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THE HOOKER SHOOTING.

Portland Journal: A charitable way to put it, is to say that the shooting of Convict Hooker by Patrolman Long, of Portland, was an unnecessary precaution. There are many who do not speak of the act in terms so mild. There are few who join with Chief Clark in unstinted approval.

Patrolman Long ought to demand an investigation by the Linn county grand jury. Without a verdict of exoneration by some such body, there will always rest on him at least a surmise that he was too quick on the trigger and on that account is not a fit policeman.

Hooker was a bad man. His resistance to the arrest in which Superintendent Harry Minto was killed was an unconscionable offense. It is condemned by every citizen.

But the worst man is entitled to a trial by jury. Hooker, whatever his crime, had these inalienable rights under the law for which nations exist and governments are instituted.

He was in an opening in the floor and in a position in which none of the four arresting officers was exposed to serious danger. The real peril in the situation was met by Deputy Christopherson, who clambered down in the hole and discovered the fugitive.

At the time Long fired the death shot, three weapons were leveled at Hooker, and a fourth was handy for instant use. Hooker himself was unarmed.

Patrolman Long owes it to himself and the police force of Portland to secure from the Linn county grand jury a verdict of exoneration. He should be first to ask, and the most vigorous to press, an investigation.

LOVE OF HEALTH.

If anyone doubts that this is an era of health propaganda, he must, indeed, be oblivious of what is going on about him. Municipal, state and national agencies are using forces and funds at their disposal to further the interests of public hygiene. Educational influences are directing their energies to the spread of the lessons of procurable health in public print and in documents of both official and unofficial character. Novels and short stories, the literature of biography and travel, the platform and even the pulpit are proclaiming the gospel of health far and wide. The medical profession, more enthusiastic if not more vitally interested than any other group in the promotion and outcome of the modern hygienic movement, may well stop from time to time to inquire about the sanity of the methods of the propaganda. The religious doctrine of past ages involved the threat of harm; it inculcated a fear of the distraction or danger that was sure to follow the violation of the law. This dismal attitude has long since been replaced by a religion of love, of uplift and joyous anticipation. In the health propaganda, likewise, much of the pessimistic attitude, unconsciously perhaps, has been introduced in the past. The fear of disease has been held over the heads of the people. Rarely have we seen the more appropriate spirit of the modern "better health" movement better expressed than in a recent pamphlet of the Life Extension Institute. "It is not a fear of illness or of death that we should encourage, but a love of health, a sense of responsibility for the care of our bodies, a desire for bodily endurance and efficiency and full achievement. If the mind is fixed on the ideals, and the already known means of approaching them are utilized, the needless miseries that blight the lives of so many may be left to take care of themselves. It is not so much necessary to fight disease as to cultivate health for the happiness, contentment and moral gain that it brings." There is something unusually optimistic and buoyant in such words, says the Journal of the American Medical Association.

MISFITS

We really like Jonelli so well we will want to hear her some more!

Speaking of remembering things, put a pin in application and attention, and learn to keep your mind from wandering like a sailor.

Wall street is having some frenzied finance.

Many up and downs between the U. S. and Germany.

Earthquake shocks all around the Northwest except the W. V.

There is a reckless flourish of ultimatum over the ocean.

\$12,000,000 for an Idaho dam is going some even for Uncle Sam. Occasionally some tax payer adds an "n" to the dam.

Nevertheless these big irrigation projects are proving a great thing for the western country, and especially the section getting the benefit.

The man with the hoe if he sticks to it is the one that will make it.

Justice is mighty slow. A man is being tried down in L. A. for a crime committed five years ago.

China has now advanced so far as to have ordered an income tax, to go into effect J1.

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