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CONCLUSION NOT JUSTIFIED.

ONE of those scientific chaps that is always finding something the matter with the human race now comes to the front, and to prove that the race is deteriorating cites the fact that in 1883 the English standard for admission into the army was six feet. In 1845 this was reduced to five feet six inches; in 1883 it was further reduced to five feet three inches, and in 1901 to five feet. From this the learned savant jumps at the conclusion that the race is growing smaller, and foresees the time when it will at last "peter out." Of course he does not consider that men are not as anxious in these days to be soldiers as in the olden times, and that it is not because the men are smaller, but because they are wiser, and realize there is something better in life than soldiering, that the standard for enlistment must be broadened. The supply of men for this purpose is not equal to the demand. Instead of getting smaller, a hundred things show the race is, if anything, growing larger and certainly longer lived. Take the armor of the doughty knights of old now in the English museums and the average man of today cannot possibly squeeze into the largest of them. This is certified to by dozens of men as wise as the professor who has just learned by English army statistics that the race is shrinking. The fact is the race is shrinking from service in the army, instead of in size.

Huerta resigned yesterday, and is attempting to get out of the country with a large amount of loot. His exit closes another chapter in Mexico's bloody career, but the immediate future holds little promise of improved conditions. Next we may expect to hear of broils between the victorious rebel leaders, and the usual revolt against the government, no matter who is chosen to head the republic. The people of Mexico are not capable of self-government, and if it is the duty of the United States to take any interest at all in the situation below the Rio Grande, it should be in pursuance of a strong definite policy, which should mean the pacification of the country, through armed intervention and even annexation if that step is considered advisable when other means have failed.

If the statement that Attorney General McReynolds declares that "there is no law under which the wreckers of the New Haven can be prosecuted" is true, the president may profitably hesitate before selecting him for the supreme bench in place of Justice Lurton who died a few days ago. An attorney general that can find no law to punish the criminals when stockholders are robbed, a great property wrecked and hundreds of millions stolen by Wall street robbers will not prove highly acceptable to the country as one of the final interpreters of its laws.

The city of Marshfield has filed an objection with the railroad commission granting the water company at that place more time in which to improve its reservoir and mains. A decision of the matter may confidently be expected by the citizens of Marshfield by the time the Panama exposition closes its doors. The water company can take its own time now that the matter is with the railroad commission, and can have its repairs completed long before the matter will be passed on.

The popular will in Mexico does not seem to be excessively so, as at Madero's election it was expressed by less than 20,000 votes, and at the election held a few Sundays ago in which Huerta received "the popular approval" there were not half that many votes cast. One good live Tammany ward under proper surroundings would out-vote all Mexico. Maybe the reason it takes so few ballots to express the freeman's will is because in Mexico the freeman's won't is in such an overwhelming majority.

Colonel Roosevelt's throat trouble is of so considerable a kind that it permits him to speak when speech is necessary, and demands utter quiet about the time silence is golden.

A number of clergymen recently discussed the matter of censoring moving pictures and recommended the appointment of five censors sitting in New York who shall say what pictures shall be seen by the 100,000,000 other people in the United States. New York has plenty of opportunity for graft now, and from all accounts she does not neglect any of them, but with five men in charge of the movies, how the Tammany bosses would turn over in their graves and mourn at being born too soon.

Is there a joker in U'Ren's little bill concerning the election of legislators, under which voters can vote for but one legislator and only sixty are to be voted for? It will be noted that the number, sixty, is just the number of members in the lower house. Does the foxy gentleman from Oregon City, who, although not a humorist, is certainly the father of many jokers, intend in this way to abolish the state senate? It surely looks that way.

The Cherrians report a deficit of \$500 from the last Cherry fair, and it is up to patriotic citizens to make good the deficiency. The sum is not large and can be easily met if everybody who enjoyed the fair would contribute a mite. The Cherrians should not be asked to carry this load, for the city is already their debtor for the success of that event and for hundreds of things beside.

The picture of Anarchist Berkman appealing to the courts to protect him in his rights is a pathetic one. How he who hates all law must feel at being forced to rely on that law for his own safety, can be guessed at but not understood by the average man.

A Colorado dentist recently pulled 1200 teeth in four hours. They were taken from 300 hogs, four-footed ones, each being deprived of four unnecessary teeth.

The Mexican election system may be faulty, but anyway one never hears of there being any repeating.

***** biggest event of its kind in the history of the town. *****

***** Remember to have The Capital Journal to follow you during your vacation. *****

***** THE ROUND-UP. *****

***** Dick Grant of Portland dived twenty feet into the river at Astoria Tuesday. The dive was a good one and would have been all right only that particular point the bottom of the river was not far enough from the surface of the water, being only three feet away, and Dick ran his head in the mud so far he was unable even to swear. He will be all right in a few days but the next time he dives will take deep sea soundings before he leaps. *****

***** W. E. Brown was struck by a ball and his nose was broken while playing a game at Scio Sunday. *****

***** Roseburg is in the midst of a big row over a city officer having entered the parish house of St. George church turning out the lights and stopping a private dance. One faction wants the marshal reprimanded and the other wants him praised and the council finds it difficult to do both. *****

***** The Gresham Fruit Growers Association elected its officers Monday night. H. E. Davis being president, James Sterling vice-president and K. A. Miller secretary. The work of building a co-operative cannery on a site to be selected will begin about September first. *****

***** Druggists are almost as plentiful as claims at Newport in the report coming from there Wednesday. The reporter facetiously remarks that it is hard to tell which is which. *****

***** Laurel Lodge No. 7, Knights of Pythias, of Albany, installed its officers Monday night the ceremonies taking place in the new \$50,000 lodge building for the first time. *****

***** A duck story comes from Eugene to the effect that an examination of the gizzards of some of the birds slaughtered to make an Eugene holiday were found to contain gold and this led to the discovery of a placer mine on a farm 13 miles west of Eugene. *****

***** Capitalists are agitating the matter of building a street railroad in Baker and also a road to Eagle valley in the northeastern part of the county, a distance of 45 miles. *****

***** Although expecting death from an oncoming switch engine, Mrs. W. G. Muckle lay motionless between the rails of the Southern Pacific track while her husband sought to control a frightened horse which pranced above her, its hoofs striking on both sides of her head. The switch engine was stopped, the horse did not trample her, and the woman escaped injury except for severe cuts and bruises about the face and eyes. *****

***** The business men of Wheeler have taken steps to hold a market day each week. *****

***** Under the mothers' pension law the Coos county court dispensed aid to 50 families. There have been 75 applicants. *****

***** Preparations for the Agate Carnival at Port Orford on August 6, 7 and 8, are moving along nicely and the Tribune says the celebration promises to be the *****

***** HOOD RIVER VOTES BONDS. Hood River, Ore., July 16.—With a bond issue of \$75,000 authorized at a special election yesterday by a vote of 1,632 to 428, preparations were being made today to hurry the completion of the Columbia river highway through Hood River county. The highway is destined to be one of the scenic drives of America. *****

***** The navigation of the north fork of the Nehalem river is to be improved by the removal of snags at the head of tidewater the Tillamook county court and the Port of Nehalem joining in the appropriation. *****

***** Antiquarian note in Cottage Grove Leader: "James H. Shortridge has a piece of buckskin which was tanned by old Indian John about 30 years ago, and it is still as soft and pliable as a piece of broadcloth. Old John was buried years ago in the Walker cemetery. *****

***** Settle With Colombia; South America Condemns Us *****

***** By GEORGE H. BLAKESLEE, Professor of History, Clark University *****

***** SOME SETTLEMENT WITH COLOMBIA FOR THE ALLEGED WRONG INFLICTED BY THE SEIZURE OF PANAMA IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO WIN THE UNQUALIFIED RESPECT OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AMERICA. *****

***** WE NEED NOT CONDEMN THE PAST ACTION OF OUR OWN GOVERNMENT TO REALIZE THE NECESSITY FOR THIS STEP, FOR, SINCE IT IS THE GENERAL BELIEF IN EVERY ONE OF THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICS THAT THE UNITED STATES TOOK PANAMA UNJUSTLY, IT IS CLEAR THAT COLOMBIA'S CLAIMS MUST EITHER BE ADJUSTED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OR ELSE THE ISSUE MUST BE FRANKLY SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION. *****

***** IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SOME LITTLE TIME AGO BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH COLOMBIA WITH THE HOPE OF MAKING SOME ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO BOTH COUNTRIES. *****

***** The Panama incident is looked upon as the MOST STRIKING EXAMPLE OF OUR DISREGARD OF THE RIGHTS OF LATIN AMERICAN STATES and is even pointed to by some as an indication that the United States plans in due season to conquer and annex all of the remaining countries to the south of us. A prominent Peruvian author recently wrote: "To save ourselves from Yankee imperialism the SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLICS WOULD ALMOST ACCEPT A GERMAN ALLIANCE OR THE AID OF JAPANESE ARMS. Everywhere the Americans of the north are feared." *****

***** GIRLS ESCAPE FROM STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL *****

***** Walter B. Jones, juvenile officer, returned yesterday from a four days' unsuccessful search for Opal Lattin, of Eugene, and Myrtle D'Orsey, of McMinnville, who escaped from the Oregon state industrial school for girls at Salem, on the night of July 2. *****

***** Rumors that the girls had been seen in Tillamook immediately took Mr. Jones on the search. He went to Tillamook and there found two girls that fairly well answered the description but were not the two in question. Four girls made their escape from the school at the same time, another of whom, Gertrude Fisher, aged 17 years, is from Eugene. The other girl, Ethel Smith, aged 21 years, accompanied by the Fisher girl, went to Independence and there they were found last Saturday by the matron of the school and were returned. They had been hidden out in the woods by some men who are accused of aiding them to escape from the school. *****

***** Opal Lattin, aged 17 years, was committed to the school last March, but owing to the crowded condition of the Salem institution, she was not sent *****

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Alas, I am weary of swatting, the effort seems useless and stale; for weeks I've been painfully trotting around after flies, on their trail; I've doped them with acid carbolic, I've stung them and caught them with trap; and still on my forehead they frolic, when I lay me down for a nap. I hate the peevishness of the flies, which tickle my scalp with their toes; they're building their nests in my whiskers, they're picnicking now on my nose. They give me all kinds of diseases, by carrying germs to and fro; I pause here for seventeen sneezes—I've got the pneumonia, I know. I'm strong for those able physicians, who tell us, "Keep swatting, you guys, if you would improve the conditions, and drive from our country the flies!" And yet I am weary of swatting, I've thrown all my weapons away; I'm weary of tirelessly potting the germ bearers, day after day. Because, in the midst of my labors, I glanced from my ancestral hall, and saw that my indolent neighbors were doing no swatting at all. Unless we all labor, united, to chase every fly out of view, the graft of a septicure whited, a sheer waste of muscle and time.



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***** AT PUERTO MEXICO. *****

***** Vera Cruz, Mexico, July 15.—The families of ex-President Huerta and ex-War Minister Blanquet reached Puerto Mexico safely today. Where Huerta and Blanquet were was unknown. *****

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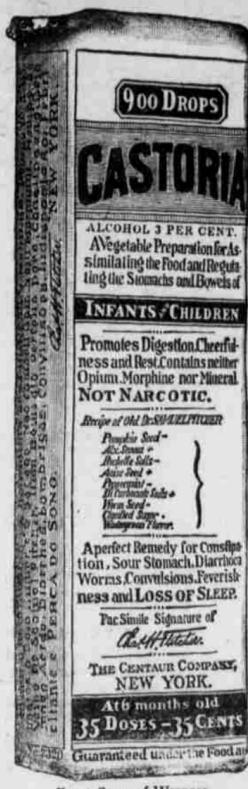
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