

Strange Kidnaping Case

An amazing story of kidnaping and intimidation and robbery and starvation in everything is told by Ivan Humphrey, who says he is back in Salem after an absence of almost a month.

Humphrey says that he was working out in the Cunningham loganberry yards on July 16 when somebody sneaked up on him and slammed him into insensibility with a club, sandbag or other weapon. When he came to he was in Salem, in an auto with three men whom he later came to know as "Slim," "Middle-Size" and "Shorty"—that's what they called themselves. They took him to the Shafer harness shop on Commercial street and parked the car, then they dragged him out, each of the three wearing a black eye-mask and a cowboy outfit, high boots and all. They took him to the Ladd & Bush bank and told him to go in and get his check cashed—he had a fruit check for \$150—they stood across the street and watched to see that he didn't hold out on them. When he came out they took him to the Oregon Electric station, where they waited for an hour or two. Finally, they got their car, and set off for Portland.

They held him prisoner until August 11, still wearing their masks, going with him to Weiser and then to Payette, Idaho. At this latter place, while they were camped in a cabin, he eluded them, and here he is.—Oregon Statesman.

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