

REWARD RECIPIENT WANTED FOR MURDER

"Blackie" Williford Suspect
in Scott Killing.

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Claremont Slaying Informant Who
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C. F. ("Blackie") Williford, ex-convict, who received \$5000 of reward money for giving the police information leading to the arrest of the Claremont murder murderers, is wanted by Sheriff Stringer of Seattle in connection with the murder of Robert C. Scott, former Portland detective and more recently a Seattle deputy sheriff.

That Sheriff Stringer of Seattle had procured sufficient circumstantial evidence to connect Williford with the crime became known in Portland yesterday, when the police received a circular sent out by the Seattle sheriff asking for the apprehension of Williford on the murder charge.

All Agree on Description.

Persons who were held up on the outskirts of Seattle the night Deputy Sheriff Scott was killed all said that one of the bandits was a dark complexioned man of small stature. "Blackie" Williford was suspected at the time, but no definite charge was placed against him. Portland police believe that Sheriff Stringer has since come into possession of information which tends more closely to connect Williford with the crime.

Williford is alleged to have been a former pal of the three Claremont tavern holdups and murderers—Burgess, Ogle and Smith. These three killed George Perringer and J. N. Burgess, prominent eastern Oregon residents, at the Claremont tavern last fall during the progress of a hold-up at the roadside.

Friends of the two murdered men, as well as the state and county, offered an aggregate reward of approximately \$19,000 for the apprehension and conviction of the murderers of Perringer and Burgess.

Definite Information Received.

The Portland police detectives received definite information that the men were in a house at St. John by a mysterious "John Doe," whom the police later admitted was "Blackie" Williford, ex-convict and alleged stool-pigeon. Williford received \$5000 in cash under the name of John Doe when the division of the reward money was made.

Portland police detectives learned yesterday that Williford was in Portland a few days before the Scott murder with Elmer Cady, the auto bandit who was shot and killed by the man who murdered Deputy Sheriff Scott.

Direct information was that the man now being sought had been a close pal of Cady for some time. This fact, coupled with the fact that the description of "Blackie" Williford is identical to that of the bandit who murdered Scott, leads local detectives and Seattle officials to believe that he shot Scott and then killed Cady in a quarrel over the division of the loot from the Seattle hold-up.

Tavern Case May Be Revived.

In case Williford is apprehended and cannot be connected with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Scott, there is a possibility that he will be brought to Portland and charged with the murder of George Perringer and J. N. Burgess, it was learned yesterday at police headquarters.

Police detectives are said to have information that Williford planned the Claremont tavern hold-up and drove the other men to the east side bank of the Willamette river that night. It was said he did not participate in the hold-up or killing because he quarreled with the others shortly before they embarked on the enterprise.

Positive information that Williford participated in another hold-up in Portland with Burgess, one of the Claremont murderers, is said to be in the hands of the police.

Shriners Take Up Probe.

It was said yesterday at police headquarters that the Shriners of Portland have taken up the investigation of Williford and that they will insist that he be held as an accomplice in the murder of Messrs. Perringer and Burgess, if apprehended. Both men murdered at Claremont were prominent Masons and were in Port-

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The accident occurred near the Petersburg school, east of this city. As a result Dr. Ingram lies in the local hospital suffering from several fractured ribs and possible internal injuries. Dr. Browne, who was a passenger, is also in the hospital, suffering from a compound fracture of the right ankle, and Mrs. Ingram is the third party in the hospital, she having received two painful fractures of the pelvis.

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As outlined by Mr. Specht, he has declared his intention to set aside one display window in each store all along the line, to be given over to the Shrine in one form of decoration or another, to be changed every week.

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Gov. Calvin Coolidge

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This is only one of many striking paragraphs from Governor Coolidge's book.

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county of what is known as the Panhandle district.

It is said that the completion of the Baker-Cornucopia highway, thus rendering Pine and Eagle valleys accessible from Baker, would cause the application for separation to die out.

The proposed new county would include about 1000 square miles and would have a population of approximately 5000. Its assessed valuation would be \$6,000,000, or one-fifth of the total valuation of Baker county.

Children Stage Festival.

PASCO, Wash., April 12.—(Special.)—At the Liberty theater last Friday evening was presented the "Spring Festival" by the children of the public schools, a matinee also being given in the afternoon.

Couple, Wed 40 Years, Divorced.

BAKER, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—After 40 years of married life, May Delamater yesterday obtained a divorce from her husband, Frank Delamater, on the general charge of cruelty and failure to provide. The couple were married in Ogden, Utah, in March, 1880.

Alleged Limousine Bootlegger Arrested in Washington.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., April 12.—Customs officers from Sumas brought to this city today Thomas Rackner of Seattle, charged with illegal possession of liquor.

The officers alleged that Rackner's limousine contained 30 cases of whiskey covered with moss and water lilies.

WHISKY FOUND IN AUTO

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