest concern seems to be for the welfare of his daughter. He fears his arrest will have a bad effect upon her condition. Sheriff Mass is confident Harvey is the guilty man, and bases his opinion upon the following points, which he says, can be proved:

Sheriff Mass says the crime was committed between 12:45 and 1:30 o'clock, on the morning of June 9. The sheriff's refusal to tell how he found out the exact time of the murder, Harvey got off a streetcar coming in this direction from Portland at Ardenwald at 12:35 o'clock. Several persons saw him when he alighted from the car, and he admits he was there. It is said he had to pass the Deik home, where the instrument welded by the murderer, was obtained.

Lawyers Pre-Engaged, 'Tis Said. His wife and other members of his family do not know what time he returned home, for none occupied the room with him. Harvey, the Sheriff says, has revealed information which no one but the slayer could possibly know.

VICTIMS OF ARDENWALD TRAGEDY, OF WHICH NATHAN B. HARVEY STANDS ACCUSED.



WILLIAM HILL



RUTH COWING HILL



PHILLIP HILL



DOROTHY HILL

within the reach of my voice. I want Sheriff Mass to dig down to the very bottom of this thing. I have been nearly a lifelong resident of this part of the country, and I have built up a good business and made a respected citizen of the community. I started for Portland from my home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of June 9. After going to the Corbett building to see a man on business, I went to Mount Tabor to see T. V. Suleman, a nurseryman on business. Returning, I went to the home of Mrs. George Miller, who lives in the rear of the United States laundry on Grand avenue. With Mrs. Miller and others I visited the Rose Festival parade on Grand avenue. Later I went to the Woodmen of the World building to see a friend, who did not keep his appointment.

Hill Home Passed. I boarded the 11:30 o'clock car for my home, arriving at Ardenwald station at 11:25 or 11:30 o'clock. I walked straight home. I did not notice a light in the Hill cabin, nor did I see an ax at the Deik cabin. I went home and went to bed, and I knew nothing about the murder until the officers told me of it.

I did not know Mrs. Hill personally and only spoke to her once. I think that was three days before the murder. I was driving along a road when she called to me and said: "I am Mrs. Hill, a neighbor. Do you know where I can buy a cow?" "She walked beside the buggy until I reached my gate and turned into my place. I knew Hill only slightly, and never saw any of the children to my knowledge."

Man Innocent, Says Lawyer. After the conference with Harvey in the jail, Mr. Idelman said that he was confident his client was innocent. "I have been his lawyer for 25



Nathan B. Harvey, Who Is Accused of Having Slain the Hill Family at Ardenwald.

years," said the attorney, "and I never knew a more upright man. There will be a little difficulty in proving his innocence. He has said nothing that could incriminate him."

"I am confident we have the murderer," said Sheriff Mass, who has worked on the case almost continuously in connection with Sheriff Stevens and Portland detectives. "We have evidence that has not been divulged. It is all of a circumstantial nature, but it is convincing."

WIFE BACKS MATE

Mrs. Harvey Says She Knows Husband Is Not Murderer.

SON BERATES SLEUTHS

Many Residents of Ardenwald Employed at Times by Prisoner Express Belief in His Innocence.

Home Is Darkened.

Mrs. Nathan B. Harvey and children about the possibility of husband and father having committed the crime with which he is charged. "Do I believe he is innocent?" she queried yesterday at Ardenwald. "Why, I know he is innocent. "Do you think that if he had been a guilty man he would have dared to come into my house after committing such an atrocious crime? We shall be able to prove he is innocent too."

Mrs. Harvey was wrestling with emotion the whole time she was speaking. The house was darkened as if there had been a death. It is just a small frame shack with two or three outbuildings, and to its left stands the small frame shack that had been occupied by the Hill family.

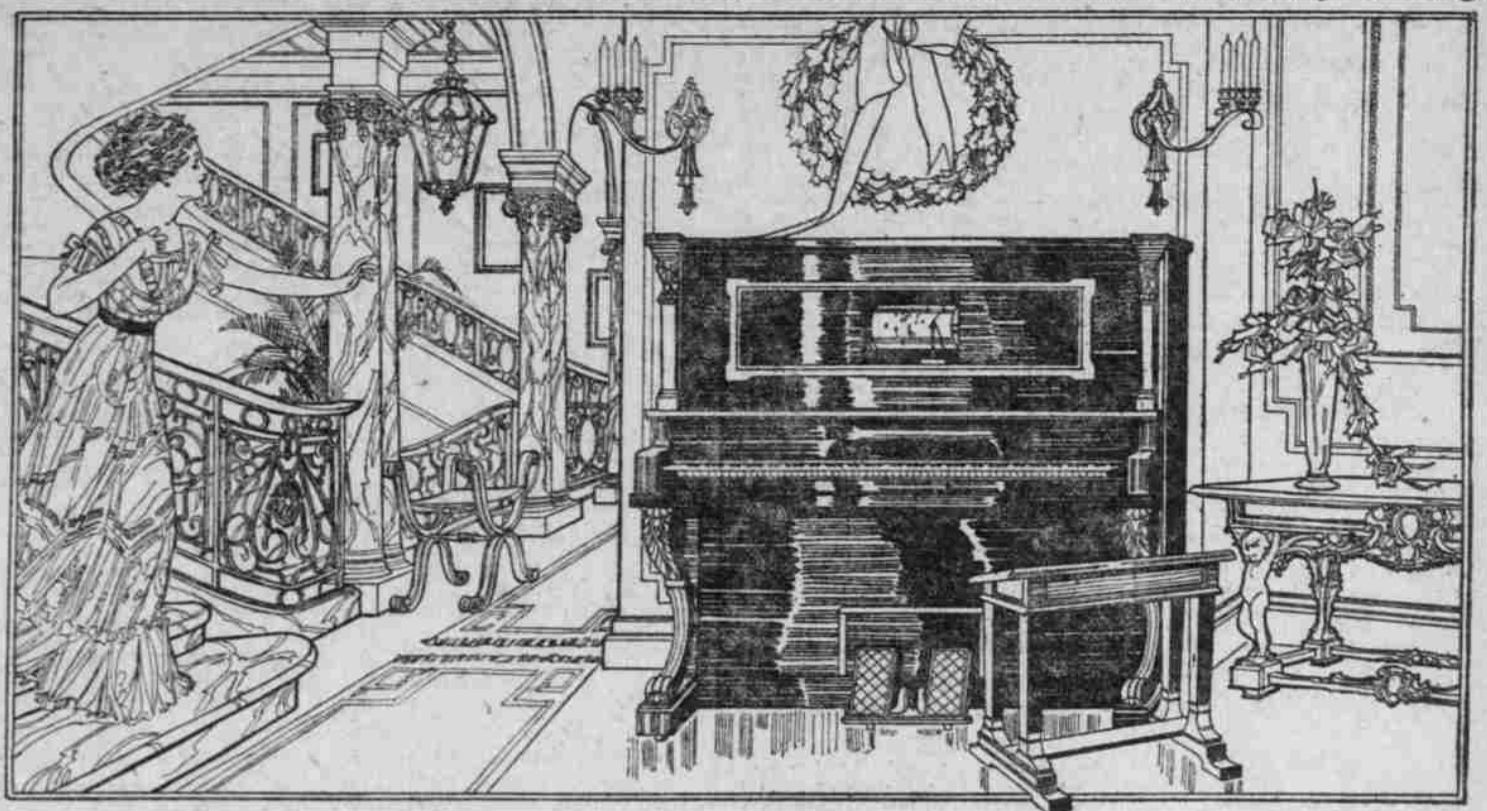
"We have always had the greatest sympathy for the friends of the Hills. I don't suppose anyone could have felt more keenly than we did the horror of the deed that had been committed," Mrs. Harvey went on.

"They had only been here six weeks and as a matter of fact we scarcely knew them. Certainly, beyond just nodding to them when we saw them, we had no acquaintance with them."

Mrs. Harvey is a pleasant-faced woman of about 45. Her son, Corwin Harvey, was a nurse and more concerned himself regarding his father's arrest.

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