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THE TRAGEDY AND THE LESSON. (Corvallis Times.)

out its moral. Here are the facts. A number of policy. That course, strictly adhered to in the future "smart" boys who have been pleased to style themselves "The gang" have engaged in various acts of hoodlumism during the past two years. Some of these boys committed unlawful acts and were put in jail. Others on the outside helped them out. This was one lawless act that came before the public. On another occasion, members of "The gang" broke the leg of a student, and he was compelled on account shoes and flying away dropped it before the king of of his injury, to leave college. After that the "gang" held up Guier and his companion north of the saw lady whose foot fitted it should be his tootsy-wootsy mill, and besides beating him, destroyed his property, and took his horse and team from him. It was when he found her Rhodope got her shoe back and a high-handed offense that called for severest penalties. These and many other offenses, some of which eagle is flying around with Lincoln's boots to find good going ten days from date of sale came to public notice but more that did not, are all the man who fits them. Mr. Hearst has announced matters that cannot have been forgotten.

the people have forgotten. For when the "gang" and Cinderella in politics can be beaten? May the broke jail the officers captured them and nearly all thought go away and die of stomach trouble. were sentenced to 40 days in jail. It is perhaps forgotten, but it is nevertheless true, that the storm of Kittitas county, Washington. As goes Kittitas so public sentiment that was aroused by the severity of goes the union. True, his enemies have New York those sentences was remarkable. People of all classes and Massachusetts. But he has Kittitas. Scheming criticised the officers for their "heartless" treatment and sinister Tom Taggart of Indiana has taken that of the boys. They said the penalties were too severe. state away, and from Michigan City to Loopootee it is Women were up in arms and with tears and threats prostrate before Wall street. But Hearst has carharassed the officers, who had made an honest at-ried Kittitas. tempt to put an end to the hodlumism. In short, a strenuous public sentiment of such proportions arose organizing a bolting convention, because the regulars that the officers were actualy compelled to open the are against Hearst and the regular convention is lustjail doors and set the bys at liberty before their sen- ing for the flesh pots that are boiling in the kitchen tences had been served. These are facts that in the of David B. Hill at Wolfert's Roost. Let Hill have present instance, should be carefully borne in mind, the flesh pots. Hearst has Kittitas. for it is the purpose of this article to assert that a New Hampshire, shameless as her part of the responsibility for the events of last Sun- with blood as thin as her sterile soil, goes against day morning and the very bad reputation that those Hearst with Yankee stubbornness and self-will. But events have given Corvallis abroad, rests upon the he carries Kittitas. citizens of Corvallis themselves.

forces laws and preserves society, is public sentiment. and refuse the state to Hearst. But his boom goeth The Sunday closing law was never enforced in Cor- forth jocund for he has the delegation from Kittitas. vallis, until public sentiment demanded it. It is not enforced in many other towns because public senti- in revolt. From Trinity to Los Angeles the demoment does not insist on it. Municipalities may pass crats refuse to know Israel and sit up nights to all manner of laws but if it is not the full desire of smite Hearst and he is withstood from Plumas to the people that those laws be enforced, they will Petaluma, from Mono to Milpitas. But he has Kitbe void. It is in the power of public opinion any titas. time to nullify any law. No officer will enforce a When John C. Breckenridge became a candidate law unless he is convinced that he has the people at for United States senator from Kentucky two events his back. Young Keady was able to buy liquor Satur- were concurrent; a son was born to him and he carday night because the people of Corvallis have failed ried his first county. It was Breathitt county, and to make it fully known to the saloon men that in- he immediately named the boy Breathitt. After that toxicants must not be sold to minors. If, in a voice every county went for him and he was elected. The that could not have been misunderstood the people day Hearst carried Kittitas his son was born. May had hitherto made it known to all saloon men that we venture to suggest to Mr. Hearst that his fate is the sale of liquor to all minors was at the immediate in his own hands? Honor Kittitas as Breekenridge peril of the seller, it is very doubtful if the tragic did Breathitt and all things may be added unto him. events of Sunday morning would have happened. Kittitas Hearst has a fetching sound. It is better If, with equal significance, the people had made it than Hoke Smith, or Dink Jones, or Spued Calvert, known that concealed weapons are carried at the all of which are on the census roll .- San Francisco peril of the carrier, "smart" boys would not go about Call. town with big revolvers in their pockets. It is idle to attempt to shift the blame altogether on the saloon men. When the officers attempted to give vigor- of a great exposition, but this doesn't delay the bunko ous penalties to the "gang," public sentiment pre- man. Like the zealous knight, he is the first to advented those penalties from being carried out. It vance and the last to retreat. was then and there, that the officers got their fingers burned in vigorous law enforcement, and it is not surprising that Officer Osborn did not dare fire Sun- her husband has beaten her regularly five mornings day morning, but followed and followed, and coun- out of the week. She probably had Wednesday and seled and counseled until he fell wounded. He knew Sunday off. that he dared not fire, because if he had all Corvallis would have risen and criticised and condemned. It is idle to say this is not true, because the officers of dicate that the average Mormon is an enthusiastic Corvallis have had experience and know that such member of the Hundred Million Club. would have been the case.

The lesson is this: Saloon men will sell intoxicants to minors until an indignant and united people serves he would undoubtedly refuse to run on a platform of notice on them to do it no more. Officers will be mod- Col. Bryan's making. erate in the treatment of offenders until public sentiment, in no uncertain tones, demands a vigorous punishment. Young boys will continue to drink, to that it has water enough to be a permanent inlet of Returning arrives at Astoria same haunt the streets at night, and to indulge in further the sea. acts of hodlumism until a determined people warns them to go home at a proper hour and stay there. Cuss the telephone-it is a mighty relief to do so: The "gang" will still be the "gang" and after a but honestly-what would you do without it?

while, will go on with its mischief, the same as before, unless the people individually and collectively, insist that it should be otherwise. More tragedies, more funerals, more tears, more evil repute abroad, is in store for this town, if the citizens continue in the future as they have in the past, to be divided, uncertain and wavering on the question of what condiions they desire on the streets and to what extent of severity they want teh penalties of violated laws enforced. The town and the conditions in it, is and will continue to be exactly what the citizens make it. The majesty of the law is feeble and the authority of the officers, impotent unless a united people stands always ready to sustain and support them.

This is the Times' idea of the true lesson of Sunday's sad events, and in atonement for the blood that flowed then it would seem proper now that there be henseforth throughout Corvallis, a common agreement, acknowledged and approved by all, that, first, no saloon man shall sell liquor to a minor; second, that the roaming of the streets by boys and hoodlums at night be not tolerated; third, that officers be vigorous in the prosecution of offenses against the law The bloodshed of last Sunday morning is not with- and that all the people stand behind them in that will quickly purge Corvallis, and save her further humiliation and disgrace at home and abroad.

MIGHTY VICTORY FOR HEARST.

Let us not deceive ourselves. The Hearst boom is booming. When Rhodope took a dip in the Nile and left her togs on the bank an eagle swiped one of her Egypt. The king picked it up and declared that the and his queen. He went forth, shoe in hand, and also a new Easter crown. Just now the American from date of sale. Tickets will be that he is the man and exhibits his feet to prove it. Connected with these facts, there are matters that Does any one suppose that such a mixture of Rhodope

The latest dispatches announce that he has carried turn through California tickets can be

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In Wisconsin the heathen rage against him and The one influence, and the only influence that en- Usher and Vilas and Mitchell imagine a vain thing

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The testimony in the Smoot investigation would in-

In simple justice, it is due Judge Parker to say that

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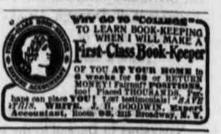
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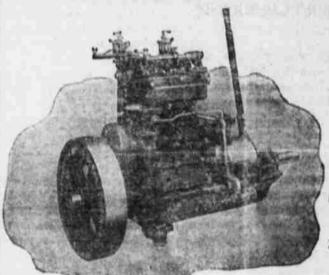
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