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THE SALEM TRAGEDY.
The terrible triple murder at the penitentiary yesterday shocks the public mind. It causes a doubt whether orderly procedure is competent to deal with men like Tracy and Merrill. That both our systems of penology and criminal procedure fail to meet the conditions of modern society is more and more pressing upon the attention of students of criminology.

It is easier to point out the defects than to suggest remedies. The first thing to concede is that there is a criminal class. That is, there are persons abnormally prone to crime, and who lack moral sense. Philanthropy may please itself with assuming that vice and crime are simply the result of environment, and that proper training and moral precepts are capable of obliterating the crime. But those whose duties bring them into contact with criminals discover that in most cases men do not become criminals. They are criminals "in case" when they are born. The particular moral obliquity may develop in one direction or another toward theft or murder, or the smoother arts of forgery or swindler. But the germ of criminality is there. Normal persons may go wrong, but when they do they violate their moral sense. The other kind go wrong because it is their bent.

Criminal procedure is based upon the presumption of innocence. But with the criminal class the presumption is the other way. The first step in reform is to recognize the fact and to adopt a procedure that shall eventuate in classifying criminals. When a man's life shows an ineradicable tendency to crime he should be put in that class, and thereafter the rules and procedure and punishment applicable to normal persons should not be applied to him.

Tracy and Merrill are desperate criminals. They have never been anything else. An enlightened method of treatment applied in-line might have minimized their murderous dispositions or at least have prevented that induration of conscience that a long career of crime has produced. As it is, society has nothing to do but to capture them and kill them.

In the case of Tracy, the authorities had ample warning of his desperate character. When he was captured he was shot at Detective Weiner twice in retreating arrest; held up Jailer Dougherty with a pistol and the engineer of the train that was taking him to Salem. Such a man should have been given no chance.

WHO IS HEY?
The game that is now being played is for the United States Senatorship. It is a snook game. There is nothing open-headed about it. From the first it has been under cover, luscious, secretive, colloative. Nobody has ventured to whisper the mysterious candidate. The fight has been underhanded. It is underhanded now. It will continue to be so, until the dark conspirators have perpetrated their plans.

Then the candidates will be sprung. He is already chosen. But the people are not to be let into the secret. That lies in the breasts of Mr. Henry McGinnis, Mr. Harvey Scott, and Mr. Walter F. Matthews. Until they shall choose to speak, the people are to be kept in the dark. That is the politics of the ring. The people have nothing to do with the question. What the people have said is a farce. The people be d-d.

But the ring must divulge at last. We shall soon know the candidate. And when he steps forth, we shall know him is the candidate of the ring. Then he shall know what to do with him. It is inconceivable that Mr. Walter F. Matthews shall name the next United States Senator from Oregon. He tried to name the Governor and failed. He will fail in this also. He isn't big enough to carry Oregon in his pocket. If we are to have a boss, he must be somebody greater than one who rates at "three for a quarter."

The Republican party is dominant. Let it be equal to the occasion. Above all, let it be equal to who is to be the choice of Jack Matthews, and then let it choose some other. Furnish was his choice for Governor. Let's find out who he wants for Senator, and give him his quietus. There are reasons enough for beating

the candidate for the ring. But the principal reason is that he is lying in ambush. No man is fit to be United States Senator from Oregon who is afraid of the Oregon people. Let us have a fight in the open. To be the Senator is a laudable ambition. But no man is fit for that position who crawls to it like a serpent. Come now, a square-toed fight, but none of your stinuous, sneaking games.

NOT A CAMPAIGN CRY.
The campaign being passed, it may be conceded that a demand for reform in the matter of salaries and fees of state officers means more than a campaign cry. That was the construction placed upon it by some persons, and it was confidently predicted that nothing would come of it. We shall see. The members-elect to the Legislature have promised this reform and the state officers have agreed to it. If it shall be neglected by them it is the duty of Governor Chamberlain to veto every appropriation bill that carries items for fees and perquisites, and put the responsibility upon the majority to pass it over his veto if it can. That will make the question acute so that people will understand it. It might be assumed that all these gentlemen meant to keep their word, as some of them doubtless mean to do, if some of them were not now rising up on the other side.

THE RESPONSIBILITY.
The attempt to hold prominent Republicans in several counties of the state responsible for the defeat of Mr. Furnish is the three parts of gall. The real responsibility lies with that small coterie of politicians colluding with Mr. Walter F. Matthews, who forced Mr. Furnish's nomination on the convention, not because they wanted Furnish, but because he made himself necessary for their purposes. The defection against Furnish was in greater or less degree in every county in the state, and was as spontaneous as it was widespread. Nobody could stop it. Mr. Fulton in Clatsop no more than Mr. Scott in Multnomah. Therefore, let the responsibility be placed where it belongs.

The school-teacher finds his first-grade pupils untrained in powers of observation. Immediately the child is put to tasks in learning from books, and because his perception is not quickened these are irksome. The kindergarten supplies the preliminary training that makes the subsequent exercises pleasant. It makes the transition easy and smooths the upward path. It is the part of economy to establish a kindergarten system. It makes a common school education cost less, and makes it worth more when it is finished. The multiplication of books and subjects is carried to an extreme and the kindergarten system, once introduced, would tend to correct the routine book system, which is really the defect of our educational method.

If the state officers are going to fight big salaries, will they explain what the Republican platform meant? Slings and Arrows. A sentence was once pronounced by a Scotch judge with the following accompaniment: "Ye did not only kill and murder the man and thereby take away his valuable life, but ye did push, thrust or insult the lethal weapon through the belly-band of his regimental trousers, which was the property of His Majesty."—Glasgow Evening Times.

Pittsburg is laboring under heavy fire-insurance expenses in the down-town district," remarked Mr. Dukans. "Now that is something," added Mr. Gaewell, "to which the water cure should be applied."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Necessity is the mother of invention. Invention is the sincerest flattery.—Yale Record.

Now it's the world, the best trust and the devil—Exchange. The Troutling Season. Now to the brooks And far-off hooks The fishermen are going. Such feeling sure That he'll secure Some beauties well worth showing. The trucks is long, But legs are strong, And though there's frequent stumbling, Push on again, And never think of crumbling. At last they look Upon the brook, That's just the place for troutling; The fishes are dead, The lines unrimed, And luck not one is doubling. They decorate With tempting bait The hooks with which they're fishing; They try and try, With greatest care, The lines are soon sent swishing. They swim and swim, But wary fish Is to the surface rising; They try and try, And then they sigh O'er failure so surprising. To other brooks And other hooks Their toilsome way they're wending; But not a trout Can they yank out, Though oft the lines they're sending. They fish away Till end of day, And then they're homeward going; They try and try, While yawns they spin, But not one trout they're showing.

A Romance of the Plains. A little Dutch maid in Mont. By a cowboy was wooed. "I want," Was his statement laconic To the paterfamilias, Who asked, surprised: "You want?" In a hurry they shipped to New. Lator on-ween-tha-nd man. "Wew. Great first but we're slow. All our own." With a groan Said old Dutch: "Long enough dar knave!" So he sent Anna to La. Ahe remarked: "Divorce em sa.; But I don't get out of bed. In choosing a grater, And in luff affairs you'll get N.

CHURCH NEWS AND VIEWS.
On Sunday, June 8, the Tulpehooken reformed congregation of Reading, Pa., will pay 127 red roses to the descendants of Caspar Wistar of Philadelphia as rent for the ground on which the church is built. Rev. H. J. Walker of Myerstown is pastor of the congregation. The exercises will be attended by General George Wistar, Dr. Thomas Wistar, Joshua Wistar, and other prominent members of the family living in Philadelphia, descendants of Caspar Wistar. He decided 100 acres of land along the Tulpehooken creek in trust for a Dutch reformed

OVER THE TEACUPS
Don't get yourself talked about as "the curious woman." If you do, your reputation will give you credit for being worse than you really are. Moreover, you are likely to be hated and despised. It may seem that these assertions are stronger than the situation can carry out. If you think so, just listen to what folks say about others who pry into affairs that are not a bit their own and also make a continuous performance of asking questions in and out of season. Then you'll be ready to agree that the statement might, with reason, be more highly colored. The curious woman's faculty of asking questions is as fearful as versatile. She unblushingly asks about the affairs of your family, its earning capacity, and the quality of its habits. She doesn't hesitate over a direct query regarding the ages of persons so unfortunate as to interest her—indeed, it would be pretty hard to draw the line on those to whom she is indifferent. The curious woman doesn't particularly thrive on scandal. She doesn't hunt sensations. She doesn't revel in gathering derogating facts about people. She is as much interested in the price of another woman's gown or the grade of dinner served at a neighbor's, as the jealous woman is in building a howling disgrace for her rival. The curious woman has a hunger for trifles and her incessant pursuit of them is as exasperating as the hat that constantly shifts on your head. Although she is an enormously surprising person, she never searches for huge information. It is the smallness and the narrowness of her methods that make her despicable. A peculiar phase of the curious woman's nature is that she is unconscious of her own distinctiveness. She indulges her innate error with the same automatic submission to a controlling force that makes a tree-bough a tormenting presence on the roof when under the dominance of a strong north wind. Is there a cure for the curious woman? Yes—a heroic remedy. She can deny herself the indulgence of her curiosity. She unconsciously makes herself a nuisance and a creature to be shunned. But she has plenty of opportunity to rouse to the enormity of her sin. As a rule, she refuses to accept a snub or a rebuke. It's the nature of her disease to refuse—still, she knows that she creates antagonism. If she will accept affronts and go analyzing them all by herself, she'll read her title clear to the need of reformation. It will be a perfectly heroic task, but the curious woman can become a good and proper human being if she'll go under self-discipline. SUMMER GIRL. There are two types of summer girl this season. The old-fashioned sort, she of the trig linen skirt all sweeps and flutters, the blouse with its graceful bagginess, the sailor hat with its tufts of veiling and jaunty ribbon streamers—the girl with the jaunty appearance, always gracefully ready to row or bowl or play tennis or golf or go sporting. This old-fashioned type is still in evidence, bless her! and she will be conspicuous at all the resorts. The new style is distinctly a piazza or auto girl. She is a real human creation of frills and bouffants and tufts and puffs of diaphanous fabrics, a veritable feathery cloud of misty fabrics that can not be subjected to wind and weather without a chance of turning into decidedly unbecoming limpness. This second type can not be warranted to wear. But she is sure of admiration and adulation within her own sphere. The cleverest summer girl will make a compromise with these styles. A part of the day she will play herself up as the piazza type—meantime envying the other sort out in the deliciously free-and-easy scope of genuine summer pleasure. Another part of the day she will go in as a real outdoor sort—meantime envying the piazza type, who is fully radiant and fascinating, the loveliest ever admired by the passing throng. SERIAL PARTIES. A new species of farewell party before going away for the season's outing has been sprung in Gotham. Four friends agree to give the party. They invite twenty or more guests. The affair takes place in the afternoon or evening. When men are invited, the evening is selected. At the house of the first hostess the guests are entertained for a half-hour and light refreshments are served. Then the first hostess—and her escort, if it is an evening affair—conducts the guests in carriages or in public vehicles, according to the type of the affair, formal or informal, to the home of the second hostess, where for another short space of time there are entertainment and refreshments. From the home the two hostesses lead the guests to the home of the third hostess, where another social installment is served. The third pleasure is followed by the fourth at the home of the fourth hostess, the last measure being a dance or a game of cards or a fling at ping-pong and a finish of coffee and loaves. Of course, the last space is allowed more time than the other three, so giving a chance to those who want "to be home early" to make their adieux leaving those who wish to participate in a real round of small-and-early ways of wishing "good luck and a merry time wherever you go" to each other. H. EFFA WEBSTER.

A Large Shad. Colonel Harrington of Pillar Rock succeeded in catching a 10-pound shad Saturday. Very frequently he had caught them weighing 6 1/2 pounds, but this is the first of that variety which he ever landed, tipping the beam at 10 pounds. An eight-pound shad in the East is considered a monster.

BIG TIE CONTRACT
News Notes From Gresham—New Cheese Factory. The A. H. Buckman property, near Rockwood, was recently surveyed and laid off in five and 10-acre tracts, numbering 21 altogether. Rockwood school district was given one acre of ground, and plans are now ready for the erection of a new schoolhouse, to be finished by September 15. H. C. Campbell's cheese factory at Fairview is preparing to move into its new building, adjoining the new grist mill. Both buildings are completed and ready for occupancy. Mr. Campbell has made a great success of his cheese enterprise and now has the only factory in this neighborhood, the other two having quit business. The one at Gresham has been closed for a year, and the other at Fairview was converted into a milk supply depot for the Portland market. Mr. Campbell has lately acquired the property of the Isaac Smith estate at Fairview, comprising several hundred acres. He will stack it up and operate one of the largest milk ranches on the Columbia slough. He will use the product at his own factory, which is rapidly gaining a reputation as the best one in the Northwest. One of the tie mills near this place has made a contract for 12,000 ties, which are now being hauled to Troutdale for shipment to Ogden, Utah. It will require 20 boxcars, or one entire freight train, to ship the lot. They are for the C., B. & Q. road and a rumor is current that they are to be used on a track to be built this way and which will eventually pass through Gresham along the route now being surveyed, giving a new transcontinental road into Portland. The ties are a little thinner than ordinarily, and the ends are beveled, it is said for use on the sandy tracts, so as to prevent sand drifts. Other large contracts are expected by the mills of this neighborhood. An extra price is paid for these specially made ties. There will be school elections in all the county districts next Monday, the people being notified as much except over the choice of directors and clerks for they were last week over the election of road supervisors. All the schools in 10 districts of this neighborhood have closed except that one here, which will close next Friday. There were about 20 graduates from the eighth grade in the various schools, and the question of establishing a joint high school here is being considered for their benefit. The directors of the Terry school district have made a contract for the painting of the schoolhouse, the work to be completed this week. All the surrounding towns now have baseball clubs, the latest to organize being the Rockwood line. Splendid grounds have been prepared at Gresham, and the various clubs are arranging dates for match games. Miss Ollie Abbott, who has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Thorp, will leave for Vancouver tomorrow to become the guest of Mrs. Rena Caldwell. M. A. Ross Post, G. A. R., will hold its 15th annual reunion at Pleasant Home during the latter part of next month. These reunions are largely attended and have always been very successful. W. W. Cotton spent Sunday at his model farm near here. He is contemplating more improvements to his creamery.

St. Helen's Closing. Commencement exercises at St. Helen's Hall, will close Thursday evening, with the annual ball for which several hundred invitations have been issued. Monday afternoon Miss Buckenmeyer's class will give calisthenic drill, to be followed by the junior musicals. Tuesday the regular commencement exercises will be held, the first part being given by the academic class and the rest to be operated under the direction of Miss Densil. The exercises will be held in the assembly hall, the principal address to be delivered by Rev. A. K. Glover. Graduates from the academic department this year are the Misses Etherwyn Harris, Marian Grey and Muriel Weatherston. Those receiving diplomas from the kindergarten department are Ruth Gilman, Edith Habersham, Mina Nesbitt and Clara Palmer.

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SHORT PERSONAL STORIES. Once referring to "The Lady of the Tiger" the late Frank R. Stockton told an interviewer: "I cannot answer the question, for I have no earthly idea myself. I really have never been able to decide whether the lady or the tiger came out of that door. Yet I must defend myself. People for years have upbraided me for leaving it a mystery; sometimes I write me that I had no right to impinge upon the good nature of the public in that manner. However, when I started in to write the story I really intended to finish it. But it would never let itself be finished. I could not decide. And to this day I have, I assure you, no more idea than any one else."

Senator Mitchell met Senator Hoar in the private elevator the other day. Senator Mitchell held in his hand tenderly a handsome silk hat. "Tell me where I can have a Panama hat cleaned," he said. Senator Hoar could not tell him. "I wanted to wear it today," Mr. Mitchell continued, "but I found it somewhat soiled when I had it brought out." Then he told the story of his Panama. "I bought the hat in Paris last summer," he said. "My knowledge of French was not very good, and I thought I was paying only \$5 for it. When I got the bill I found that it was 50 francs, or \$10. And so I think I should keep it clean and handsome in order that I may not regret the price."

One day last autumn Bennet Burleigh, the noted English special war correspondent, was encountered a few miles outside Frederic by the "vicious" rhetorician General Tucker. "What are you doing out here with that thing?" asked the General, pointing to a kodak which was slung round his shoulders. "Well, sir," promptly replied Mr. Burleigh, "I was intending to take some photographs, but had I known that I was to have the pleasure of meeting you I should have brought out a phonograph."

At this audacity it is said that even General Tucker's stock of sulphurous adjectives ran low. Friends played a grin joke on Rev. R. G. Roscombe of Kohomo, Ind., three years ago on the seriousness of which is just now appreciated. He was on a trip to Denver, when an acquaintance, in a spirit of banter, gave him a block of supposedly worthless mining stock. He has now sold the stock for \$500,000.

MODES FOR MEN. The luxury of man's dress is not altogether confined to winter attire. In the more matter of linen men are able to spend quite as much as if they care to go in for nothing but the finest. The summer shirts that men wear may cost as much as \$30 apiece if the wearer insists on the combinations of silk and linen that are much in vogue with men to whom price is no object. These shirts are embroidered with a monogram, and with them are to be had the short drawers, also embroidered with a monogram, which cost the same amount. The shirts worn this summer vary little in pattern from those of the last few years. They are still made with the broad pleats, or, if the wearer prefers, with the narrow pleats. The dark buttons, as well as those colored to match the shirt, have gone out of style. So have the very striking colors and combinations of bright shades which were popular several years ago. For evening wear with a smoking jacket the shirts with soft white pleated bosoms are to be worn more than they were last year, when they first came into notice here. They are to be the rule with dinner coats this season, and are certainly more suited to their purpose than are the stiff shirts in summer. Men are not likely to wear with this summer evening dress the patent leather pumps which would be thought necessary under the same circumstances in winter. It is much better form to wear what are called low quartered patent leather shoes. They have not the formality of the patent leather pumps which are so essential a part of full evening dress. The tendency to return to a larger straw hat is marked again, and the passion for getting the smallest possible kind of a hat will no longer inspire the modish youth of the city. The hats will also be of rougher straw than they have been for several seasons. The brims are broader. The gray soft hat is the popular substitute for the straw on cool days, and holds its own against all attempts to introduce the brown, which is becoming to so many more men. Men may also be luxurious in the matter of summer socks to an almost limitless extent. Thin, diaphanous open work silk socks cost as much as \$2 and from that price down, they range to fair imitations of open work silk to be had at half a dollar. The extravagance in socks really proves most extravagant, since they are articles that wear out most rapidly.

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