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SLOAT PUZZLES OVER PORTLAND INCIDENT

Glenn R. Sloat, young deputy sheriff of this county, who was arrested on Wednesday night of last week charged by Portland police officials with the theft of \$100 at a home being searched on a moonshine raid, returned Friday with a stolen automobile, recovered in Portland, which he had been detained by Sheriff Johnson to bring back here. The car belonged to J. C. Hayward. Officer Sloat maintains that he is innocent of the charge preferred, and local officers and citizens in general, who declare the young man's previous reputation above reproach, offer to back him in clearing himself of the charge. Mr. Sloat continues on duty, wearing his badge of deputy sheriff. He says the recent Portland incidents accompanying the accusation against him remain unsolved by him. Mr. Sloat tells his story as follows:

"After locating the stolen automobile and attending to official duties connected with my visit, it was natural that I should visit police headquarters and talk shop with officers with whom I had become acquainted through association in local and Portland work. While I was there the call came to go, armed with a search warrant, to a residence on the East Side, under suspicion. I offered to escort Officers Huntington, Russell and Smith to the place in the automobile. We found the residents away from home and entered, making the search. In the course of investigation the trunk was pried open and the sum of money revealed. I only saw it when the trunk was first opened, and remember a remark of astonishment at the sum. The residents of the place returned while we were there, and it was then that the charge was made that the money was missing. The officers agreed to leave the premises unmolested until superior officers might reach the scene and check up on matters. They searched some time, using flashlights in a darkened room, where the bill, according to the charge, was found. Uniformed Officer Regan announced that he had seen me slipping the money from my shirt to the floor. He called out:

"Here's the money, and here's the thief."

"In a half-minute I was under arrest and on my way to the police station. There I was deprived of all my possessions, except a bunch of keys. I was suffering from poison oak, contracted recently in official work that carried me through Hood River Columbia jungles. The police officials took from me a box of salve that I used for the rash and refused to give it back when I requested it. They denied me my plug of chewing tobacco and refused to allow me to telephone to friends. Such was my status Wednesday night and Thursday forenoon. C. H. Castner, I learned later, tried to get to talk to me and get me released on bail, but was not allowed to do so. Finally Attorneys Elton Watkins, J. K. Carson, Jr., and S. B. Sandefer were permitted to see me and interest themselves in my case. Mr. Sandefer was sent by Sheriff Johnson. I was released on \$250 cash bail, furnished by myself and my mother, Mrs. W. C. Sloat.

"I can't figure why I was victimized. It is difficult to believe that the three Portland officers, whom I had always considered friends, had anything to do with the case. The residents under suspicion of violating the prohibition law may have desired to put the officers in bad. But why Officer Regan charged me with acts I never committed is more than I can fathom. The incident has taught me one lesson. I am certainly going to keep clear of Portland police officials hereafter."

Mr. Sloat says he has been greeted by over 100 citizens since his return home and that practically all offer to aid him financially and otherwise in clearing himself of the charges. Mr.

JOHNSON DEMANDS AN INVESTIGATION

Sloat lives with his widowed mother and two smaller children. He is their main support.

Mr. Sloat at a preliminary hearing in Portland was bound over to the grand jury.

Sheriff Johnson, whose deputy, Glenn R. Sloat, was arrested last week in Portland, declares that he considers the episode an insult to his office.

"I do not wish to be taken as upholding my deputy in a crime," says Mr. Johnson. "The circumstances as related to me and accompanying news of the Portland police shake up are conclusive to me that someone other than Glenn Sloat was guilty of wrong doing with regard to that hundred dollar bill. If it can be conclusively shown me that Sloat tried to steal the money, I'll see that he loses his star at once. The manner in which he was handled by the Portland police was an insult to the rights of an American citizen. It smacked of methods of Russia. Sloat was not even allowed to telephone to me or anyone else. I am going to see that the matter is thoroughly probed. As it stands it is a reflection on my office."

The accused deputy, who faces a Multnomah grand jury charge, has a reputation for strict honesty. Prominent citizens have offered to raise a fund to aid him in clearing his name.

The following appeared in the Monday Oregonian:

The raid in which Deputy Sheriff Sloat participated was headed by Patrolmen Russell and Huntington of the liquor squad, who have since been reduced to uniform and placed on beats because of negligence and poor judgment at the time. Chief Jenkins declared that the Portland officers should never have permitted an outsider to go with them on the raid, and because of the incident the chief has issued instructions that hereafter none but authorized officers shall participate in any police raid.

There has always been some doubt expressed at police headquarters as to the guilt of the Hood River deputy. One theory freely expressed was that the man whose home was raided "planted" the \$100 bill to cast suspicion upon the officers.

Sloat was standing in the corridor of the police station when the local officers started on the raid. He volunteered to take them to the place in his automobile. He had had no previous knowledge of the intended raid until the moment the men started.

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