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"They have rights who dare maintain them."—James Russell Lowell.

OLIVER S. THOMAS

We cannot help but admire the fine spirit and charitable attitude which Oliver S. Thomas is manifesting in regard to the recent tragic death of his beloved wife, Mrs. Louise Thomas. People have been heard to criticize him because he does not show hatred and resentment toward the lad at whose hands, it is said by the younger Mrs. Thomas met her death.

Those who have children and who have lived and labored with them, know what it means to be a real father and a real mother. Not every woman who has given birth to a child is a real mother nor every man whose blood courses through the veins of some child, is a real father. It can be said of Mr. Thomas that he lived and labored with Frankie, and it was because of the many little difficulties he experienced in rearing the boy, that he grew to be a real father. In fact, more so than the man whose blood courses through Frankie's veins.

Now when we take this into consideration, we can better realize and understand Mr. Thomas' attitude toward the unfortunate lad.

If he had acted differently, we could not continue to hold him in the high esteem that we have always and do now hold him. How many of you real fathers and mothers would disown or "feel like murdering" your son or daughter who had committed murder; even if they were grown and were capable of realizing the gravity of the crime. You would not only, not disown them but you would work for their release so that you could again press them to your breast and give them another chance in life. And how much more tender would be your feeling of sympathy and love, if they were the delicate age of Frankie—9 years old!

Personally we do not consider this child a murderer. We have two sons of tender age, and if one or both of them should ever be so unfortunate as to be in Frank's position, we would never see them as murderers—they to us would still be our dear little babies. That is the feeling which makes real fathers and real mothers. And it comes largely through association with the child. This is what Mr. Thomas holds for Frankie and his desire to take the lad away from his present surroundings into different environment and give him another chance is the common desire of all real fathers and real mothers. Have we so soon forgotten the story of the mother, poor, heartbroken and bent with age, after trying every way she knew how to secure a pardon for her son who was sentenced to die for having killed a man, came clear across the country to Salem, to be near him during his last days? Did she look upon him and desert him? Not much. She was a real mother. History recounts many such stories.

We cannot help but believe that Mrs. Thomas met her death accidentally from the lad, the lad's confession to ally in her effort to wrest the gun from the contrary notwithstanding. How else can we account for the two unexploded shells and the disorder of the deceased's room? The lad is a "movie fan" and his recital of the tragedy may simply be a recital of an image placed in his mind of some fantastic movie scene.

While we regret the death of Mrs. Thomas as much as any of her associates and friends; while we feel her loss as keenly and as deeply as any in the community, and while we deplore the tragedy connected with her going, we also realize that no amount of adverse criticism of the poor, unfortunate lad, nor of the devoted father and bereaved husband, can bring her back. The mother is gone into a larger field of activity—just as she came into this world from her mother's womb, seeking larger field for expression. It is up to us to do all we can to comfort Mr. Thomas in his two-fold sorrow: the loss of his wife and his son, and to help the lad to outgrow and to overcome this tragedy in his little, sorrowful life. That is the Christian way, and we who profess Christianity can well practice our profession in this sad case.

WHERE WILL THEY GO?

Some powerful arguments are being advanced by a great many learned men that there does not exist a literal hell. We know but little of Theology but we believe like Paul Lawrence Dunbar said, "ther must be a hell, for where would my enemies go? Now if there sn't a hell, where will those subscribers to the Advocate go who wont pay their bills? Where will the fellow go who takes his job printing to a white press and his free news to the colored press and at th same time he is preaching race unity and race cooperation, we say, where will he go? Where will he go who cusses the bootlegger while at the same time he buys his booze? There must be a hell for where WILL they go?

75 YEARS OLD

The Oregonian celebrated its 75th Birthday Anniversary a few days ago. Seventy five years is a long time to live and labor and strive for the advancement of the state, but the Oregonian has done this well for all those years and has not grown bowed and weary with service but stands today more hearty and better prepared and with a stronger determination for even greater service in the future.

The paper stands today a wonderful monument to the pluck and energy and foresight of its founders, and it is a great credit to the state of Oregon. Vive le Papier!

THE PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE TO THE "ONE-TENTH"

Some how we wish President Coolidge had used a little different language from what he did in reference to the colored population of the U. S. in his message to Congress the other day. The same old stereotyped form has been heard so often—the "raggedness" and all the rest—that it has no meaning to the fellow who thinks that black men have no rights which white men ought to respect. However we ought to feel thankful for small favors and feel blessed that he remembered "one-tenth" and all the rest—that it has no meaning to the fellow who thinks that black men have no rights which white men ought to respect. However we ought to feel thankful for small favors and feel blessed that he remembered "one-tenth" and all the rest—that it has no meaning to the fellow who thinks that black men have no rights which white men ought to respect. However we ought to feel thankful for small favors and feel blessed that he remembered "one-tenth" and all the rest—that it has no meaning to the fellow who thinks that black men have no rights which white men ought to respect.

HOTEL NOTES

Robert Jackson, a waiter at The Portland, who has been ill for a week or so, is very much improved.

Tom Finnican, assistant manager of The Portland spent several days in Seattle this week with a delegation of members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas week promises to be a gala one at The Portland. Several attractions for the amusement of the guests are being planned. A colored bell-hon in Memphis, was fined one-cent for delivering a package containing a bottle of booze to a guest in a hotel there. The judge warned the offender not to deliver any more packages unless he knew their contents.

The luncheon of four hundred la-

dies at The Portland Wednesday, furnished jobs for a number of extra waiters, noted among whom were: H. Gibson, W. L. Reese and J. C. Cule.

John Mover, the oldest captain in The Portland dining room has resigned by request, the result of reducing the expense of operating the dining room. Johnnie is a mighty fine fellow and will be greatly missed.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

Officers elected by the Elks Wednesday night are as follows: T. H. Williams, Exalted Ruler; Boyce Strain, Leading Knight; Webster Strawder, Loyal Knight; G. N. White, Lecturing Knight; F. Goode, Tiler; M. Evans, Inner Guard; Trustees: Micco Harjo, J. N. Manley and E. W. Azee.

E. W. Morton, Associate Grand Organizer of the Elk Lodge, clipped in with other Grand Organizers and presented J. Finley Wilson, G. E. R. a fine Buick sedan which was presented to Wilson in New York a few days ago.

O. S. Thomas' brother Elk has the heartfelt sympathy of the other Elks in the death of his beloved wife.

The brothers are sadly grieved over the passing of William Webb a charter member of Rose City Lodge who died at his home 111 N. 12th St., Wednesday afternoon, last. Webb had been in poor health for a long time, victim of a complication of diseases but he never complained nor lost hope. His bereaved family have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Williams Ave., "Y" Notes

The Blue Triangle Club held its regular meeting Friday evening at the Branch.

The Grade School Reserves are planning to sew for a needy family at their regular meetings on Saturdays. Vespers for Sunday will be conducted by the Rose Bud Study Club. The Social hour will follow at 6 o'clock. The Old Rose Club met at the Branch Friday afternoon.



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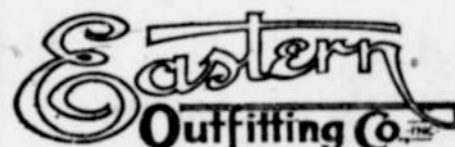
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How silly! Why we don't think sleeping on the floor is half as bad as spending out of doors in the snow with no cover. In fact we feel confident that her husband never read the daily papers, because if he had, he could have found a lot more ways of making his wife uncomfortable, and thereby really have earned his title, "a cruel husband".

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