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Oregon Sidelights

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LYNCHING AND LAW.

A FEW DAYS AGO a young woman, scarcely more than a girl, was walking from Bluffs station, on the banks of the Columbia river, to her sister's home, on a visit, when she was overtaken by two drunken devils in the shape of men, who seized, assaulted and outraged her, tearing her clothing to shreds, and leaving her half-dead with fear and shame, and agony of body and mind, to stagger painfully to her destination. Her brother-in-law at once secured aid, and pursued the villains, fortunately overtaking them, and they were lodged in the Sherman county jail.

This action The Dalles Chronicle characterizes as "fortunate," and "to the credit of our citizens." The Times-Mountaineer, of the same city, takes a different view, saying that while it "believes in the supremacy of law, and also that every man accused of a crime should be given a fair and impartial trial, it also believes there are times when the people are justified in resorting to summary justice—that is inflicting what they believe to be just punishment for crimes that the statutes do not provide adequate punishment for."

It goes on to say that even a long term in the penitentiary is not an adequate punishment for such a crime; it will not avenge the wrong done to a defenseless girl, nor be a sufficient warning to others, and continues:

When those young fiends were arrested and taken to Wasco, the people of that place would have been justified had they taken them out and hanged them to the first convenient post that would have served as a gallows. In fact it would have been better for the community if they had set law at defiance and administered summary justice to the two brutes. This is perhaps a radical sentiment to express. It is probably incendiary, but it is nevertheless right. Rape is one of the most heinous crimes in the catalogue of offenses, and no punishment is too severe for the rapist. People are justified in administering the severest punishment to anyone who commits such a crime.

Every man with warm, red blood in his veins will feel an impulse to agree heartily with these sentiments, but the sober second thought will gradually impel the good citizen to a different conclusion. True, the law does not provide an adequate punishment for such a crime; scarcely could the law do so; but our newspaper friend at The Dalles must have learned ere this that there are many cases, both criminal and civil, in which the law, however strictly and justly administered, is inadequate as a complete vehicle or means of justice. Lynching would have been none too good for these "fiends," but in its results would have been bad for those who did the lynching, and for the community in which they live. If it had been done on the spur of the moment, in righteousness indignation and hot blood, there would have been few to condemn the act; to do so in such a case is one of an editor's most difficult duties; yet the ultimate truth is that it is far better for these citizens of Moro, or Sherman county, for the state and country, that the men tempted to wreak vengeance did it not, but with repressed and regretful wrath turned these monsters over to the law. The great lesson of obedience to the law must be learned and practiced anew constantly; if it cannot be well learned and practiced—practiced even in such an extreme case as this—then we are a barbarous people; to the extent that the law is not respected and obeyed we are anarchy.

We spoke above of "ultimate results," and this is what is meant; one such act of revenge makes a great breach in the hedge of law within which we as citizens are supposed to confine our conduct. One such defiance of law leads to another; these to others; thus the result is a tendency to become a lawless people. True, this was an extreme case, but once the notion that men can take the law in their own hands takes root and grows, it is the private citizen, anybody, everybody, who are to judge of what is an extreme case. Next it may be the case of a murder, next of arson and robbery; where will the line be drawn? At this one crime, our friend of the Times-Mountaineer might say, but the trouble is that neither he, nor we, nor all of us who might agree and act on that, can control the passionate wrath of men who once become possessed of the idea that they can "take the law in their own hands," even in such an aggravated case as this.

So The Journal, instead of agreeing with the sentiments quoted, indorses rather the remark of the Chronicle that the forbearance of the men of Moro was creditable to their citizenship and the best citizenship of the country.

ARE NONE BUT PARENTS RESPONSIBLE?

NO ONE WILL QUESTION the responsibility which rests upon parents for the physical, mental and moral welfare of their children. At the same time no one can question that a certain degree of responsibility rests upon the community at large, as it is concretely expressed in its city government, for the physical, mental and moral welfare of these same children. Children born to the right sort of parents are exceedingly fortunate. Many of them are and many of them are not. A sad percentage of them are without parental care or restraint, but when all this has been said and done the public itself cannot escape its share of responsibility.

We have here in Portland, as an illustration, licensed

gambling. That gambling is being openly conducted in defiance of law. The justification offered is that the partnership between the city administration and the gamblers is a necessity for the revenue which comes from it. We speak of respect for the law as being vital to our very national existence. We say so and uphold the doctrine because it is true. And yet through our own elected and accredited public officials a whole body of law is contemptuously swept aside. On one side we preach and the other side we practice. Gambling is contrary to law and yet under the authority of the law it is protected and fostered. It is officially placed in the category of one of our thriving industries. In so far as official recognition and protection may do it is as far as respectable. The business is openly, flauntingly conducted. The chief places of resort are raised to the dignity of public institutions. If the thoughtless youths of the city are attracted there to their ruin, if there should be misapprehension in older though weak heads, that those things which the administration protects cannot afford all be so very bad or so very dangerous, should it occasion surprise, or will any fair-minded man say that the public has no responsibility?

Outrage and flout the law in one direction and its outrage is invited in another, if not in all other directions. If there is laxity here, there will be laxity there. Gambling which is contrary to law and which is yet conducted under the authority and protection of the officers of the law, invites laxity in the saloons and in the crimson sections of the city. The side entrances to the saloons and the raw and glaring exhibitions of vice and depravity in the restricted quarters, surely these entail some public responsibility. To say that vice cannot be eradicated, that it will exist, does not meet the question nor shed the responsibility. It will exist, it is true, but to the degree that it is open and flagrant, to the degree that immunity is thrown about it and access to it is made easy, to that degree the public through its elected trustees, the city administration, is responsible.

There is now deep-seated indignation over the high-school episode and the todo that has been publicly raised over it. There is sharp criticism of the way in which it has been obtruded upon public attention. The affair is exceedingly unfortunate from many aspects, but yet if we throw all the blame on parents, what shall we say in the cases where there are no parents or no parents within reach to exercise close supervision over children more thoughtless than wayward, and infinitely less experienced than vicious? And the public which stands idly by and permits the widest publicity, the safeguarded opportunities for the indulgence of viciousness, which for the sake of the license money throws the protection of the law about the most dreadful and degrading practices, is it to escape blame? Are its chosen trustees to escape the full share of odium and responsibility which they have so jauntily assumed in the matter of gambling?

Let us not mistake cause for effect or run to denunciations of individual manifestation of laxity. Neither let us waste too much time in saying that "somebody bungled" in this high school affair. Let us rather look the whole situation squarely in the face and figure the degree to which the community itself is culpable in this whole wretched business. Let us fix our individual responsibility as men and women and then let us set to work to renovate and reform so that it can no longer be justly charged that the community or the administration is acting as a purveyor for vice and that the road to ruin in Portland is greased by public apathy or indifference.

A SUGGESTION CONSIDERED.

SOME ONE down in Portland is calling loudly for an industrial home for girls in Oregon, in other words a state reformatory for girls. This is now provided for, in the law to establish and govern the reform school for boys. Whenever the board of trustees shall declare that such an institution is ready, and when there is a separate building for the girls, then girls may be received. There are buildings enough already, though it might be better to construct one intended especially for the keeping and training of girls, which would require an appropriation by the legislature. A good way would be to use the present school for deaf mutes for a girls' reformatory, moving the former nearer to the city, and providing new buildings—Salem Statesman.

A girls' industrial home should have no connection whatever with the boys' reform school, nor be located anywhere near it. The reasons for this are too obvious to need statement.

Nor should a girls' industrial home be located at or near Salem. Probably nine tenths of the girls who need such a home arrive at that state of need in Portland; they drift here either before or after, or during, their downfall; and it is here where there are the greatest aggregation of people who will take an interest in them and help them. The school should be within a few miles of this metropolis. We know that the supreme court has decided that all state institutions must be located "at the state capital," but as a matter of fact most of them are not so located; and it would be a smaller man than Salem possesses as a taxpayer, we hope, who would seek to prevent by a suit the establishment of such an institution where it ought to be—near Portland.

A UNION UNDER SELF-CONTROL.

(From the Chicago Record-Herald.)
It is by no means an exceptional thing, despite all charges to the contrary, for a labor union to take radical steps to rid itself of the racials among its business agents and other officials. It may stand by corrupt officials during the exciting days of a strike, even when the necessity for a purging is undeniably manifest, but afterward in private the honest majority of the union membership is very apt to hold its reckoning with the unfaithful servants.
It is, however, an almost unheard-of thing for a union to deliver up to justice a "sluggish" among its members, and that, too, after having itself fined or otherwise punished the culprit. The same otherwise published the account of a strike being waged against hostile powers is usually too strong to permit such action even where the "sluggish" is strongly condemned within the union itself.
Credit for an act of this kind falls now, however, to Carriage and Wagon-workers' union, No. 4, of this city. One of its members, David Berquist, committed an assault during a recent strike. The police were hunting for him in vain, when the secretary of the union took a hand and summoned him to a union meeting. There he was fined \$20. He was advised to submit to arrest, and when the case came to trial his fellow union men furnished the evidence against him. Now he is under heavy bonds to keep the peace.
Corruption and violence are two temptations which unions must overcome if they wish to achieve a strong and enduring position. Every now and then indications of Iniquity are being picked out by the oldest and homeliest ones for icy treatment.

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A new fish cannery is to be started on the Silette river.

In the vicinity of Gopher, 1,000 goats yielded about 4,000 pounds of mohair.

Stove short captured seven coyotes, two full grown and five young ones, in Coles valley.

The More Observer, true to the memory of the late Judge Deady, persists in spelling it "Wallam."

Fifteen Tillamook boys have organized a band, and show considerable proficiency. Such boys deserve encouragement.

J. F. Spray's new \$700 barn, near Spray, was blown all to pieces in a windstorm—which perhaps was short of spray.

Several towns up the valley now have ordinances providing for the arrest of boys who climb on and jump off passing trains. This is a good measure.

Wasco News: Taylor Burgen was in town Saturday with a very sore thumb that had to be lanced. He was fooling with a rooster out at his ranch until he got the spur in his finger.

Land around Wasco is selling for \$40 an acre. This same land could be purchased at \$100 a year ago for \$10 or \$15. With the prospects now before us for a good crop land is liable to go still higher.

A Benton county man has bought the children of the city, the whole sum of \$10 for saving his business block during the recent conflagration which, for a time threatened to consume a great many buildings in that city. As the Eugene fire department is a voluntary organization, this munificent gift is, of course, duly appreciated.

Reports from Silver Lake say that in the recent blizzard experienced in that neighborhood the loss of sheep amounted to as much as 25 per cent. Coming at the end of a very mild winter, or no winter at all, this means a serious loss to the people here, as no further damage to flocks was anticipated from the elements.

Of course, all the young men nominated in Oregon for district attorney have a "large and lucrative law practice." That one of them has a paying practice is indicated by the fact that he declined the nomination, though he would probably have been elected. But he had another reason; he had recently been married.

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Ashland Tidings: Rev. Mr. Tweed, who has lately accepted charge of the Presbyterian church at Woodville, is an all-round rustler. Before he had been a resident of Woodville 24 hours, he was chosen chairman of a Republican caucus. To secure a paragonage, he bought a small structure on the outskirts of town for \$20, moved it to the rear end of a lot, which cost him \$30 more, and inside of a week had a \$10 paragonage in which he was living.

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Not long ago I met a young man whose name I cannot give you, and who was very much enjoyed by me, and decided to continue the friendship, so I extended an invitation for him to call, which he accepted, and after that as many times as I had time to spare. He is a very nice fellow, and I have enjoyed his company very much. He is a very nice fellow, and I have enjoyed his company very much. He is a very nice fellow, and I have enjoyed his company very much.

Invite him to your party, but do not give him any more invitations to call by himself. You see you made things a little too easy for him. Let him do the asking for a while.

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a married woman of 26 and have three children, the oldest four years and the youngest four months. I have a very nice husband, but he has been urging me to go to California with him, and I have been postponing on account of my parents.

ANXIOUS.
I think your duty is toward your husband, and I think you should stay where you are. He works for you and your children, so you should help him as much as you can.

Dear Miss Fairfax: Would you be kind enough to give me some of your advice on the following question: I wish to send a bouquet to a lady friend of mine on her birthday, and as cannot bring it to her myself I wish to congratulate her through a letter or card, which I will fasten to the bouquet. Now what I want to know is how to