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We have no desire to do Port and business men an injustice ting it mildly. There are good business hustlers among them, it is true, but it seems that as a class they belong to the good old times of a generation back-
when men had an abiding faith in the assertion that "all things come to him who waits." It is
a common complaint among country business men that if they require a hurry-up order filled they must send to some city other than Portland.
This is not as it should be. The
geographical location of Portland is such that her wholesalers enjoy a vast field for business.
There is no reason why they should not make of Portlard one of the leading wholesale cities of the coast, and they will some day, but it seems they are in n hurry about it. If they would Portland will be a great metrop olis twenty years sooner than will come in
To do this the business men of the Rose City must so condu their affairs that it will not be possible for a man to state truth order he is obliged to send it to a business man who lives in a cit farther away than Portland. Such present day, but the signs in evidence of a change for the bet fulness. $\qquad$
"Man's inhumanity to man" human suffering and degrad human. How slow we are to justice to our fellows, after all. How often is merit overlooked
and genius ridiculed. Few men of creative minds have escaped persecution at the hands of destemptible yellow journals provide ways and means for an as men.
As an illustration of scant justice done to a good man by provided detractors by sens refer to the first accounts of the White was referred to by the
journals in question as a mon ster, a fiend who preyed upon in-
nocent women, a man who mainnocent women, a man who mainname assailed after he was cold
in death as the result of a bullet
from the revolver of Harry K .

credited him by the yellow jour nals throughout the land. As
investigation of the case proinvestigation of the case pro-
ceeds one charge after another against White's character has allen to nothingness. And Thaw, the man who killed White, was first a "spoiled young man, who, from all acounts, married a woman as dissipated as himself. And this wo-
man is supposed to have been the cause of the murder. From latest accounts it seems there was no cause-merely a pretext.
On account of the power of money it is hard to foretell with an assurance of accuracy what the outcome is to be, but it
seems that in view of justice Thaw should hang. Richard Harding Davis has penned a cation of the character of his deceased friend, Stanford White.

## STRICT JUSTICE.

For years it has been commonly asserted that if a man had money
enough money-there wassmall reason for him to fear the law An observance of affairs bear stances, at least such has been the case in the past. However at present there is a wave of re form sweeping over the country,
and it is likely to result in meas ureable good.
When the general public arise When the general public arise principles something is quite of the times is swinging farther and farther toward a general re probability, be swung beyond expect that it will swing back The proper thing to do is to take and proper for the masses when the great pendulum of human
goodness swings in the direction of reform. that the proletarian would suffer
for an offense that the wealthy for an offense that the wealthy plebeian could commit and escape of justice in our courts has for long been the cause of bitter comment on the part of the masses. Here in Oregon in conit is a notable fact that the prose-
cutor, Francis J. Heney, has made the greatest effort to bring the
wealthy man to book, while, where he has been deserving, the mercy of the court.
This is a healthy sign and promises well for justice in the years
to come. The properway to do is to have one punishment for meted the offender on just lines,
be said offender of high or low degree, rich or poor. Telegram that an Oregon pioneer
"walked from the Mississippi Had he walked that distance on would perinaps be remembered as
a freak in a dime museum instead

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