

TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER MOST FOUL.

*Price Seeks to Shift the Blame, but Fails—
He Is Indicted.*

As was noted in the JOURNAL of last week, Price was taken to Baltimore by the detectives on Thursday night. The officers were accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Walter J. Roe as far as Harrington. Price was placed in an upper room of a hotel, the north-bound Norfolk express being late, to await the time of departure. The prisoner was badly frightened. He was very glad to be taken away. He was hand-cuffed to Detective Gault for safe keeping on the journey to the city. When Baltimore was reached he was taken to Marshal Frey's office, and there he told what he said was the true story of the murder. This statement was widely published in the city papers. In Caroline it is thought to be only another falsehood, gotten up as a last resort by a brain fertile in fabrications. It was substantially as follows:



MARSHALL E. PRICE, THE ACCUSED.

PRICE'S STATEMENT.

"Grant Corkran was the one who put it into my head to do harm to Sallie Dean. Three weeks before the murder he came to me and said she had made advances to him, but that he had not taken advantage of them. He told me he thought I might as well share in his luck, and I thought the matter over. I watched the girl as she went to school each day, and the passion grew on me. On the morning of the murder I got up early, and, taking my axo, went into the thicket bordering Powling Creek branch to cut two baizes for horses' hames. I had cut but one when I saw Sallie crossing the bridge on the highway. I hurried to the road and came face to face with U. Grant Corkran. He seemed to be following the girl, who was a short distance ahead of us. Grant pointed to her and said: 'This is our opportunity.' Then we both started after her and came up with her at the top of the hill, right at the copse. Sallie wore a sun bonnet and the curtains kept her from seeing us. When we got within a few feet of her Grant picked up a stone and struck her back of the head. She fell and was stunned for a moment. Then she opened her eyes and looked at Grant and exclaimed: 'Oh! Grant, is that you?' There was very little struggle. We carried her into the woods about 50 feet, but neither of us assaulted her in the way people think. I had a razor in my pocket and Grant knew it. He asked me for it and I gave it to him. He knoeled down and drew the blade across her throat. Then he threw the razor away, and we put some bushes on the body so the buzzards could not get at it. The knife I gave to the detectives was Grant's. He did not cut the girl's throat with it, but used it to cut her garments."

CORKRAN ARRESTED.

After hearing this statement Messrs. Seibold and Gault returned to Caroline Friday night. At 11 o'clock they arrived at Mr. William H. Deen's house. During that night Deputy Sheriff W. J. Roe and Special Deputy W. F. Murphy guarded the house of Price in Harmony to see that nothing was removed. The next morning the officers searched again the dwelling in quest of something said to have been wanted. The grounds where the murder was committed were revisited and the stone, with which it is alleged little Sallie Deen was struck on the side of the head, was recovered at the exact spot named by the prisoner. The other article, the razor, was not found, it is stated. They then drove to the house of Solomon Corkran, which is only two or three hundred yards from the scene of the murder. They found Grant, who very willingly accompanied them. Mr. William H. Deen brought the party to Dorton. After a stay of a few minutes at the State's Attorney's office, the detectives and Corkran were driven to Ridgely, where they took the afternoon train. About this time Corkran was informed that he was to face Price. He then realized the seriousness of the charge made against him.

Corkran has been teaching school for several years, and is a young fellow of very quiet disposition, thoughtful and studious. He was a member of the coroner's jury. The people about the neighborhood of Harmony, where he was raised, were greatly incensed at the charge made by Price, and denunciation of the prisoner was general.

FACES HIS ACCUSER.

On his arrival in Baltimore Corkran was closeted with the marshal for almost an hour Saturday night. He was then escorted to the police central station. In an upper room of the station his meeting with his accuser was to take place. First, the charges were taken to Price and read to him, and he was asked if he was still willing to make these charges, and he said he was. He was then led into the room where

Mr. Corkran sat. Price repeated his charges. "You are lying and you know it," the school teacher said simply, then asked Price: "Why do you wish to drag me into this thing? You know I never had any conversation with you about the girl." Mr. Corkran was not at all worried about the situation.

A younger brother of Mr. Corkran states that he is certain that at the time the murder was said to have been committed the elder brother was at home, and that he was afterward on the farm plowing. He did not leave it during the day.

CORKRAN RELEASED.

The charge brought against Mr. U. Grant Corkran was taken up early this week and soon disposed of by the grand jury. There was no foundation for the charge made in Price's confession. It was shown that the young school teacher could very easily prove an alibi, whereupon the authorities telegraphed an order for his release. The statement made by Price caused some delay, however, and not until Wednesday was the work of the grand jury completed. The detectives, Messrs. Seibold and Gault, whose skilful work has been generally commended, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean, parents of Miss Sallie Dean, the unfortunate girl, several physicians, relatives of the deceased, and others, were examined.

PRICE INDICTED.

Among the papers brought before the court Wednesday was the indictment of Marshall Everett Price for murder. It is not a very lengthy document. It recites in legal form the charge and immediate circumstances of the crime, which occurred on the morning of March 26th; that the accused, with malice aforethought, feloniously and wilfully made an assault with a knife in his left hand, inflicting a wound five inches long and two inches deep across the throat of the deceased, from which wound she instantly died. No one was at all surprised at the indictment.

MANY VISIT THE SCENE SUNDAY.

There was a crowd at the scene of the murder on Sunday last, and the ground was searched over for the hundredth time, perhaps, for the razor, which was said to have been one of the weapons with which the deed was done. A garden rake was used by one of the searchers, but all efforts to find it were in vain. Many people also gathered at the cemetery, where Undertakers Frampton & Son disinterred the remains of the murdered girl, and at the house of Mr. Benjamin Whiteside a thorough examination was made. The doctors reached the unanimous opinion that intimations involving the girl's character were utterly false, sustaining entirely Dr. DuHadway's decision in the matter when the jury of inquest first met. The physicians present at the examination Sunday were Drs. DuHadway, of Harmony; Harcastle and George, of Denton; Hignutt, of Hickman; Clark, of Federalsburg; Dunning and Barton, of Easton. The conclusions of the doctors were written out and signed. They were not given to the public.