

ORDERER MAY BE CENTRALIA YOUTH

Wilma McKnight's Name Was Keepsake With Youthful Slayer of Banker Bar.

BLETT FAMILY IS FOUND

Her Bank Robberies Denied, Girl Who Disappeared for Time From St. Helen's Hall Not Known to Him, He Declares.

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He in Portland, for several days he read newspaper reports of the young girl's case, that from the accounts he had considered she was a girl and, thinking he might possibly meet her some day, made a note of the name. He says he never saw her and knows no one responsible in any way for her misadventure.

Other Robberies Like This.

Detectives Robertson and Lawson, in employ of the banks, believe the young criminal to be the man who, right-handed, obtained \$1200 from the First Bank of Vancouver, B. C., on October 6; who attempted to hold up Grandview Bank in Vancouver a few days later but was frustrated when the teller drew his gun, and the man who obtained \$1900 from the Bank of Commerce in Everett, Wash., on December 13. The description of the man he held up the Everett bank fits the identified murderer closely.

The slayer stood out all day before the press, the Pinkerton and other detective agencies, Robertson, the former, and Lawson, of the latter, both from Seattle.

Other Crimes Denied.

Neither would he come through with any details of importance regarding his past. When a description of a man who held up the Riverside bank of the Bank of Commerce in Everett was read to him and found tally with him almost to a dot, with the exception of an inch difference in height, the young man smilingly remarked: "Well, that's me, all right. I wasn't there."

He disclaimed absolutely any connection whatever also with either of the bank robberies early in December, Vancouver, B. C. Several men interested in the case visited the County Jail today, but to none who interviewed him was a single admission given that would tend to throw any light on his identity.

Poker Story Disbelieved.

The assertion that he lost his money playing poker in a Seattle rooming house, the address of which he says he does not know, is now believed to be a bluff. The Seattle detectives, Robertson and Lawson, said that they were satisfied that the fellow is an amateur and that he was new at the business. Despite the fellow's protestations regarding any knowledge of the Wilma McKnight mystery, it is tonight believed that he knows more of this than he cares to tell and that this will develop later.

The young man still insists that he wants an immediate chance to plead guilty to a charge of murder and a prompt sentence.

Carl Miller and Nels Christensen, the ex-convicts who captured the slayer as he burst forth from the bank Saturday, were today locked up as witnesses.

WIFE'S NAME ADDS MYSTERY

Friends of Miss McKnight Puzzled. Cheaten Men Recognize Picture.

Portland friends of Miss Wilma McKnight are puzzled for an explanation as to how her name should happen to be found in the pockets of a bank robber and murderer. That the Centralia youth who killed Banker Bar should have the name written on an envelope in his pocket seems to those who know the young woman almost incredible. Miss McKnight has in Portland, says her friends, a Kaidapel, Mont., where her father seriously ill.

They are inclined to believe the story told by the young robber, who says he saw her name printed in the Portland papers of December 5 in connection with her strange disappearance from St. Helen's Hall and subsequent discovery in a dazed condition in another part of the city.

At that time relatives said Miss McKnight was acquainted with a young man in the employ of Pantages Theater in Portland.

Partial identification of the mysterious Centralia criminal was made by a number of persons in Portland yesterday from the pictures of the prisoner published in The Oregonian.

Employees in Pantages Theater declared that the picture was unquestionably that of a man who was accused to have around the theater several weeks ago, picking up old jobs, their identification was confirmed by employees in poolrooms he frequented here in Portland.

"I followed the picture this morning," said one of the ushers at the Pantages Theater, "and I am certain that it is the same man who used to sit around the theater and in McGee's soup on Fourth street about one month ago. I saw him on the street about three weeks ago, but went into a restaurant because he had been in the habit of 'touching' me for the price of a meal whenever he had an opportunity. I haven't seen him since that time. He used to be a pugilist and fought under the name of Bob Sullivan. He was working at the County arm for a short time, too, driving a wagon. He used to frequent several of the saloons in the North End, where he was generally known as 'Bob' or 'Bob Sullivan.' I do not think that it is his real name. He came to Portland 'Another employe of the theater also declared the picture to be that of a pugilist who had been in Portland about three weeks ago. He said the man had fought under the name of Sullivan and also of O'Brien.

Several of those who knew the man said they declare that often a young man met him at the stage entrance and at the Alder-street exit of the theater after performances. She was

MISS M'KNIGHT IN KALISPELL

Seattle Relatives Declare Girl Made No Chance Friends.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Miss Wilma (Belle) McKnight, whose name was found written on a slip of paper among the Centralia bandit's effects, was called to Kalispell, Mont., because of the serious illness of her father, a prominent business man there, soon after she came home from Portland, three weeks ago. None of the family is in Seattle now, but intimate friends of Miss McKnight say that statements that she associated with or had even met the murderer of Lawrence Bar are preposterous.

They assert that she did not make chance acquaintances and declare that there is no truth in the report that she knew a Portland pugilist or anyone connected with the vaudeville theaters there.

SIX ARE HURT COASTING

GIRL, 14, MAY DIE, AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT.

Bobbed Swerving and Hitting Post in Rush Down Incline, Occupants Are Tossed on Seattle Hill.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—Six young persons were injured here tonight, one girl so severely that she is not expected to live, when a bob-sled on which they were coasting down North Sixty-fourth street struck a post in the edge of the parking strip. The injured are:

Anna Forsyth, aged 14; abdomen crushed; not expected to live.

Walter Forsyth, aged 21; right arm and wrist broken.

Otto Forsyth, aged 25; internal injuries.

Zella Carson, aged 11; neck injured and head cut.

Gladys Forsyth, aged 14; internal injuries.

Clyde Butts, aged 24; body bruised and face cut.

The icy condition of the street leading from Phinney avenue down to Green Lake brought out a large number of coasters, making careful guiding necessary. The Forsyth sled was going at a high speed when it swerved from the road and struck the post, throwing the occupants in all directions. Four were picked up unconscious and the other two were dazed. The physician attending Anna Forsyth could not tell tonight whether she would be able to save her life. None of the others, it is believed, is in great danger.

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"Another thing that will be of importance in the coming summer, says Mr. Sawyer, is the fact that arrangements have been made to route the delegates from the East who attend conventions in other cities of the Pacific Coast so that they will pass through Portland. Thus we will have the opportunity of entertaining the returning delegates from the G. A. R. convention, which meets in Portland here on their way to Los Angeles to the annual convocation, and many other large delegations. Portland can make these visits events of importance by valuing the conventions that meet here in this city, and we are already planning to do so. With our own convention and with our entertainment of delegates to other conventions who stop off while passing through our city, Portland should be able to 'keep open house' for visitors from the East every state throughout next summer and fall."

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Aviator Rodgers, who crossed the continent in an aeroplane, headed the long line of flowery automobiles and carriages in the same machine in which he made his famous trip.

In the parade were 21 allegorical pieces representing different subjects, entered by the Tournament of Roses Association, and behind these there were stretched out for more than a mile the decorated automobiles and carriages of private citizens.

The prize piece of the parade, "Masque of Vanity Envy," was composed of more than 5000 roses and thousands of pink sweet peas and great wreaths of Bougainvillea.

DAY IS STEEPED IN BLOOD

hair staged the grisly bear dance, with a number of sensational additions. At first they were applauded, but they went from one extremity to another until even the half-drunken line began to hiss their faces and the pair were ejected after a light with an army of waiters.

La Follette Keeps Silent. SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 1.—After his address here tonight, Senator La Follette was told of the action taken by the progressive Republicans of Columbus today. He declined to make any comment.

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14 ALREADY SCHEDULED

J. J. Sawyer Predicts That Record of 24 Assemblies in Twelvemonth Just Passed Will be Exceeded—Many Invited.

Portland was the host in 24 big conventions in 1911, and J. J. Sawyer, of the convention bureau of the Portland Commercial Club, believes that the record of the past year will be surpassed in 1912. Already 14 conventions have definitely decided to come to this city for their annual sessions this year.

"Many other organizations have endorsed Portland and have practically decided to come here," he said. "Conventions that meet late in the Fall, as a rule, make only tentative selections of their next meeting places, which go to the executive committee for ratification. Executive committees do not meet until the latter part of January, and by the middle of February we shall have definite information from these, although the endorsements already made in many cases, make the coming of the conventions a practical certainty, and the action of the executive committees is merely formal.

"The showing down to date is as good as it was for conventions in 1911, and, judging from this, I am inclined to think that the present year will fully equal the one just past in the number of big gatherings in our city."

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—Seven persons were more or less seriously injured early this morning in an automobile accident in Golden Gate Park, when a streetcar collided with a taxicab.

Miss Grace Seinstler was rendered unconscious and P. C. Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Scott and John McFarlane, chauffeur, were painfully bruised.

J. E. McGuire, of Portland, and his mother were slightly hurt, McGuire being cut by falling glass. All the injured are expected to recover.

J. E. McGuire is a son of Thomas McGuire, proprietor of the Bakeronian Theater in this city. With his mother, he had gone to San Francisco to pass the holidays with his brother, Milton McGuire.

Mr. McGuire received a telegram yesterday telling of the accident and saying that the persons injured in the collision had been taken to the German Hospital in San Francisco. The telegram says that Mrs. McGuire sustained three broken ribs, Milton McGuire received severe bruises and cuts, and J. E. McGuire escaped unhurt.

"The telegram I received mentions a Miss Wade as also injured in the collision," said Mr. McGuire, "but I believe this is a mistake. It probably is Bertha Wade of Portland, who is visiting in San Francisco."

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GROWING TOO FAST! AT LEAST THAT IS WHAT THE LANDLORD SAID—AND WE'RE NOTIFIED TO VACATE THE OREGONIAN BUILDING So great has been the steady rush that the elevators can not carry the people that visit our SAMPLE SHOE SHOP. Owing to the small space we now occupy, we have been compelled to arrange for Larger Quarters. WE HAVE LEASED THE GROUND FLOOR 244 WASHINGTON ST. BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD And Will Open January 2d With the Largest Sample Shoe Shop on the Pacific Coast We have taken a long lease in the heart of the business center and our Small Rent will enable us to sell shoes at the same old price \$2.00 and \$2.50 WRIGHT'S SAMPLE SHOE SHOP OLD LOCATION 600 TO 605 OREGONIAN BUILDING

FELON STARS SHINE

San Quentin Convicts Disport in Vaudeville Show.

PORCH CLIMBERS HAVE ACT

"Perfumed Burglar's" Rendition of "Hearts and Flowers" on Violoncello and Glee Club's Singing Are Musical Features.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Jan. 1.—With Herbert Repold, the "perfumed burglar," playing "Hearts and Flowers" on his violoncello, and the prison glee club singing "Here Comes Mr. Train—Oh, Please Don't Go," the annual vaudeville and minstrel show was given at San Quentin prison tonight. The performance was given in the prison chapel and continued from 6 until 11 o'clock.

A trio of porch-climbers put on a sketch called "The Trick House Mystery."

"A Dutch Disturbance" was staged by two "straggler" men.

"Jimmy V." Carey and "Red" Lachen were featured as lock and handcuff experts, introducing the triple transfer of handcuffs, with Carey as the "handcuff king."

Other features were Spanish dancing, dialect monologues and a song by Edward DeLanahan, in which the audience joined in the chorus—"I Like a Little Loving Now and Then."

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SEATTLE HAS TONG WAR

One Dead, and Chinese Fear Importation of Portland Hatchet Men.

SEATTLE, Jan. 1.—The death of Dom Weg, reputed to be a member of the Hop Sing Tong, late today from wounds inflicted by an unidentified assailant last night, caused fears of a tong war to spread through Chinatown tonight and resulted in the detouring of 20 policemen to guard the district.

It was rumored in Chinatown that eight hatchet men and gunman had been imported from Portland to avenge the death of Dom Weg, and leading Chinese appealed to the police for protection. The police diligently searched every Chinese lodging-house, but made no arrests. Nevertheless the guard was kept on duty in the district all night.

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