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CRIIME AND CORRECTION Oregon is growing apace with the recent increase in bru
tal murders. Persons who voted for its abolition are now tirred to vote for its re-establishment. As quickly as they voted
gainst the death penalty they now would vote for it.
Hanging for first degree murder will lessen the number a
ders, without a doubt. There are persons who would take a
and the chance of escape or pardon from prison on a life ence. But some of these same persons, with the vision of the callows before them, wouid hesitate to kill.
ned to the business of killing and when many valued their own lives as naught, conditions are different. Thare are many who are of such psychology that they fear nothing of their own consequences if they can but satisfy their craving to kill. Their life is nothing to society, they say. They would match theirs against that of a useful citizen, if occasion arose. The worst would be death for them both, a $50-50$ deal, the criminal figures.

Men who kill are generally old offenders in a criminal w Capital punishment will lessen murder but not do away with it Potential murderers are held by police in large cities daily. Of entimes these men are criminals because of some mental or spread of insanity by incarceration and treatment in state owned institutions. Why not prevent spread of murder and other crime by similar treatment of chronic criminals? Then if we still have murder, we still have the capital punishment statute to put into effect on the offenders.

TEACHERS TAKE POPULAR STAND

$\mathfrak{l l}$MATILLA county's teachers, in disavowing desire to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, struck a chord
thet is apparently popular with teachers in widely ent sections of the northwest. At the same time they were stating their stand in resolutions, the teachers of Grays Harbor, wise. are not feasible. Teachers are public servants, not employes of bors. They are artistss rather than artisans. They have faith in their ability by organization other than one affiliated with or ganized labor to receive the wage which they consider reason-
able and necessary.

Strikes of school teachers would hardly be compatible with our institutions. Attendance at school of the sons and daughters union teacher spank "union Willie" at the same provocation a "non-union Johnnie?

Politics and religion have been kept subservient in the teach ers of our schools for years. It is no time that unionism, which ers or parents.

Stirred by the wave of crime close to home, the audacity o the Mexicans at the border and the sparring tactics of congress, the people are throwing up their hands and, in unison, saying it. But there are none to see that something is done. Isn't there a Moses among us who can show two fists and lead us out of our wilderness?



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