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THE TRAGEDY AND THE LESSON.
(Corvallis Times.)

The bloodshed of last Sunday morning is not without its moral. Here are the facts. A number of "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 of his injury, to leave college. After that the "gang" held up Guier and his companion north of the saw mill, and besides beating him, destroyed his property, and took his horse and team from him. It was a high-handed offense that called for severest penalties. These and many other offenses, some of which came to public notice but more that did not, are all matters that cannot be forgotten.

Connected with these facts, there are matters that the people have forgotten. For when the "gang" broke jail the officers captured them and nearly all were sentenced to 40 days in jail. It is perhaps forgotten, but it is nevertheless true, that the storm of public sentiment that was aroused by the severity of those sentences was remarkable. People of all classes criticised the officers for their "heartless" treatment of the boys. They said the penalties were too severe. Women were up in arms and with tears and threats harassed the officers, who had made an honest attempt to put an end to the hoodlumism. In short, a strenuous public sentiment of such proportions arose that the officers were actually compelled to open the jail doors and set the boys at liberty before their sentences had been served. These are facts that in the present instance, should be carefully borne in mind, for it is the purpose of this article to assert that a part of the responsibility for the events of last Sunday morning and the very bad reputation that those events have given Corvallis abroad, rests upon the citizens of Corvallis themselves.

The one influence, and the only influence that enforces laws and preserves society, is public sentiment. The Sunday closing law was never enforced in Corvallis, until public sentiment demanded it. It is not enforced in many other towns because public sentiment does not insist on it. Municipalities may pass all manner of laws but if it is not the full desire of the people that those laws be enforced, they will be void. It is in the power of public opinion any time to nullify any law. No officer will enforce a law unless he is convinced that he has the people at his back. Young Keady was able to buy liquor Saturday night because the people of Corvallis have failed to make it fully known to the saloon men that intoxicants must not be sold to minors. If, in a voice that could not have been misunderstood the people had hitherto made it known to all saloon men that the sale of liquor to all minors was at the immediate peril of the seller, it is very doubtful if the tragic events of Sunday morning would have happened. If, with equal significance, the people had made it known that concealed weapons are carried at the peril of the carrier, "smart" boys would not go about 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 vigorous penalties to the "gang," public sentiment prevented those penalties from being carried out. It 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 Sunday morning, but followed and followed, and counseled and counseled until he fell wounded. He knew 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 Corvallis have had experience and know that such would have been the case.

The lesson is this: Saloon men will sell intoxicants to minors until an indignant and united people serves notice on them to do it no more. Officers will be moderate in the treatment of offenders until public sentiment, in no uncertain tones, demands a vigorous punishment. Young boys will continue to drink, to haunt the streets at night, and to indulge in further acts of hoodlumism until a determined people warns them to go home at a proper hour and stay there. The "gang" will still be the "gang" and after a

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 conditions they desire on the streets and to what extent of severity they want the 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 henceforth 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 and that all the people stand behind them in that policy. That course, strictly adhered to in the future 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 shoes and flying away dropped it before the king of Egypt. The king picked it up and declared that the lady whose foot fitted it should be his tootsy-wootsy and his queen. He went forth, shoe in hand, and when he found her Rhodope got her shoe back and also a new Easter crown. Just now the American eagle is flying around with Lincoln's boots to find the man who fits them. Mr. Hearst has announced that he is the man and exhibits his feet to prove it. Does any one suppose that such a mixture of Rhodope and Cinderella in politics can be beaten? May the thought go away and die of stomach trouble.

The latest dispatches announce that he has carried Kittitas county, Washington. As goes Kittitas so goes the union. True, his enemies have New York and Massachusetts. But he has Kittitas. Scheming and sinister Tom Taggart of Indiana has taken that state away, and from Michigan City to Loopotee it is prostrate before Wall street. But Hearst has carried Kittitas.

In Iowa Johnny Walsh is driven to the extreme of organizing a bolting convention, because the regulars are against Hearst and the regular convention is lusting for the flesh pots that are boiling in the kitchen of David B. Hill at Wolfert's Roost. Let Hill have the flesh pots. Hearst has Kittitas.

New Hampshire, shameless as her granite hills, with blood as thin as her sterile soil, goes against Hearst with Yankee stubbornness and self-will. But he carries Kittitas.

In Wisconsin the heathen rage against him and Usher and Vilas and Mitchell imagine a vain thing and refuse the state to Hearst. But his boom goeth forth jocund for he has the delegation from Kittitas.

California, honored as the state of his nativity, is in revolt. From Trinity to Los Angeles the democrats refuse to know Israel and sit up nights to smite Hearst and he is withstood from Plumas to Petaluma, from Mono to Milpitas. But he has Kittitas.

When John C. Breckenridge became a candidate for United States senator from Kentucky two events were concurrent; a son was born to him and he carried his first county. It was Breathitt county, and he immediately named the boy Breathitt. After that every county went for him and he was elected. The day Hearst carried Kittitas his son was born. May we venture to suggest to Mr. Hearst that his fate is in his own hands? Honor Kittitas as Breckenridge did Breathitt and all things may be added unto him. Kittitas Hearst has a fetching sound. It is better than Hoke Smith, or Dink Jones, or Spued Calvert, all of which are on the census roll.—San Francisco Call.

It takes a deal of ceremony to start the machinery of a great exposition, but this doesn't delay the bunko man. Like the zealous knight, he is the first to advance and the last to retreat.

A Brooklyn woman testifies that for four years her husband has beaten her regularly five mornings out of the week. She probably had Wednesday and Sunday off.

The testimony in the Smoot investigation would indicate that the average Mormon is an enthusiastic member of the Hundred Million Club.

In simple justice, it is due Judge Parker to say that he would undoubtedly refuse to run on a platform of Col. Bryan's making.

Again the Mississippi is reminding the country that it has water enough to be a permanent inlet of the sea.

Cuss the telephone—it is a mighty relief to do so; but honestly—what would you do without it?

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