

William Riggin, Who Made Sensational Admission, Is Transferred From Prison to Hospital.

Salem, Dec. 4 .--- William Riggin, sent up from Yamhill county in 1915 BOOTH MURDER DENIED on a sentence of from one to seven years for larceny, and who insists victed of the crime to which Riggin that he is the man who murdered confesses, have steadily maintained their William Booth of Willamina in 1915, for which crime William Branson and Mrs. Anna Booth, wife of the family in Multnomah county several slain man, are serving time, was years ago, in which an entire family transferred from the state prison to the state hospital for the insane to-an ax. With his confession of his conday.

His transfer is the result of conrepeated threats of violence against his fellow inmates

SENTENCED IN 1905

Riggin was first sentenced to the state prison May 21, 1905, from Josephine county, for three years for burg-At that time he was 23 years of lary. age, but his previous record contains several commitments to the state re-

At the time of his second commitment survey engaged in this part of the state, penitentiary.

On May 10, 1915, Riggin was taken It was found he had 11 bottles of whis-

ing up a safe and postoffice robbery at lieved to have liquor in his grips Johnson was first taken before City Recorder Butler and fined \$100 on a city case. This Johnson paid, but he was CONFESSES TO MURDER On his way to the scene of the crime immediately arrested again on a state warrant and arraigned before Justice Joehnk, who fined him \$20 and sentenced he is said to have told the sheriff that he knew what he was wanted for and to have told of his connection with the him to 20 days in jail. Johnson murder of William Booth, who he not pay the second fine, so was taken to the county jail at Coquille. He said he had bought the whiskey in Sacra-mento and had it for his own use. Interview of the execu-tive committee, and J. E. Wells, A. L. Dahl and J. B. McKay delegates to the Dahl and J. B. McKay delegates to the claimed to have shot down in cold blood. His story is said to have gone so far as to indicate to officials and others

the exact spot on which the crime was committed, as well as other details. All the details in his story are said to have

Marshfield, Dec. 4. - Funeral services for the late Rev. C. L. Hamilton were tallied with the circumstances surrounding the crime. Riggin is said to have held at the Methodist church, of which repeatedly insisted on the truth of the he was pastor, Wednesday night. The confession at that time. body was taken to Portland, where an-

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other service will be held. Both Branson and Mrs. Booth, wife of the murdered man, who were coninnocence.

Riggin is also said to have confessed to complicity in the murder of the Hill was wiped out, the murnerer terribly

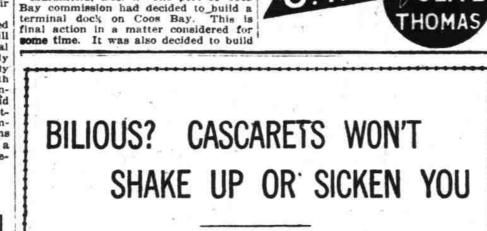
nection with this crime, Riggin is said to have told of remaining on watch outside the home while another man comtinued evidences of insanity on the mitted the murder. For this he claims part of the prisoner, which are said to have received \$10, according to a to antedate his incarceration, and for statement made by his father, who de-scribes the son as a "bad man."

> Man Carrying Booze Arrested on Vessel And Lands in Jail

form school for minor infractions of formerly with a United States geological Marshfield, Dec. 4. - T. E. Johnson,

to the state prison, Circuit Judge Belt was arrested Wednesday when he got off expressed the opinion that Riggin was was arrested weaked with the solution that Riggin was the steamer Curacao from San Francisco. in the insane asylum instead of the He carried a suitcase which seemed heavy and was stopped by the officers.

from the state prison to aid in clear-ikey in the suitcase. Another man be- and poisons.



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