

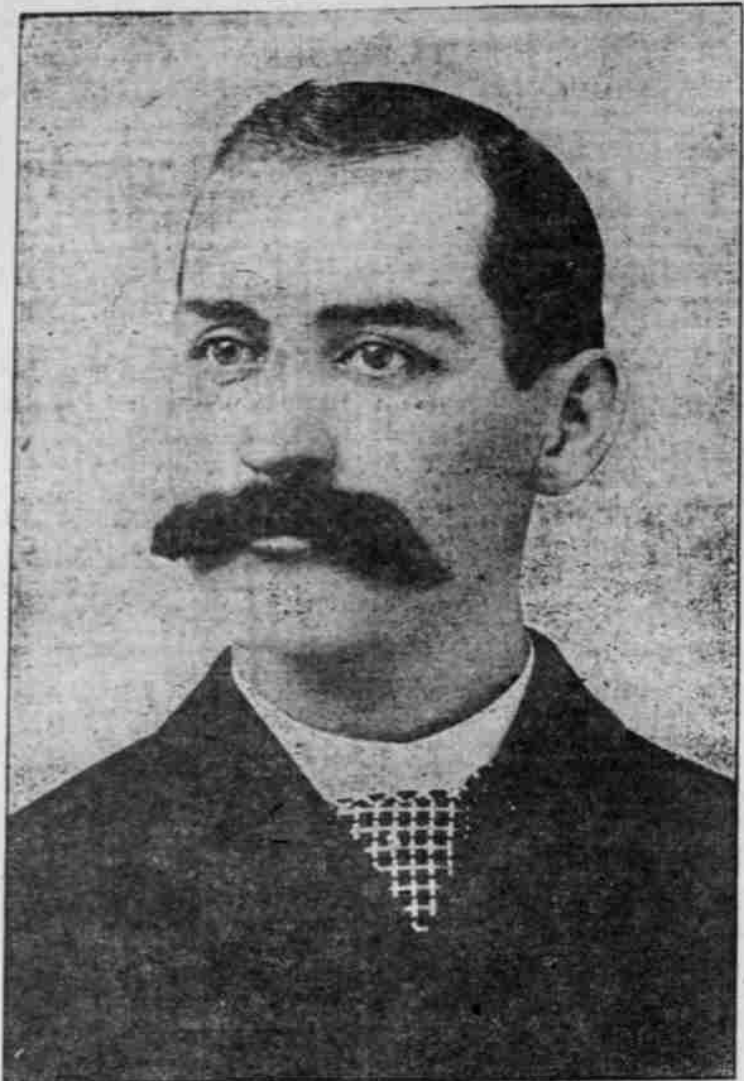
HARVEY ADMITS PLAINING DEFENSE

Alleged Murderer of Hills Tells
of Offering \$20,000 to
Fight Charge.

PACT IS CANCELED LATER

W. H. Abel and Jay Bowerman Say
Accused Man Conferred With
Them and That They Set Big
Fee—Prisoner Explains.

ALLEGED SLAYER OF HILL FAMILY AS HE APPEARED SEVERAL YEARS AGO.



NATHAN B. HARVEY, FROM OLD PHOTOGRAPH IN POSSESSION OF HIS WIFE.

That W. H. Abel and Jay Bowerman, of Portland, were the attorneys who signed a contract with Nathan B. Harvey, the Milwaukee nurseryman, under arrest charged with the murder of the Hill family at Ardenwald, June 9, was asserted by the accused in his cell at Oregon City yesterday. Harvey declares he was approached by a detective named Mitchell, who took him to the office of the two attorneys and that he there signed a written agreement to pay the attorneys \$20,000 for his defense by them should he be arrested on a charge of murder.

Harvey declared that he was frightened by seeing detectives and Sheriff in the woods about his home and that while the circumstance of his consulting a lawyer might seem strange, under the conditions and the state of mind in which he was in, he did not think he acted strangely.

"It is quite true that W. H. Abel and myself signed contracts for Harvey's defense," said Mr. Bowerman last night. "The circumstances are these: Some days after the murder Mr. Abel called into his office and offered \$20,000 for his defense. He told me that he feared he might be arrested and that he had been informed this was to be the case. He offered me \$20,000 not care to handle homicide cases and that were I to do so my fee would be a high one. He seemed willing to agree to this. Thereupon he signed a contract for \$20,000.

"At that time I informed him that he could cancel the contract at any time and that in the meantime I did my work for him and could pay me for that. However, the sum of \$20,000 was to pay the whole expense of his defense.

"Harvey came to see me some days later and, at his request, the contract was canceled. It was torn up at that time, I believe. I am not sure if he defended Mr. Harvey, whose attorney is C. M. Idleman.

"At no time did Harvey do or say anything in my presence which would lead me to believe he was guilty."

In his statement Harvey tells that a detective named Mitchell came to him and told him that he was about to be arrested. Thereupon, he says, he came to Portland with Mitchell and consulted Mr. Abel at his office. He continued:

"Contract is Destroyed.

"There Mr. Bowerman joined us, and I was told if I expected the firm to defend me I would have to sign a contract to give them \$20,000. This in my confused state of mind I agreed to do. However, upon returning home and talking the case over with my wife, I decided that I had made a mistake, and a few days later she and I went to Mr. Abel's office, and I told the lawyer I wished to rescind the contract. He said that the contract was torn into bits in my presence.

"I admit the fact that I employed a lawyer before I had been arrested and it may seem strange, but under the circumstances I do not think I acted strangely. I was told by Mitchell that I was suspected of the crime and that the woods were filled with officers and this naturally confused me.

"I do not deny that I passed the Hill home the morning of the crime. I had been to Portland to see a Rose Festival parade. I had to pass the Hill place to get to my home. I have passed it thousands of times. There can be nothing suspicious in that.

"I desire to correct some statements that have been made in regard to my father, Daniel, who is not my father, and my mother, Mary Ann Bunnell (she was married a second time) were found dead in our home at Milwaukee in June, 1894. It was said that my brother killed my mother and committed suicide.

"Father's Death Natural.

"My father died a natural death at our old home in Iowa. There were no suspicious circumstances in connection with his death. Albert Clark, of Portland, father of Claude Clark, the missionary in China for the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, attended my father's funeral. Mr. Clark and I were schoolmates.

"My brother, William Corwin Harvey, was drowned July 7, 1877, where Johnson Creek runs into the Willamette River, and not in two feet of water as has been published. Charles Wilson did not kill Mamie Welch in my strawberry patch, but on another farm in the neighborhood. The girl was picking strawberries when she was attacked. Wilson did not confess to my brother, Daniel, for Daniel had been dead three years when the crime was committed.

"My entire life has been an open book, and I want Sheriff Mass to have my entire record. I have done nothing that I am ashamed of. I may be a little worse than some men, but I know that I am a great deal better than a majority of men."

"Prisoner Not Morose.

The prisoner seems to be little concerned regarding his predicament. He says he realizes that he will have to remain in jail, but is not worrying because he is confident of acquittal. He has his meals sent to him from a restaurant, and spends his time chatting with three other prisoners who are with him in a big cell. Harvey gave the Sheriff a check for \$10 immediately after his arrest with which to buy meals.

Justice of the Peace Samson said yesterday at Oregon City that the lawyers virtually had agreed to have the preliminary hearing next Tuesday. Sheriff Mass says he will introduce only enough evidence to hold the prisoner to the grand jury.

Mr. Abel, mentioned in connection with Mr. Bowerman, made the following statement, regarding the events preceding the contract:

reward offered that they were going to see Harvey at Ardenwald she nearly swooned and declared he was unquestionably the man who rented a room from her.

"Still later, a chance meeting was arranged in Portland between the two and again Mrs. Nelson was overcome as she murmured:

"That's the man!"

Detective Levings denied that he was working for the rewards offered. He said he never expected to receive one cent of the money. "I was working for the county and not for the reward," he asserted. As a matter of fact, the detective asserted that he had made agreements with witnesses that if he heard footprints around his house and obtained his gun. Through the window he saw someone moving and a light in Harvey's room. This was on August 10 at about 2:30 A. M.

In the morning he found a cow tied to the awbuck in his yard and in a pile of dust outside one of his windows the foot prints of someone who had peered into the room. These footprints were afterwards found to be precisely the same size as those of Harvey.

Matthews declared that he believed Harvey had tied the cow there to account for his presence in the Matthew yard and asserted that it could be no other than Harvey because no one else would dare approach an Ardenwald house for fear of being fired upon. Following the Ardenwald murder, he said, Ardenwald residents fired first at Matthews and then at Harvey.

This convinced Matthews, he said, that an attempt was to be made on his own life and he moved away from the scene of the crime.

CIGARETTES UNDER BAN

TELEGRAPH MESSENGER BOYS NOT ALLOWED TO SMOKE.

New Timing System Also Instituted to Do Away With Youths Loitering on Way.

People used to laugh at the cartoons they saw in the papers concerning the speed of the messenger boy, with the dime weekly in front of his face, a cigarette in his mouth and grass growing under his feet.

That is about to be a thing of the past under the system that the boys work now. The rule that is enforced most strictly is one prohibiting smoking. At all Western Union offices the cigarette is under the hammer and those that indulge in this after a warning are promptly discharged.

A new system of timing the messengers is also used. The man that assigns the deliveries is one who knows the city from A to Z. If a messenger takes undue time he is dismissed at once unless he can give satisfactory reasons for his slowness.

There is also a sergeant in command at each office whose duty it is to see that each member of the force is dressed presentably. Each office is equipped with brushes and shoe blacking and the boy must pass muster before he goes to work.

The company is now working in cooperation with the Juvenile Court and the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, from which the new members needed are drawn. Frank Day, who is the recruiting officer in charge of the Portland office, makes reports to these institutions telling how each of the boys is behaving.

The whole messenger system has undergone a change and is now on a basis similar to the civil service. When boys are needed in the departments above the delivery department a message is sent to Mr. Day, who can furnish a suitable boy at once. He has applicants for all departments under his eye at all times.

JOHN M. DEAN IS COMING

Evangelical Ministers to Hear Expert in Men's Movement.

John M. Dean, a member of the team of religious experts sent out by the Men's Religious Forward Movement to confer with church workers in various cities, will be in Portland next

REWARD \$100.00

for any information given in regard to our missing brother, August Kraus, who left his home on Saturday night, December 9. Age, 43 years; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weighs about 150 pounds. Smooth face, dark complexion, dark eyes. He wore a slouch hat and dark overcoat. Refer to Multnomah Lodge, No. 1, Sons of Herman.

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Wednesday. He will meet the evangelical ministers of the city at 2 o'clock Wednesday. A meeting will also be arranged with the "committee of 100," local church committees, and the eight committees who are promoting the campaign in Western Oregon.

Seven church districts have been made by those in charge of the movement locally: Sellwood, Mount Scott, Central East Side, North East Side, St. Johns and West Side. Conferences on boys' work, missions, social service, Bible study and evangelism will be held in these districts immediately after New Year's.

Raymond Robins will open the eight days' campaign of the city at 2 o'clock Wednesday. A meeting will also be arranged with the "committee of 100," local church committees, and the eight committees who are promoting the campaign in Western Oregon.

PHOTO PLAYS ARE GRIPPING

People's, Star and Arcade Offer Varied Programmes.

"As in a Looking-Glass," at the People's Theater, tells the story of a wealthy husband, brought to a decided halt through the innocent play of his little children, who play "papa and mamma" so well that he sees his own life as in a looking-glass reflected. The People's Theater also shows a clever drama, "The Sign of the Three Labels," showing the newlyweds embarking on their wedding trip, how they become annoyed by the many interruptions of the bellboys and thus unwittingly gain their emmits, which follows as they are they go by reason of the peculiar labeling of their grips. "Princess Charming," a colored fairy picture, was a delight to the children, as well as the older portion of the audience, and the trio, Confor, Bauer and Wilson, met with applause, and were recipients of many beautiful floral pieces.

"The Club Man" and "Santa Claus" were the principal attractions at the Star Theater, and "Fires and Driftwood" showed how a happy home is broken up by an adventure, but is once more united and happy. There are comedies and music galore.

The Arcade has an entirely new and pleasing list of photoplays, and the Oh Joy has gripping Western offerings.

PRISONERS OPEN DOORS

County Jail Cells Have No Terrors for Men—Jailer Loses Cigars.

"I'll put up the cigars all around if you fellows can break out of those cells," said Night Jailer Dave Fuller to the 13 prisoners at the County Jail Wednesday night. He referred to a new section of cells recently completed.

Yesterday Fuller distributed the cigars, for the men found little difficulty in making their way into the corridors. When Deputy Sheriff Hunter arrived yesterday morning they were straggling around in groups of three and four.

A few weeks ago the prisoners opened the doors of the cells and also opened the inner of two doors leading to the outside. They are all short-

term men or prisoners awaiting trial on minor offenses and they have no desire to escape. All the "heavies" are at Kelly Butte.

In striking contrast with the slow growth in the number and acreage of farms and the area of improved land during the ten years is the enormous rise which has occurred in the value of farm property.



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