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AT LAST, AT LAST.

The continued inactivity of President Taft on the situation in Mexico seems to be almost at an end, and it looks as though President-elect Wilson will take the executive chair with a small war on his hands.

But why the delay? What good excuse can President Taft ever make for not pulling Mexico's ears long ago and forcing her to be decent? The American flag has been insulted repeatedly. American blood has often been spilled on Mexico soil by Mex-

cans, yet the president has refused to enter a protest that was of some moment, and has rested on some sort of diplomacy or alleged ethical dignity while murder continued unabated and property of Americans suffered the torch.

The big battle in the city of Mexico seems to have acted as an alarm to awaken the stupid war department and has caused President Taft to turn over in his sleep. Just how far this will go can only be guessed at. Surely, in the name of fairness and national honor the powers at Washington will not rest again in the vain hope that Madero and young Diaz will suddenly become human and that Mexico will suddenly become safe, without intervention of American troops.

Anyone who has been through Mexico and witnessed the native Mexican and his habits knows that soft words and palm leaf fans will never bring peace and safety there.

When President Wilson takes the chair next month we earnestly believe the Taft program in Mexico will be cut short, unless by that time the war department of this nation gets on the job as though it meant business.

HONORING A LA GRANDE MAN.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' association, composed of the pine manufacturers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, have honored George Stoddard of La Grande by electing him president of the association. It is an honor that is of importance and it is an honor well placed. Mr. Stoddard has been in the business for years; is almost a pioneer in lumbering in the northwest, and throughout his career he has worked for the upbuilding of the business in honorable, open manner that has commanded the respect of the consumer, dealer and manufacturer alike.

The Observer joins all La Grande and Eastern Oregon in voicing words of appreciation to the association for honoring a fellow citizen—a man who stands highest with those who know him best.

"SPENDING TOO MUCH."

Ab, Jim Hill, some how you come from hiding long enough to say a word or two to the American people that hits the spot. Now, Jim says: "The American people are mad in their spending tendencies." And no one dare deny the old railroader's statement. We, as a nation, are money crazy; as a state we are money crazy; and as municipalities we are money crazy. Spend, spend, spend. That is the present system. Bonds and mortgages or stocks take up the slack for the present. But what will happen when the day of liquidation comes, as it is sure to come?

WORRIES OF THE GOVERNOR.

Governor West is resorting to special messages to the legislature

which makes one feel like laughing. The governor is tardy in his efforts to do what he alleges should be done, and the legislature happens to be a body of Oregonians this time who do not care a rap for the governor or any of his grandstanding. The executive for the first time in his political career, is face to face with a bunch of men who are not looking for a place to tickle and please his majesty. All of which means the House of West is crumbling. Whoever saw a block house built by a prattling boy that stood very long, anyway?

"PUTTING UP A FRONT."

A bit of American slang—but most expressive and used many times in connection with men of affairs.—

We also hear the expressions—"Trying to put something over" and "Bluffing."

Now, Napoleon tried to "put something over" that time at Waterloo. He failed, to be sure—in spite of his "Putting up a front". The Redcoats in 1776 tried to "put something over"—but they fell down.

In all walks of life, in all lines of business, in all generations it's the man who makes a good impression on the other fellow that counts.

Good clothes are a means of "Putting up a front". Yet they are also a means of obtaining recognition in many cases.

The man who owns an automobile is not necessarily "putting up a front" but he certainly adds a prestige to his standing in all circles.

He is enabled to accomplish a lot of things more quickly than the man who hasn't a machine of his own.

You may have heard someone remark—"So-and-so has a new car"—"putting up a front", etc. Now those people do not take into

consideration that an automobile more than pays for itself, not only in convenience and the pleasure derived from having a car at one's disposal, but by the importance attached to the owner.

You cannot get around the fact that we pay a certain respect—a certain deference to the man who owns a machine.

We recognize that he enjoys certain pleasures, that unless we own a machine, we do not. So—

"Tis a honk of horn and—Clear the way" for the man behind the wheel.

Anyone who disapproved of watered stock would surely disapprove of throwing mud.

CHANGE OF PICTURES AT ARCADE TONIGHT.

- 1—THE BERYL CORONET, SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY.
2—NELL OF THE PAMPAS, AMERICAN.
3—THE ZERADOS, IN VAUDEVILLE.
4—NOT ALWAYS EASY, COMEDY.
5—CLARK & CHAPMAN, IN MUSIC.
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