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MEXICO'S PROBLEMS.

Evidently the meditators and the envoys have done the proposing and the Constitutionalists intend to do the disposing of things internal in Mexico. So much may be gleaned from the note which comes from Durango, Mexico, where Carranza dictated a message to the United States generally and to some one in particular. That he is much peeved with the progress of things in Niagra is evident from his selection of language.

That Carranza is wholly wrong is not clear; that he has a great deal of truth on his side is obvious. It would be expecting the almost superhuman to ask Carranza and his band of loyal men to sit back and allow the only partially interested meditators to make a disposition of things when Villa and the Constitutionalists had made such disposition possible through a vigorous and successful campaign,—through sacrifice of men and treasure.

"To the victor belong the spoils," is an old adage, as old in fact as the courage and determination in man to wrest power from someone else. If men are strong enough to take things by force, they may reasonably be presumed to be strong enough to stand up and speak for themselves. when the disposition of the booty is a question. Whether they can best make the allotment, is another question. The allotment to be hailed chief of a large nation such as Mexico, the expectation to share some office of importance for service rendered, is too human to be argued away by men many thousand miles from the scene of trouble, and only indirectly concerned in Mexico's welfare.

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A TALK FOR MEN

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likely say that he was working heart and soul for the good of the country, the meanwhile nursing deep down in his bosom the dream of popular applause.

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given some 60 acres to each male in the state, with the understanding that he could not dispose of the same for a period of ten years. In this time, he figures, the old love for the soil will have returned to the peon who will be disinclined to part with it.

This may be regarded as practical socialism. The same trouble came about in France before the Great revolution in 1779, when a greatly submerged, enslaved and heavily taxed urban populace rose in its wrath, put the spendthrift, debased and greedy royalty to the sword. There is a limit to human patience. Twenty years of misrule under Diaz, who made possible this present system of land holding and introduced enough free education into the country to inform the peons of their rights, are at the bottom of the Mexican trouble. This will not be cured until the canker worm of greed and luxurious indolence has been cut out.

FIRE PROTECTION GIVEN.

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of fires and their origination, for last year showing the following results; careless slash burning, 64; Campers 46; incendiary 44; lightning 39; railroad locomotives 37; hunters 37; smokers 37; logging engine 20; cattle and sheepmen 6; unknown 53; miscellaneous 4, total 387. It is believed that this number will be greatly reduced this year through the exacting vigilance to be maintained.

It is by establishing lookouts on high hills and keeping the patrolmen closely connected with La Grande by telephone, that the association does its best work. Forty fires were discovered last year in this district in time to get prompt action to bear, reducing the losses to practically nothing. This is in sharp contrast

to previous years when losses were both heavy and frequent.

What is admitted to be a clever scheme to remind the campers and hunters against carelessness, is one adopted by the Oregon Fire association of Portland. They have a large number of whetstones, suitable for outdoor use, which they are distributing through patrolmen. The useful articles are inscribed "When you are in the woods, keep your ax sharp and be careful not to start forest fires." Both the state and the local association keep up sign boards where campers are wont to frequent.

The officers of the local body, and who met here today are: President, George Palmer of the Palmer Lumber company of this city; vice-president, George Stoddard, of the Grande Ronde Lumber company of Perry; secretary and treasurer A. A. Wenzel of the Mt. Emily Timber company of this city; directors including the officers named: J. T. Williamson of La Grande, J. L. Jacobs of Union, and G. E. Hayden of the Dovall-Jackson Lumber company which firm contemplates, it is said, building a mill in Wallowa county this year.

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All members are asked to be present.

Sherry's is now showing the "Mutual Movies," the cream of the output

of Thanhauser—Reliance—Keystone—Kay—Bee,—Broncho—Domino—American—Majestic—Princess—Royal—Komic—The "Mutual Weekly" and "Our Mutual Girl" each week—When you get acquainted with "Our Mutual Girl" you'll want to call on her often—The world is laughing at the Keystone Comedies with the famous Mabel Normand. 6-2-6t.

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