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DIAX AND MADERO.

Just at a time when the press in this country has been exploiting the condition of Mexico; one side declaring that the system of oppression and espionage set up by President Diaz has become intolerable to the people and has created a condition of serfdom and poverty which is a disgrace to any civilized nation; and the other side urging that the condition of Mexico is fairly comparable to that of the United States, and that the general happiness of the people of Mexico is fairly comparable to that of the United States, and that the general happiness of the people of Mexico is greater than that of the people of this nation--just as this point has been satisfactorily settled to the satisfaction of the disputants comes civil war. Mexico, after years of despotism which have been maleficent or beneficent, according to the point of view taken, wants to have a change, remarks the Portland Journal.

It has been wittily declared of the Latin American people, that the government of their countries has been despotism tempered by anarchy. If it is true that the general condition of the people in Mexico is of so low a grade that the units making up the mass lack intelligence then the democracy itself cannot be intelligent, and a republican government becomes impossible. It would then seem as though an autocracy is absolutely essential if the country is to make any progress.

Practically this is what has happened in most of the Latin American countries. Unfortunately, its autocrat, as a rule, has so governed his country as to exploit it for his own private purse. He has practiced the Jacksonian doctrine, "To the victors belong the spoils," to the utmost limit of selfishness. When such a rule has become intolerable, the autocrats have been overthrown, or an attempt made there to. Seldom indeed, however, has his successor been of a different stripe. In the course of generations the people will uplift themselves, for it is true that any good that can come to a state, to be of permanent benefit, can seldom enter from the top, but rather from the bottom. The heaven must permeate the masses before any lasting good may result.

The United States is deeply concerned in the affairs of Mexico, because of large business, principally mining interests. It is quite understandable, therefore, that business interests would prefer to see Mexico under a strong government, no matter what the nature of that government may be, than in a state of revolution. What the people of Mexico really think of the matter, and, after all, they are most chiefly concerned, is not known.

for the telegraph service is practically held in the hands of President Diaz. It is quite probable that the revolution will be quelled. It is not probable that Mexico will forever be ruled by an autocracy.

OREGON AT CHICAGO.

Oregon enjoys the unique distinction of being the only state represented at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition in Chicago by both fruit and picture. Oregon got busy in time enough before the show opened to stack up to the ceiling of the big coliseum a display of apples that has no peer in the big show.

Space was left for inserting three big pictures that were to come from an Oregon artist. These have arrived and they are perspectives of three sections of Oregon fruit lands, says a communication from Chicago to The Observer. They are the work of Gibson Catlett, of Portland, Oregon, and the beauty of the pictures alone is enough to attract the visitor. One picture shows the junction of the Willamette and Columbia rivers, with Portland in the foreground. Then it stretches away and shows the towns in the two valleys in their respective positions.

Back of them arises the snow peaks that can be seen from Portland hills. The pictures are the first of their kind ever shown in Chicago and have attracted wide spread attention. The Oregon fruit display is unusual. The hundreds of cases of apples are arranged by an artist in displaying and blending colors. Prominent in the foreground is a display of the Oregon Banana apples that brought 25 cents each in Portland last year.

ANENT CHINESE LAUNDRIES

From Chicago comes the death knell of Chinese laundries. Opposition to the great and menacing danger to public health through the agencies of the "Chink" wash houses, has finally gained the half-Nelson hold and if press dispatches are to be relied upon, the end is near. In the battle waged against the great white plague, there is to be recorded a stroke of decisive victory when the Chinese laundry is tabooed. In the prevention of spread of scarlet fever, diphtheria and other dreaded diseases, elimination of Chinese laundries will play an important part. As long as there are Chinese laundries a certain number of white folks will jeopardize their good health and life even, by patronizing the places run by Chinamen, so to get at the root of evil, why not remove this menace to life so that those who will blindly run the gauntlet of death and disease must by force of circumstances, seek more sanitary laundries?

With the heart of Portland showing 207,214 noses, and the suburbs yet to hear from, it is evident that Portland is not the equal in numbers of her old-time rival, Seattle, which with suburbs and all stands at 237,197. But for all that it is a marvelous record of growth and expansion, for it was only ten years ago that Portland's census was 129 per cent less than this number.

In the passing of Grant Geddes at Baker City, Eastern Oregon loses one of its influential business men—a man who has built up businesses to places of importance in the Eastern Oregon business directory.

It appears, from the surface of things, that La Grande is going to be the beneficiary in the Baker City rate

hearings. Her claim to distributive rates are so consistent with good common sense, and her arguments so tangible, that there can be no more equitable settlement reached, than granting of our prayers.

MRS. WARD'S WORK.

The Famous Novelist Who May Get the Order of Merit.

The statement that Mrs. Humphry Ward will succeed to the order of merit, bestowed upon Florence Nightingale, who was the only woman that ever received it, is recalling the work and career of the famous author. Besides being a great novelist, Mrs. Ward is a philanthropist of note. The Passmore Edwards Settlement in London owes its origin to her novel, Robert Elsmere, and during the past ten years she has been largely influential in maintaining this school.

Mrs. Ward's special interest is in the training of physically helpless children, so that by use of their brains



their lives may be happy and self supporting in spite of their infirmities. She established a branch for the special instruction and care of crippled children in the vacation school attached to this settlement some five years ago. Here the little cripples, besides being cared for, are also taught arts and trades.

Mrs. Ward was born in Hobart, Tasmania, on June 11, 1851. As is well known, she is a daughter of Thomas Arnold, editor and author; a granddaughter of the famous Dr. Arnold of Rugby and niece of Matthew Arnold and was therefore brought up in a rare atmosphere of culture. Few women have had the privilege of continual domestic association with so many brilliant men. Mr. Humphry Ward, to whom she was married in 1872, is a man of unusual mental attainments. He is perhaps best known for his edition of "The English Poets" and as the writer of the brilliant art criticisms in the London Times.

Humor and Philosophy by DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

THIS is the season of the year when the man of the house has to worry because his wife worries because like as not the frost will kill her plants tonight.

Probably the poet who wailed that the melancholy days are come was thinking either of Christmas or the coal bills.

A lingerie dress on a cold day looks about as "fittin'" as a soft shirt and string tie with a dress suit.

The less fire the more smudge.

There is one thing about not being your own boss—you can always lay the blame on the boss.

To some persons Sunday means merely a chicken dinner.

Census returns are as disappointing as election returns, but the census stir-up occurs only once in ten years.

We are all more or less hypocrites, but we are ashamed to face the fact.

The believer in signs and omens always has something to blame misfortune with. It is a poor day that doesn't furnish a bad sign or two.

Ordinance No. 497, Series 1910.

An Ordinance declaring the cost of improving Adams avenue from the west line of Cherry street to the west line of Spruce street assessors; the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment and directing the entry of the same in the docket of City Liens, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds to pay for said improvement, and declaring an emergency.

The City of La Grande Does Ordain as Follows:

Section 1. That the Council has considered the proposed assessment for the improving of Adams avenue from the west line of Cherry street to the west line of Spruce street, and all objections made thereto, and hereby ascertains, determines and declares the whole cost of said improvement in the manner provided by resolution duly passed by the Council on the 5th day of August, 1910, to be the sum of \$5118.08, and that the special and peculiar benefits accruing to each lot, or part thereof, or parcel of land within the assessment district, by reason of said improvement and in just proportion to such benefits, are in the respective amounts set opposite the number or description of each lot or part thereof or parcel of land, in the annexed assessment roll, and said assessment roll, which is numbered nine, is hereby adopted and approved as the assessment for said improvement, and the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon, is directed to enter a statement of the assessment hereby made in the Docket of City Liens, and cause notice thereof to be published as provided by Charter. That said assessment shall be and become due and payable within sixty days from the date of the passage of this Ordinance; provided however, that any and all persons whose property is affected by this assessment may, upon application to the Recorder of the City, pay said assessments in ten equal, annual installments, deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. But if such application be not made as above set out, then the whole of each and all amounts mentioned in the said assessment roll, shall be and become due and payable at the expiration of said sixty days.

Section 2. That there shall be issued and sold by the City, improvement bonds in the said sum of \$5118.08 due and payable in ten years, after date, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and the proceeds of the sale of said bonds shall be applied in payment for said improvement.

Section 3. Inasmuch as the work mentioned in this Ordinance has been completed, and it is necessary and expedient that the same be paid for at once, now, therefore, in order to preserve the health, peace and safety of the City, and protect its credit, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its approval by the mayor, and its publication in one issue of the La Grande Evening Observer from and after the 26th day of November, 1910.

Passed the Council on the 23rd day of November 1910, by seven members voting therefor.

Approved this 15th day of November, 1910.

F. L. MEYERS, Mayor.

Attest:

D. E. COX, Recorder.

Assessment Roll No. 9.

- Block H, 119 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Thomas Moore, \$282.87.
Block B, Coggin's 2nd Ad. James Hough, \$227.41.
Block J, Coggin's 2nd Addition, James Hough, \$228.55.
Block K, Coggin's 2nd Addition, Ella Mason, \$227.60.
Block L, 49 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Ella Mason, \$110.93.
Block L, 52 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Ford A. Ellis, \$117.62.
Block M, 26 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Ford A. Ellis, \$57.40.
Block M, 85 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Wm. Anson, \$171.15.
Block N, Coggin's 2nd Addition, W. C. Coombs, \$317.75.
Block V, 30 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Mabel L. Scott, \$67.88.
Block V, 89 1-2 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Harris French, \$202.45.
Block V, 72 1-2 ft. Coggin's 2nd Addition, Robert Shafer, \$164.84.
Block 6, Coggin's Addition Annie Moore, \$117.64.
Block W, Lot 1, Coggin's Second Addition, Ambrose Wright, \$143.41.
Block W, Lot 2, Coggin's Second Addition, John Blumenstein, \$143.40.
Block W, Lot 3, Coggin's Second Ad.

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Silk Kimonas
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