Highwayman.

He is Notorious Slavin Road

THOMPSON OWNSUP

LONG LIST OF ROBBERIES

He Tells How He Terrorised a Whole Neighborhood for Months, and How He Evaded Seavch of the Police.

The notorious Slavin and White House roads robber, who has probably held up over 30 people at the point of his revolver since November 9, and spread alarm over a wide section of the country west of the Willamette River and south of Portland, has turned out to be Bennett Thompson, who was arrested Monday, along with his bosom friend, Charles Wright, by Detectives Snow and Kerrigan. In the presence of Chief McLauch-lan and the two detectives, Thompson made this confession yesterday: "I am the Slavin road robber. I don't remember how many people I have held up, as I've lost count, but guess I've done about 17

rigan were sent out on the trail by Chief McLauchlan after the Sisvin road rob-ber. No "tips" were given by revengeful associates, anxious to see the mysterious highwayman jalled because he had not divided his spoils fairly, and the de-tectives' sole information was that the unknown Dick Turpin was a tall young man, who wore a mask, a slouch hat, and was often dressed in a long overcoat. Va-rious tall young men around South Port-land, Fulton, Oswego and other adjoining places began to get nervous, so hot did the chuse become. Indeed, several of these young men were brought to the police station by the detectives, now and then, after some daring act of highway robbery had been committed along the Slavin road, but the suspects were fortunately able to prove an alibi in each cas and they were soon set at liberty. Chief McLauchian got up early in the morning several times and drove along the dead-line, but did not meet the robber. The Chief had no better luck at night. "Sure. tip men" laid for the Chief in his private office, and the burden of their invariable information was: "Hus-s-h. Say, I know who the Slavin robber is. Of course I do not wish to be known in the matter, but in the interest of justice, the robber is \_\_\_\_\_," and some tall young man who resided near the deadline visited by the robber was sure to be named.

On one occasion several residents of Fulton urged the detectives to arrest a certain estimable young man who lives not very far from that suburb, principally because the young man referred to was about six feet tall, wore a soft hat and ong overcoat, and was seen to take walks in the evenings to an unknown destina-tion. The detectives made careful inquiry after the suspect, but could find no grounds on which to make an arrest, and told the Fulton amateur detectives as much. They became angry and threat-ened to senil a deputation of Fulton peo-ple to the police station to complain of the detectives' conduct.

# Vain Search for Robber.

Policemen in plain clothes, and often disguised as farm hands and peddlers, patrolled Slavin road, looking for the tob-ber. So did zenious Deputy Sheriffs, But the robber refused to be caught, and he continued to hold up people in defiance of everybody. It was a nervous time, and farmers refused to come into town along the Slavin and White House roads unless

when the passengers were forced to part with \$5? Did you do this?" "I did not." "Another question. Are you the man who robbed W. C. Alderson, principal of the South Portland school, when he lost 46 on the Slavin road near the Southern Pacific crossing? That was on January 12."

Thompson thought for a moment and said: "No. I never did that job. I quit the Slavin road business about Decem-ber 24, when I tried to stick-up a farmer on the road roles to Correct Under ber 34, when I tried to stoke up a tarme-on the road going to Carson Heights. The farmer threw a hatchet at me, when I pulled my gun, and I ran. That scared me. Say, my revolver was only loaded two or three times, when I used it. any of the guys had put up a fight be-fore that, I would have had to run. The cartridges were fixed anyway, so that they would not harm anybody if the gun did go off. I never had occasion to shoot at anyone. When I pulled the gun on them, up went both hands. I usually lay on a bank and when a team ap-prosched I would pull the gun and the proached, I would puil the gun and the guy would throw what money he had on the ground, and then whip up the horses. Men on foot would run for their lives, after I stopped them. Until I met the fellow who threw the hatchet at me. I was not afraid of being shot. Say, I remember holding up four fellows at Elk rock, near Oswego, and I did another job near Guild's Lake, when I struck a man who sold milk and anoth-

er who drove a grocery wagon, but they did not have a cent." Had to Hustle to Get Away.

"What about your method of getting to the scene of your robberies, and get-ting away again?"

"In doing work on the Siavin road, I hustled as hard as I could, and tried to hold up two or three people, perhaps more, how many property and the should in the struck in the struck of the property of the property of the struck is and the struck in the struck is and the struck is an old wood road until I got to the top of the hill, and then worked my way until is and the struck is an old wood road until I got to the top of the hill, and then worked my way until is and the struck is an old wood road until I got to the top of the hill, and then worked my way until is and the struck is an old wood road until I got to the top of the hill, and then worked my way until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the worked my way until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the struck is an old wood road until is and the s in succession. Then I ran over the hill and came into town over the Marquam

I got to the end of the Third-street car line. I roomed usually in iodging-houses along Third street, and when I went out to do these stick-up jobs I took the Third-street trolley car and went with it to its destination, and walked the rest of the When I lay in the brush waiting o business I often saw men I susway. pected to be pollcemen and Deputy Sheriffs, but I laid low these times." "How much money did you get in your hold-ups before Wright joined you?

He Didn't Get Over \$100.

"I didn't get over \$100," replied Thomp "It was soon spent; it went of drink. FIVE NEW SUBSTATIONS "Did you attend school when you were

Yes.

"Sunday school?"

"Never." "When did Wright join you in the holdup business?

"Last Friday, when we held up the farmer and the Chinaman on the Barnes road. I used to know Wright when w were at the Reform School together. was sent to the Reform School because was a bad kid. I am 20 years old, and was born in Washington County. Say Wright and I talked of holding up a cer tain fellow near the Falling School, bu we thought when we met him that he didn't have the stuff (money), and we didn't touch him."

Wright's Partial Confession.

Wright was seen again, and after considerable persuasion he said: "I only knew Thompson a month. I never helped him on the Slavin road robberies. We became partners on the Barnes road robbery. That was our first job together, I have disgraced my family by what I have done. I wish I had never listened to Thompson. He led me off my feet." The police think, however, that Wright will soon make a full confession, ing the part he with Thompson. the part he took in his partnership

# MATINEE TODAY.

## Xelll Company Will Present "Barbara Frietchie" at the Marquam.

The Neill Company will give their sump tuous production of "Barbara Frietchie tuous production of "Barbara Frietchie" at a special matinee at the Marquam this afternoon at 2:15. At the evening per-expense less than the salary of an adfive or six were together. There was even some talk of establishing an armed patrol. All the victims could do was to give a description of the robber and hope that they would not meet him again. When Thompson and Wright were ar-rested Monday, the detectives thought they had the long and short highway-



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# will report to Washington, and if favor-able, permission will probably be granted in a short time.

Polce Sergeant Church was taking a

walk around Whitechapel yesterday morn-

ing, when he was halled by J. McGrath, who asked:

"Say, have you got 10 cents handy? I haven't had a drink today." "Well," said the sergeant, with delibera-

tion," I haven't 10 cents for you, but I've got a rock pile. Come along." "Great Scott. What have I struck?"

remarked McGrath, in astonishment, " thought you were a Methodist minister."

McGrath was taken before Municipal Judge Cameron, when he was greatly

surprised to learn that Church was a ser-

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Postmaster A. B. Croasman has asked the Postmaster-General to authorize the creation of five more substations in different sections of the city, and M. H. Flint, of San Francisco, who is in charge of this

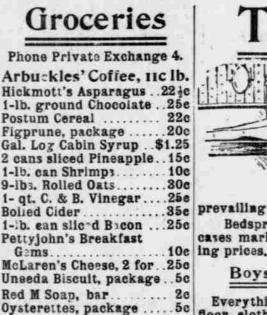
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division of the Postoffice Department on the Pacific Coast, recently spent several days here looking over the situation. The success which the substations already estabilshed have attained, and the small expense of their maintenance has been gratifying to Postmaster Croasman, and he wants to extend similar conveniences where the greatest benefit will accrue, The substations will not handle mail of

any description except outgoing. The principal accommodations furnished will be in issuing money orders, registering letters and the sale of postage stamps. The cost of maintenance will average \$100 a month for each substation, which is paid to the appointee to take charge of

the office. Usually the stations have been established in small stores or offices, and no rent has been paid for the suace of

geant of police. "Let me go, Judge," pleaded McGrath, "I was working on the Vancouver Rail-road, and when I struck town I had \$25, but I had to buy socks and a necktie, and the money soon went. If you let me go now, I will leave Portland in half an "You seem to have bought rather expensive neckwear." commented the Judge. "Your hands are shaking now, and I don't think it would be wise to allow you to go just yet. You might go on another drinkink bout. Try five days in jail." FUNERAL OF DR. H. K. HINES



Silks Dress Goods

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ter what you buy.

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Arbuckles' Coffee Thousands of pounds of Arbuckles' famous 11c Pound

# The Clearance Sale

This store was never more inviting in merchandise, assortment and profit-sharing than it is this third week of the great Annual Clearance Sale -From a dull, uninteresting period we have changed the first month of the year into one which every housewife looks forward to with the keenest pleasure-Every article in this mammoth establishment may be purchased at a considerable saving from regular prices—The duty of the Clearance Sale is to reduce stock to the lowest possible point, hence the great sacrificing on all lines of wearing apparel and household necessities.

(Basement.)

ly you can satisfactorily out-Liveliest kind of silk and fit your boy here - Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Pants, all sizes, \$1.25 values, at ...

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nels-Pretty styles. Men's and Boys' Furnishing Great values in Percales,

cases marked way down. Towels and Toweling at pleas-Boys' Clothing Everything in our secondfloor clothing store can be

they had the long and short highway-men at last. Wright is six feet two inches tall, and after examination it was seen that he was too slimly built to be the Dick Turpin of Slavin road. The unknown one was vaguely described as a tall youn man, but of a "chunky" build. That de-scription fitted Thompson, but Monday night and yesterday morning Thompson was the picture of injured innocence when the subject of the Slavin road robber was mentioned. Then he was put into what is called the "sweat-box" in police cir-cles, and he was sharply interrogated by Chief McLauchian and the two detectives The Chief afterward came out of his pri. vate office and said: "Thompson has co fessed being the Slavin road robber. He has promised to show the detectives where he hid the mask he wore-somewher along the Slavin road-and his revolver

The two detectives and Thompson took the street-cars and walked along the Slavin road to find a tree where the prisoner said he usually hid the revolver, but he got confused and could not find the par-ticular tree. Thompson next said he would show his captors the place where he had thrown his mask the last time he had occasion to wear it, about three weeks ago. He led the way to a plece of brushwood and said: "This looks like the place," but a solemn-looking goat stood in the way to receive the party, and he was meditatingly chewing something. Search was made for the crape mask, could not be found, and the opinic but 1 on was expressed that the goat had eaten it.

### Thompson Owns Up.

Thompson was afterward interviewed at the police station, and The Oregonian changed your mind since last when you stated you did not know man began: dentis: anything about the Slavin road hold-up artist?

"That's so," replied the prisoner, "I have made up my mind to make a clean breast of the whole affair. So, here goes. I'm the highway robber who did business on the Slavin and Whitehouse roads, and I guess I've stuck-up about 17 or 18 people."

"Did you keep a list of the people you robbed?

I did not keep books. "No What about the folks names? Oh, I did not ask their names at the time, and I did not keep track of the names, when they appeared in the newspapers.

"Now, since November 9 there must have been about 30 people held up along the Slavin road, or in that section. Did

you not hold up 30 people?" "No, sir," with deep conviction. "Did you hold up Road Supervisor E. A. Moses, about the middle of last month, when he had to give up his watch and chain, and 75 cents in money, on Marquam Hill road?"

Detective Kerrigan broke in: "Mr. Moses is the man with the whiskers who called here about an hour ago. Tou poke to him."

Thompson laughed and said: "Oh, I remember now. Yes, I stuck him, and I hung his watch chain on a near-by tree. Mr. Mozes did not recognize me pt first when he called at the police station, and I said to him: 'Have you ever seen me before?' and then he said the same thing to me. So I telked some the same thing to me. So I talked some more to him, and he recognized me but said he did not know where he had met me. P told him."

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# Did Not Rob Trolley-Car.

"What about robbing a trolley-car, early in December, near Oregon City, The way Salva-ces cures pilos,

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Street Church Today.



been decided to seat no one from the rise office. e curtain till the end of the act. stations have not been determined yet, and will not be seriously considered until word is had from Washington indicating the At the Baker Theater "East Lynne," the drama which has been playing to big business all the week, will be the matinee pleasure of the department in disposing attraction. The play is one which every one wants to see, and there will undoubt. edly be a large house.

The exact locations for the new where any friends desiring will be permitted to view the remains

He will be buried in Lone Fir cemetery.

The Hot Springs of Arkansas of the request. Mr. Croasman is anxious that stations be located so that they would be accessible to persons in South Port-iand, in the neighborhood of Thirteenth and Glisan, and in the residence section locally known as "Nob Hill," Mr. Fint

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WILL MEET FEBRUARY 8 REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COM- MITTEE CALLED TOGETHER. State Will Be Reapportioned and Date for State Convention Will Be Fixed. The fact is not generally known bo Multnomah County Republicans that a call has been issued by Chairman George A. Steel for a meeting of the State Cen- tral Committee in his office in the Cham-	GREA	Molfer-lo- T SALE ticle Reduced
ber of Commerce building at 19:30 A. M. February 8. The call was sent out to members of the committee January 15, and was signed by Mr. Steel as chairman, and had appended the name of W. S. Euniway as secretary. While there was probably no intentional secrecy intended, Mr. Duniway was not aware of the call having been sent out until notified of the fact yesterday afternoon by an Orego- niaa reputer, nor had the information reached local leaders of the party, except the news coloims of papers published outside of the city. Mr. Steel said yesterday that he had neglected to inform Mr. Duniway that the notices had been sent out, and pre- sumably by the same token he forgot to reamenheer the local press. Mr. Steel said yesterday that one of the subjects that would be discussed at the session would be the reapporthomment of the state, based on the vote cast for President Mc- Kinley in 1900. The chairman was of opinion that most country members of the committee would be in favor of a new afjustment of representation, based on the customary ratio of one delegate for each 150 votes cast at the last Presiden- tial election. Of course, the outside mem- bers will not be moved to oppose the usual reapportlonment when they discover that thereby Multnomah will lose three delegates. Mr. Steel said that some date about April 10 or 12 would be selected, which is practically the same time as two years ago. Following is a list of the members of	Consuelo Overseam	Heretofore 50c 39c Value \$1.75 pair \$1.39 Value \$1.75 pair \$1.39
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