

For the work they are doing an for the splendid entertainment they provided last evening the ladies richly deserve congratulation. They are doing a most meritorious work and they are waging the campaign along good, broad lines that assure success.

Let everybody aid in securing fun.ls with which to equip the new library insist that the city government maintain the library in the future and that it be given all the money that it justly needs.

#### +0+ BELAUDING CRIME.

"A thousand verdicts of guilty on so petty a charge as false swearing to a paltry land claim has no more effect in shaking the confidence of this community than would a drop of water have in causing the mighty Pacific to overflow its walls." Thus eloquently doth the Baker City Democrat comment on the conviction and belittic the crime of Banker Parker. What does it take to constitute a serious crime in the eyes of the Democrat? If perjury is a "petty" offense, is there any crime in the calendar that is not petty? In a similar sloppy vein the South Bend (Wash.) Journal says of a county official convicted for embezzlement that "He has more friends than ever he had before," and when he returns from prison "he will have the respect of every right-thinking The jury has been secured and it is man," and so on.

Newspapers which print such debased twaddle should be sent to Sunday school to take lessons in elementary morals. To praise men who have committed crime encourages others to imitate them. The strongest deterrent from crime is public abhorrence for criminals. The newspapers we have quoted are doing all they can in their silly way to make law-breaking a matter for laudation .-- Portland Oregonian.

A great victory for law and reformation-even if reform did nearly cost her 19-year-old daughter.

journalists or in any manner inaugur ate a press campaign against France. or in justification of his own attitude or that of the Venezuelan government.

### Sisters to Build.

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 11 .--The Sisters of Charity, a corporation of Vancouver, B. C., will erect an \$80,rooms. Then let the public sentiment and building here. Construction will start in the spring.

#### Will Discuss Tariff.

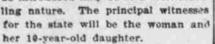
Pocatello, Idaho, Dec. 11 .- Discussion of possible changes in the tariff on wool and hides will be a feature of the 55th annual convention of the National Woolgrowers' association, which will be held here the middle of next month. Forest preservation, the conservation of natural resources and lower freight rates are other subjects which have been placed on the program of the convention.

Buy your lard tomorrow at the Midget market, and save 20 per cent over the regular price.

## OFFICER CASE NOW ON.

Oldenburg and McCoy Cases Will Also

Occupy Court's Time. This afternoon the James Officer case is before the court. Officer b charged with the larceny of a watch thought by the attorneys that the cyldence and arguments will be before the jury this afternoon and that the court will be able to take up the trial of McCoy, Oldenburg and John Doc The charge is that of breaking into : dwelling. This case is the outcome o a drunken brawl in which a womar is said to have been mistreated and her children abused. The charges made and implied are serious in the extreme and the evidence which will be introduced may be of a most startling nature. The principal witnesses



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