

The Mob and What People Think About It

In the matter of news there is nothing that The Times can add to what has already been said about the terrible calamity that befell Corbin last Thursday night in the way of that mob; enough has been said to inform everybody, but as to condemning or upholding this condition of affairs The Times is free to say that it is deplorable, and condemn it to the very last. In so doing no one condemns any right-thinking man in Corbin, for none of such participated in the crime. The mob consisted in characters of "Diamond Dick," readers of dime novels, and whose ambitions reach no higher than the glory of heroes of trashy fiction. We have received a number of letters this week, and they will be published from time to time, and any person desiring to express his or her views on this matter may feel at liberty to do so. Our name has gone out over the nation with a black spot that can never be removed. We are glad that the minister and other good people are openly expressing their condemnation of the mob spirit.

Note the following which appeared in The Louisville Times on last Monday, also the other letters written here this week. We have one that is not permissible to put in type, but to some great extent true in its nature. It is written from Pittsburg, Pa.

"There is no remedy for the mob spirit so effective as an enlightened public opinion. There is nothing that awes a mob by the very nature of its composition cowardly; hanging together by the sanction of numbers alone; secure in the alibi of disguise; hurling reason from its pedestal; defiant of decent orderliness; contemptuous of the slower process of justice—there is nothing that awes it, nothing that halts it and holds it in check as does the cool and sturdy opposition of a strong man; one who respects himself as he does his oath, one who would scorn to consult his own safety when those whose protection is in his manhood and his chivalry—not in barriers of iron or stone—are endangered."

good business, good streets, good schools, and good churches, do we wish our only claim to the public's notice to be our lawlessness, our ignorance of the meaning of Civic Pride, our inactivity along all progressive, commendable lines?

Lest our children and our children's children rise up to mock us, to shame us individually as we are now shamed before the world collectively, let us walk to the realization of the danger of the position we now occupy, of the fact that we, not the "man next door" are responsible for existing conditions; and, having awakened, let us so conduct ourselves as to preclude, for all time to come, the possibility of such another outrage as was perpetrated last Thursday night against the black, but nevertheless respectable citizens of our town, who were here for the purpose of making easier the path we have to tread.

Mrs. William B. Matthews.

Another Pleasant Little Manuscript Received Tuesday Night.

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Mr. Editor—

Are you one of the yellow dogs or will you let the good people print their views in the Corbin paper? There are some law-abiding people here who would like to express themselves publicly and see if there can't be something done to suppress the mob spirit and bring to justice the guilty parties that invaded Corbin on last Thursday night.

A Law-Abiding Citizen.

Coal Shortage.

The light and water plant was closed most all day Monday on account of the railroad company having confiscated all the coal on its yards here. Supt. Moore, however, succeeded in getting a car late in the afternoon and the plant has been running regularly since. It is hoped that the strike situation will adjust itself in the near future and the scare will blow over with no material damage done.

COMMUNITY NURSE.

Harlan's Welfare League raised \$2,000 for the Community Nurse and