

MEXICO WAKES UP; U.S. HELPS

DALLAS, July 9. (AP)—Dreamy Mexico, land of manana, is waking up. The newest in intellectual and material things is delightfully blending with the habits and customs which keep Mexico peculiarly its own.

The boosting spirit of residents of the United States is one of the things being grasped and used by Mexican citizens with civic pride.

Particularly in those areas which are reached by railroads carrying a large portion of the travel from the United States is there a growing reaction to alien influence.

Along these lines the traveler sees Mexico still shown in second run houses north of the border. He is greeted by street placards announcing baseball games and prize fights and he finds dodgers thrust into his hands urging him to attend.

Greeted With Orchestras. The chamber of commerce has become a real part of Mexican civil life. Scores of smaller communities have their chambers to promote home affairs, much as do towns in the United States, but yet with a sufficiently different character to retain a distinct Mexican atmosphere.

A typical special train, bound into Mexico, traveling along the west coast may be taken as an example. Members of the party are advised that a certain community several hundred miles south plans a reception and the schedule permits a stop.

On arrival a Mexican orchestra of stringed instruments greets the tourists. After a concert the guests are conducted to carriages, perhaps rather dilapidated, but able to go. A ride over rough, unpaved streets which seems to begin nowhere and end abruptly, winding past one-story adobe structures seemingly placed without definite plan, ends at the chamber of commerce.

Then comes the official welcome, brief but hearty. The speaker, his words interpreted sentence by sentence, quickly offers greetings and begins typical community boosting. It is good taste for the musicians to break in with an air when, in the director's opinion, the speaker has made an effective point.

Enter the Charleston. When this is all over, the guests are escorted to the reception. The population is there and formality of introduction is waived. Mexican girls, on the whole, are pretty. They are excellent dancers and the music is good. Usually a community belle gives an interpretation of a Mexican dance. Then, if she is a "modern" likely as not, she will demonstrate the Charleston.

When the departing guests return to their train they find the orchestra of stringed instruments on hand. Usually it is late and the airs then played are peculiarly those of Mexico—soft, romantic and touched with the tragedy that rapidly disappearing centuries of peonism has implanted.

The farewell touch is a masterpiece. Weeds and other vegetation has started considerably on the harvest. Weeds and other vegetation has started considerably on the harvest. Weeds and other vegetation has started considerably on the harvest.

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WALLOWA PERSONALS

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Frank Roberts and wife drove in from their home near Baker the last of the week spending Saturday night at Wallowa lake.

Roy Gastin was busy the first of the week helping T. G. Johnson in stacking hay. Mrs. F. W. Heskett, son Gerald and granddaughter Miss Lucille Wyatt were at Enterprise the first of the week.

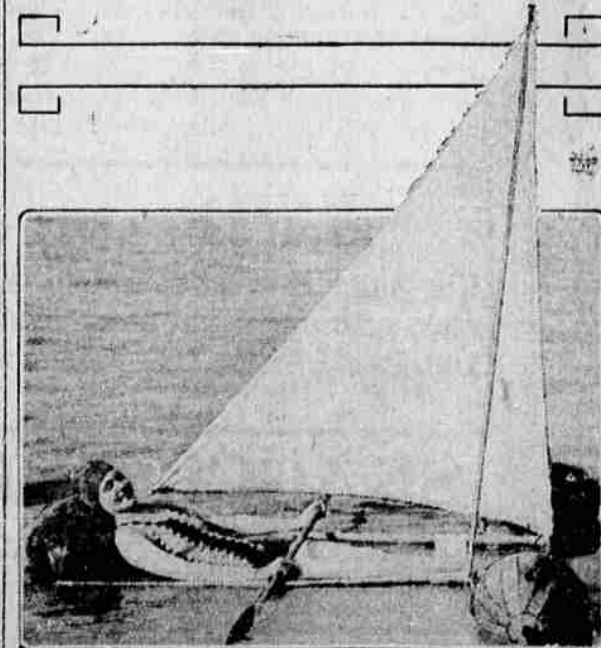
John Couch, of Leap, was a visitor here during the past week. Mrs. Meek and sons, of Leap, were visitors here recently. Roy Gastin spent the fourth of July with friends in the Bartlett section.

Eugene and Dee Gastin were visitors in the Powwatta Ridge section Wednesday. Mrs. John Couch and Mrs. L. V. Lathrop, of Leap, were trading in Enterprise the first of the week.

F. A. Downing and Alonzo Lockwood, of Leap, were visitors here the last of the week. Ed Bell and a number of other farmers over the country east of here have been busy the past several days killing weeds on their summerfallow before the start of a piece of arrangement. The music swells to full volume as the train begins to move, and it continues until the keenest eared passenger is out of hearing.

promptly the farewell, but the psychological appeal of haunting strains gradually fading in the distance is likely to impress the visitor favorably and permanently.

Sailing in the Bubble Boat



The Bubble Boat, originated at Deauville, France, has come to America. Miss Frances McKelvin, of Cleveland, is shown demonstrating this play thing.

HILGARD PERSONALS

HILGARD, Ore. (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Edwards arrived here recently to visit his sister, Mrs. Guy Thornbrue.

J. G. Hoffner was a La Grande visitor recently. John Thornbrue and sister Eva spent Friday in La Grande. Mrs. Mabel Scott and son Ellis were visitors in La Grande recently.

Verda, Emery and Leonard Ferguson were in La Grande Saturday. Mrs. Winslow Able has been called away to care for her sister who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Starjet and daughters Doris and Virginia made a trip to La Grande Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hoffner and

don, England; Mrs. J. McGregor, Mildred Seelye, Caroline Redding, E. W. Tiner, L. Childers, J. Queenberry, of Portland; C. M. Douglas, Walla Walla; William Redding, Spenau.

Where a Village Used to Be



Two months ago this part of Japan was the site of the village of Kamifurano. Then there came a volcanic eruption and a flood—and this is all that is left.

Mrs. Mabel Scott and daughter Deana attended a dance given at Kamela.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford are on a huckleberrying trip.

Leonard Ferguson went to La Grande for medical treatment Thursday.

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Mrs. Guy Thornbrue and son John visited in La Grande Thursday afternoon.

Bethel Davis was a Hilgard visitor Thursday.

Carl Halling spent Thursday in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cartwright have moved into what is known as the "old N. K. West place."

Mrs. Fields was at Hilgard Friday.

Bert Able visited in La Grande Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright entertained some visitors from Idaho Wednesday.

Chester Thompson was at Hilgard Thursday.

The Mt. Emily Lumber company camp was closed Friday, to open again after July 5.

Thomas Sloan came from the Mt. Emily Lumber company camp to spend the fourth of July holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanford and son spent Friday in La Grande shopping.

Women are brave. In London one married a man named Marmaduke.

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