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MEXICO AND MANIFEST DESTINY?

Why Mexicans fear Americans and are suspicious of our motives in the present difficulty is because they know well that for more than a century the United States has been relentlessly following that drift of events which a great statesman once named "manifest destiny."

Glance at the map of the United States as it was in 1801, bounded on the west by the Mississippi, on the south by the southern lines of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. One by one, against the protest of the timid or conscientious, great tracts were added by purchase, annexation or "political acquisition."

Then followed in the forties a succession of additions whereby Mexico suffered from subtraction. It was the survival of the fittest; the new sections were peopled by men who decided to remain under Mexican domination.

Russia, paying \$7,200,000 and in 1898 annexed Hawaii after a dispute with the native ruler. The last have been Porto Rico, the Philippines and the Panama zone.

Thus Uncle Sam has been strenuously bearing the white man's burden. His human motives have been more evident since the Cuban affair than in former instances of national aggrandizement.

SUPPORT LOCAL BASEBALL

La Grande is not playing Class D. professional ball this year because La Grande people, after trying it for a couple of years, found it did not pay either in a money sense, nor did it bring the pleasure of the sport that is brought by local ball.

With this in mind Mr. McCormick has launched a team of local players that bid fair to get the brush league pennant. The games played so far have demonstrated a lot of base ball ability in the McCormick organization and with a few days of sunshine the base ball microbe will be working just about as it should work in La Grande.

Loyal support should be given the movement for it is our chance for the national game this year, and at that it is a good chance. With the keen local interest in the different players and the possibility of developing a live one who will be wanted by the professional circles La Grande will while away the extra hours this summer in true baseball manner.

So far as a ball team being a financial enterprise in La Grande that has been disproven by every person who in the past has attempted the management of the team. Mr. McCormick will doubtless quit the season loser in dollars and cents, but look at the fun we will all have, himself included.

A bill introduced to correct franking abuses would save the government \$800,000 a year. By and by the franking privilege may be so restricted that a congressman can't send much of anything through the mails except the laundry and the family cow.

Dr. Mary Walker announces that she will go to the front with the army. Mary will be expected to carry her own powder.

Congress proposed to investigate the Chicago board of trade and a good many citizens who have ventured upon

personal investigation along this line will shiver for congress.

If you can't find a fly to swat try the carpet.

Herbert is the man who put the riot in patriot.

CRAWFORD PLEASUED WITH OUTLOOK.

Attorney General Says He Feels Sure of the Nomination.

Attorney General A. M. Crawford arrived in La Grande this morning from Salem to look after his political fences. He is a candidate for governor and to a reporter for the Observer he said:

"I am very well pleased with the present outlook. My chances for the nomination grow better each day and am especially pleased with the attitude so many of the women have taken regarding my candidacy. I have spoke before several ladies' organizations in this campaign and I find them alive to the situation. The women of Oregon want efficient government, they want results and they are firmly convinced we have not been getting proper results. The man in politics who thinks he is going to fool Oregon women voters by riding some hobby is mistaken. I look upon them as the ballast that will save the ship of state."

Mr. Crawford expects to visit all of the Eastern Oregon towns on this trip and dispense his ideas as to how the state should be handled on a retrenchment plan. He is for abolishment of commissions and a general overhauling of state house methods.

NEW ARMY BILL INTRODUCED.

President Would Have Power to Ignore Law Restricting Numbers.

Washington, May 7.—A bill authorizing the President to ignore the law that restricts the regular army to 200,000 men has been introduced in the senate by Senator Chamberlain. This resolution is the first move in the plans to recruit the army to war footing, according to reports.

The regular army is generally short about 15,000 or 20,000 men and this new law would enable the President to recruit it to war strength with out further ado by Congress.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

The hysteria and misguided enthusiasm aroused by real wrongs and a lack of a sense of proportion in regard to their possible remedy manifest themselves in hunting a scapegoat for the sinner and the lazy and the shiftless in the injustice of our social system. This results in such informing and significant exhibitions as we have had from the Industrial Workers of the World, with their motto of "No God, no flag, no country," and their impudent, lawless, selfish and unjust demands that are based on the proposal that society owes them a living whether they make effort and labor or not.

The ministers of religion do not help their auditors who fail to keep clearly in mind the necessity that all men have duties as well as rights; that all men must exercise self restraint and self sacrifice and industry and benevolence and generosity. And they make for neither social nor religious progress when they preach doctrines that arouse in those who have not merely the selfish desire to take from those who have and who encourage the resentment and harsh feeling of class against class, by failing to dwell on the whole picture of human society rather than on a single part of it.—William H. Taft.

A PRAYER.

I know the night is near at hand. The mists lie low on hill and bay: The autumn leaves are dewless, dry, But I have had—have had the day. Yes, I have had, dear Lord, the day. When at thy call I have the night. Brief be the twilight as I pass From light to dark, from dark to light. —S. Weir Mitchell.



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SPIRIT OF ORDER.

Whoever produces order in one little corner of the world is a co-worker with God. To make a kitchen clean, to set a chamber in order that it may not offend, to dust the furniture of a parlor, to shovel the snow from a sidewalk, to remove the weeds from a garden, to make a little of the desert arable, to replace thistle with rose, to drive ignorance out of some mind, to bring in knowledge and morality! Is not any one of these tasks enough to relate us to God, who has, from all eternity, been working against chaos and disorder?—George L. Perin.

DIRGE FOR A YOUNG GIRL.

Underneath the sod, low lying, Dark and drear, Sleepeth one who left, in dying, Sorrow here.

Yes, they're bending o'er her Eyes and weep; Forms that to the cold grave bore her. Vigils keep.

When the summer moon is shining Soft and fair, Friends she loved in tears are twining Chapiers there.

Rest in peace, thou gentle spirit, Throned above; Souls like thine with God inherit Life and love. —James Thomas Fields.

HUMILITY.

To be nameless in worthy deeds exceeds an infamous history.—Sir Thomas Browne.

Humility may be taken for granted as existing in every sane human being, but it may be that it most truly manifests itself today in the readiness with which we bow to new truths as they come from the scholars, the teachers, to whom the inspiration of the Almighty giveth understanding.—Holmes.

Humility is the altar upon which God wishes that we should offer, him his sacrifices.—La Rochefoucauld.

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Vienna, May 7.—A viper which was placed by a young girl in the bed of a faithless lover is among the many interesting exhibits in the new special poison department of the Institute of Criminology at Gratz. Brilliant moonshine caused the snake to crawl out from beneath the bed clothing before the intended victim had retired, and he captured it. There is also a collection of poisoned bees, and numerous varieties of poisoned food. Lectures are given on the different kinds of poisons used by various criminal types and the different methods of preparation and administering.

Another section of the Institute is devoted to recording the cabalistic signs by which European criminals

convey warnings or other information to each other.

Most of these symbols have been traced back to the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. A triangle with a point upward, for instance, signifies, "I have been in prison". Two horizontal lines mean "beware of the dog." A cork signifies that there is an alarm apparatus inside. A cat marks the presence of a woman only in the house.

Attorney and Mrs. Schaupp of Joseph are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Eberhard. Mrs. Eberhard and Mrs. Schaupp are sisters.

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