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IN MEXICO.

The last battle, word of which was received yesterday, in which American troops fought numerous Mexicans of unknown identity, indicates the inevitable cannot be postponed much longer. War with Mexico is to be regretted, but it has been apparent for several years. Only through the willingness of the United States to accept any rebuff or insult that Mexico might see it to offer has this country averted the struggle until the present time.

The national administration is fast approaching the parting of the ways and if proper preparation has been engaged in our arms will in a reasonable time conquer the guerrilla foes to our south.

But has such preparation been made? We think not, although sometimes it is quite difficult to determine what the war department may have been doing for the past two years. If there has been little preparation, as it apparently seems, then President Wilson has shown the weakest point possible for a leader to show. He has had ample time for equipment and to get our military house in order. He knew, or should have known, that the climax in Mexican affairs must soon come and it is a sin if he has permitted this restless condition to continue without taking advantage of the warning sign that it surely has given.

We are now face to face with Carranza fighting. It is no longer Villa and the scattering bandits, but it is the government of Mexico which we have so generously recognized that will make the big struggle against the United States. Let us hope the President has been more of a statesman than many of us have believed him to be and that he has made quiet but certain preparation for this crisis that is now upon us.

THE PROGRESSIVE SENTIMENT.

With Judge Hughes nominated by the "straight goods" Republicans and practically endorsed by the Progressive Republicans the sky is clear so far as the presidential campaign is concerned.

But does any of the reactionary brothers in Republican ranks think for a single moment that the great

Progressive sentiment has flickered out; that the flame which burned so brightly in 1912 has suddenly been doused by the action of delegates at Chicago?

If there are any so dense, let them pinch themselves.

The Progressive sentiment continues as it was. It was much better for it to line up behind Judge Hughes, who is deserving and clean, than to place another ticket in the field, but this does not affect the feelings of the hundreds of thousands of Progressive voters. They are not office-seekers. They do not seek to control party machinery. They do not follow politics as a profession or try to make their living from the political droppings. These Progressives have principles which will not die, cannot and will not be quashed. The moment attempt is made by the professional politician to run things "in the good old way" right then will the Progressive element now in the Republican party by reason of their support of Judge Hughes, immediately rally and a battle royal will follow in the G. O. P. tent.

In Oregon this is true, if we are able to guess the feeling of the great majority of Republicans who are Progressive in thought. In the logging camp, on the ranch, in the school room, in the stores can be found the backbone of the Oregon Republican party and in almost every instance can also be found the Progressive thoughts and Progressive principles. This tremendous vote, we believe, will be cast for Judge Hughes for president but this vote will not stand for any of the old tricks of "long ago" methods.

The Portland Journal has really found out there is "nothing the matter with Portland" and as proof of that investigation shows in Sunday's issue that there are 700 manufacturing plants in that city turning out products to the amount of \$45,000,000 a year. The plants employ between 14,000 and 15,000 men and have about 1600 clerks and officials. The total amount disbursed for labor alone is \$10,000,000 annually. We wish to say to the Journal management that the campaign to ascertain just what Portland possesses in the way of factories has been surely worth while not only to Portlanders but to the people of the entire state.

Towns are like people because they are made up of people. For instance, when Lakeview burned La Grande read the story with greatest regret and now that Lakeview people have unanimously decided to rebuild the people rejoice in their pluck and energy.

Some of the newspapers seem to make sport of Colonel Roosevelt's recent illness. Don't worry about the Colonel, he is all right and while possibly he may never again be a candidate, he will be heard from often enough to make a lot of selfish politicians tremble in their boots.

Our fellow citizen Marion Davis, of Union, had his portrait in all the Sunday papers along with other prom-



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Dr. J. Francis Drake was elected to the school board in Portland by a very large majority. The only thing that might have beaten such a historical name as Francis Drake was the J. that he uses for priming his pen before writing his name.

James Harvey Graham, of Baker, who received an equal number of Democratic votes with Nick Sinnott for the Second district nomination, refuses to draw straws, shake dice, or bet on the high card to determine who shall be the Democratic standard bearer in this district. Perhaps Nick will wave all rights and upon a tray of silver lined with purple plush tender our friend, Col. Graham the Democratic nomination without further argument.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger has journeyed clear from New York to tell Oregon people there should be birth control. A free will offering to purchase Margaret a ticket home is in order.

Old General Humidity was with us over Sunday, and Saturday night came as near being an Iowa or Kansas night as we have witnessed in the west.

This week you must get your camping equipment together for next week Chautauqua--the pleasant time of the year--is on in La Grande.

"Worth a million dollars" is the verdict regarding the value of the rain to Grande Roads valley.

There is one place that Ben Cleot cannot beat Charles B. Moores and that's at a pioneer gathering.

That was a mighty welcome rain.

Notice of Final Settlement. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his Final Account, as Administrator of the Estate of Minnie M. Wells, deceased, in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County; and that said Court has fixed Tuesday, the 19th day of July, 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of La Grande, Union County, Oregon, as the time and place for

hearing any and all objections thereto, and for the final settlement thereof.

GEORGE E. WELLS, Administrator of the Estate of Minnie M. Wells, deceased. D.--June 19-26; July 3-10-17.

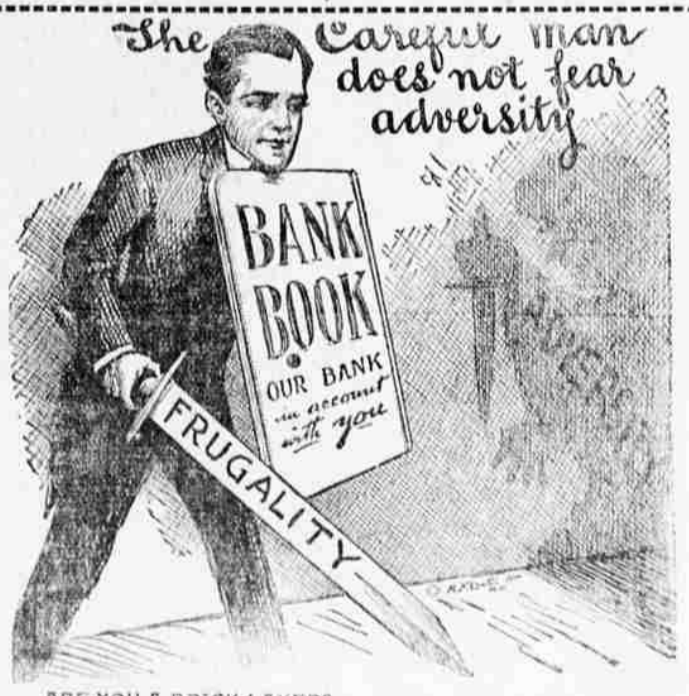
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