

THE DEAN TRAGEDY.

Release of Mr. Corkran—Indictment of Marshall E. Price.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

DENVER, MD., April 10.—The grand jury finished its work today of investigating the Dean murder case, Detectives Gault and Selbold being the principal witnesses. The grand jury found a true bill of indictment against Price. There was not a particle of evidence implicating Corkran in the tragedy, and State's Attorney Jump telegraphed to the authorities in Baltimore to that effect and asked for Corkran's release from further custody.

The indictment charges that Marshall Everett Price on the 26th day of March, 1895, with force and arms did feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought assault Sarah Elizabeth Dean, and that the said Price, with a certain knife made of iron and steel did cut the throat of the said Sarah E. Dean, inflicting a mortal wound five inches long and two inches deep, from which wounds she instantly died; and the grand jurors upon their oaths do present that Marshall E. Price is guilty of the crime.

The case has been set for trial April 30. Russum and Lewis will appear for Price and E. H. Brown, of Centerville, will assist the State.

What the Detectives Say.

Detectives Gault and Selbold, when asked by a SUN correspondent for some statement of facts leading to the arrest of Price, said: "When we went to the neighborhood of Harmony on Sunday following the murder, which was on March 26, we found several county officers ready to arrest Price on mere suspicion, without any facts whatever to bear out their suspicion, and it was with some difficulty that they were restrained. Had Price been arrested at that time it would have practically defeated the success of our investigation, and perhaps would have left the murder one of the mysteries of the present age. It would have taken Price from our workshop of which we did make him the most effective tool, and the results of our investigation would probably have been meager and unsatisfactory. But Price was let alone, fortunately, and we believed from the start he was going to help us materially in ferretting out the crime. The character of Eugene Aram was vindicated by Price's action. The place of murder had a complete fascination for him, and he could not resist the temptation to talk about it freely and visit it frequently. We soon gave him a case of 'swelled head,' and the theories he advanced as to parties probably implicated were to us at least amusing, but we swallowed them all. He had the negro Ross dead sure; even had him tracked with a certain style of boot he wore. He advanced the tramp theory, and in his wily speculations he even went to the point of trying to involve the physician of the village, a reputable citizen, by means of the chloroform bottle and other indirect methods. But when he got to dreaming he got further in, and it was very much like the old story of one of the party dreaming he had got up in the night and ate the loaf of bread. The fact was he did eat it. So with Price. He did the murder, whether he dreamed about it or not.

"As to Mr. Corkran, we believe him entirely innocent. Wells and Campbell sized the two men up exactly in their published statements of yesterday in THE SUN, but see how defenseless Corkran was in the face of Price's charge. He has not a single person to say for certain that he was at his house. Even his little brother cannot say that, for he had no occasion to go into Grant's room, where he was mending a collar, and have conversation with him before leaving for school. Public opinion itself has come to Corkran's rescue in the matter and this alone is his witness.

"As to the probable plea the defense will make—that Price is insane—well, it will require lots of evidence to make any one who knows believes that. He is a cool-headed, deliberate schemer, but in this case lost his head and gave the whole thing away. In his effort to implicate Corkran he is already guilty of a double crime, the latter being as desperate as the first. We expect to remain here a few days longer and attend to some unfinished business."