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He that wants money, means and content, is without three good friends—Shakespeare.

THE GUNMEN.

SOCIETY partly shares the guilt of the New York gunmen executed this morning. The culpability of society lies in the fact that it does little to break down "the system" out of which Dago Franks and Lefty Louie are developed.

Most people let vice and crime go unchallenged. They allow "the system" to spread its tentacles. They allow relations to spring up between the law and the lawless.

The offense of the gunmen was unparadornable. It was unspeakable. It was incomparably vicious. Yet the wretched dead were society's own children.

Far in the background, hidden by the shadows, are the high-ups, who grow rich from the underworld traffic. They are the brains of "the system."

The gunmen were only tools. They were used. They were pawns that others moved. They became bolder and bolder, because the public was unconcerned.

ATTENTION is called again to the ever-narrowing field of the morning newspaper by the absorption of the New Orleans Playmate by a younger rival.

THE afternoon paper. The fundamental cause of the passing of the morning newspaper is the logical development of the afternoon edition.

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IN 1912

WRITING THE Journal, J. W. Crew argues against free tolls as follows: Free tolls advocates pretend to believe that the canal is an American waterway in exactly the same sense as any domestic waterway.

Before an audience of 2500 farmers at Washington Park, New Jersey, in August, 1912, Woodrow Wilson, then a candidate for president, said:

What interest have you in opening the canal to the ships of the world? We do not own the ships of the world. We do not own the subjects in cutting that great ditch across the isthmus of Panama.

President Wilson has never repudiated what he said that day to the New Jersey farmers. He thought it an "American waterway," though Mr. Crew declares that it is not.

Mr. Wilson was arguing that day for free tolls and against railroad-owned ships through the canal, though Mr. Crew argues the other way.

THE day of the lonely girl in the city seems to be passing. In New York there has been established a Bureau of Boarding Houses for Girls, which acts as a clearing house in providing homes for young women.

THE Bureau of Boarding Houses for Girls is a non-sectarian organization. Its first work is to find homes for girls, but, after that, it helps in various ways. It gives addresses of girls' clubs, dancing schools, and various kinds of classes.

THE popularity of the measure flows from the desire of the people to rebuke the methods by which public lands have been wrested from the people.

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the little man and woman, who are often more public spirited than the big ones. It ought not to be supported merely to make money, but as a benefit and carrier of prestige to Portland.

In its present undeveloped state, the yearly business of Alaska amounts to \$100,000,000. What will it be when railroads are constructed and the vast region is still further opened to traffic.

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Meredith. It seems incredible that there could be men in the practice willing to send the victims to him. When they asked him concerning a patient, a wave of the hand skyward indicated that the grave, or the furnace in the house of mystery, had claimed another victim.

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A FEW SMILES

Senator Stone of Missouri is a lover of coffee, and unless it is both strong and good the waiter at restaurant or hotel will not bring him a cup.

"Coffee," meekly replied the man, somewhat surprised. "Coffee," repeated Stone, with a scowl. "I could put a coffee bean into my mouth, dive into the Mississippi river from the end of this street, swim 'way up to Vicksburg, and I'll guarantee that any one could haul up much better coffee than this over the entire route!"

Abner—Silas is the darndest man I ever saw for to put on a front—to see under false colors, so to speak. "What's his name?" "Abner—Why, everybody knows he's the darndest man I ever saw for to put on a front—to see under false colors, so to speak."

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE

Sure; go to church. Meeds or vegetable? Meanwhile, plow, plant, nourish. A ball bat is good; spade and hoe are even better.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

"Trigate the Umatilla reservation and Senator's supremacy in eastern Oregon will be secure," is an admonition and a pledge uttered by the East Oregonian.

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IN EARLIER DAYS

From Montana I went with Colonel Whipple and his party to Los Angeles," said Cyrenus Mulkey, one of the early pioneers of Oregon. "We arrived in Los Angeles December 23, 1867. There had been plenty of rain and the grass was a foot high. The weather was as warm as in summer.

"I bought 160 acres adjoining the city and decided to spend the rest of my days there. I put up a good house and fenced it, and started a stock farm. The next year there was a severe drought. Just enough rain fell to start the vegetation. The following spring there was no feed in the country whatever, and the stock was dying everywhere.

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