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WHAT OF MEXICO

Only a brief time after the Puritans landed in New England and the Cavaliers in Virginia, the steady extermination of the Indians began. It is easy to believe that most of the wars with them might have been avoided, had not the pale faces forgotten to be just, but from the first the rule was that the Indian had no rights that the white man was bound to respect, and the sentiment of the world has been that no barbarous race must stand in the path of the world's advancement.

The Spaniards went to Mexico. First by atrocious cruelties they subdued the native people and then for two hundred years proceeded to corrupt them.

Then the breath of liberty swept from our country over that country and the mongrel race that had grown up there awakened to the cry of "Freedom," arose and shook off the semi-serfdom that had become fixed upon it and imagined that it was free. Its liberty was but license; it had overthrown Spanish rule, but it had taken on no sense of the responsibility which should attach to the conduct of a free people.

The result has been that, except during the few years when the iron Diaz held them down, for a hundred and fifteen years the Mexicans have been engaged principally in converting a naturally lovely land into a hell.

Diaz saw the impossibility of ever maintaining a stable government there without a substitution of races and so urged the men of the world's strong races to come, promising them protection for life and property. While his strength held out he held his country level, but at last he was crushed and now for four years his countrymen have been busy in undoing what he had done. In those four years not one battle worth the name has been fought, but there has been wholesale looting and no end of assassinations—the whole land seems to be sown with dragons' teeth and as soon as one head is bruised another springs up. What different is the situation, and what more hope does it carry than it did through most of the years of last century?

Is the refined barbarism there any different in effect from that which under our flag has been pushed aside?

Fourteen out of every fifteen of the inhabitants are but semi-civilized; it would be a mercy to them to place them on reservations for the rest of their natural lives, for they lack every element that goes to make up a self-respectable race, and the mass of them really are the pity of those who know their condition.

We do not want that country; we have a most serious race trouble of our own; moreover during the coming fifteen years we are liable to have an addition of distracted people from the present battle ground of Europe which will strain the assimilative power of our country to the limit. We think our government even now should be making arrangements to turn a part of the flood upon other coasts.

But the confusion in Mexico must cease, or we shall in the near future receive a notice from some of the powers of the old world that if we do not propose to establish order and protection for life and property in Mexico they will.

The time has come when some real statesmanship for Mexico must be exercised.—Goodwin's Weekly.

PUBLIC TO BLAME FOR THE HIGH TAXES

Just about the time the public learns to its sorrow that some widely heralded reform by statute has failed to bring about a lowering of the tax rate, another legislative scheme is devised to do what the other one failed to do. Instead of lowering taxes, the only result has been to send them higher, and what else could be expected? The state now has more commissions, departments, boards and inspectors than ever before. However, the county and municipal governments are even worse in this respect than the state. It is a poor county that cannot boast of an inspector for wide tires or something of the like, and some cities even have dog catchers.

So runs the story in all parts of the state. Taxes are going higher and higher because the people in sentimental moments favor some plan or other they think will help the

workmen, the mothers or some other class, and do not stop to investigate whether the plans are practical or not. Consequently they wake up and find that under the lazy old husband law the worthless hubby is put to work and the money paid over to his family while he gets good board and a warm place to sleep, while the honest husband and father out of a job can find no relief unless his wife swears he is not taking care of her. Anyone who ventures the suggestion that plans outlined are not good is immediately branded as a standpatter, or reactionary, a mossback, or one lacking all sympathy with humanity.

The American government is founded on the theory that the individual is able to look after himself. These so-called humane laws, for the most part, are patterned after the European plan, where the government frankly tells the individual he doesn't know enough to look after himself and the government tells him what rights he may have instead of him telling the government what rights it may have. In this country we have the strange situation of the government telling the individual he cannot take care of himself in some cases and then turning around and having him say how the government shall be run.—(Colton, Wash. News-Letter.)

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

Every few days some of the Vale people come down and inquire about politics and when we tell them that the people here are not interested in the coming campaign they hardly believe it.

In looking over the registration books of the county it is found that the Snake river precinct is practically all registered, the same can be said of the Nyssa and Owyhee, when one turns to the Ontario, Fair and Cairo precincts it is found that little over ten per cent of the voters have registered.

That should satisfy anyone that the people are taking no interest in the primary election and that they are not in accord with the cumbersome methods now in vogue. It is yet time to get your names on the books so you can vote, but you should not all wait until the last minute and then rush in.

Some day we may have a law that will not necessitate registering every few days.

It may be that you are not interested in any of the candidates so far announced, in that event you should vote and write in the name of the one you would like to see selected for the office. In any event remember that it is necessary to nominate good men, if good officers are to be selected.

NEW OREGON SINGLE TAX AMENDMENT

Portland Labor Council initiates a bill to do away with private land rent.

This is a new form of the Single Tax campaign, to declare the public ownership of land rent.

The bill declares that "private ownership of land rent is the chief cause of land monopoly and land speculation."

The bill provides that in order to promote the general welfare "it is right and necessary that all land rent shall be collected by public taxation, whether the land is actually used or not."

This is a combination of the Henry George Single Tax and State control combined.

WHERE DO THEY GET OFF?

Candidates for state offices and legislature are being asked where they stand on reduction of taxes, whether they favor more laws regulating industries, regulating enterprises and investments and enactment of more fool and freak commission laws. The high cost of government and keeping capital out of the country has reached the limit. More business and employment and less politics and agitation is the demand of the whole country.

Who would have thought that the tin can is a menace to the public health? The expert malaria investigators of the U. S. Public Health Service have found however that discarded tin cans containing rain water are breeding places for the mosquito which is the sole agent in spreading malaria. A hole in the bottom of the empty can might have resulted in the saving of a human life. Certainly it would have assisted in preventing a debilitating illness. Empty tin cans have no business about the premises anyway, but if we must so decorate our back yards, let's see to it that the can has a hole in the bottom.

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION HOT ON VILLA'S TRAIL

Pershing's Column Makes 110 Miles in 42 Hours; Encircling Movement Begun.

With the American Army, via wireless to Columbus, N. M.—After marching more than 110 miles into Mexico in the remarkable marching time of 42 hours, the American punitive expedition received information apparently fixing the whereabouts of Francisco Villa, the object of the chase. Disposition of the troops began for the task of hunting him down. Meanwhile Villa was reported to be continuing his outrages on Americans.

The latest information of Villa's present whereabouts placed him on the ranch of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, in the Babicora lake region.

General John J. Pershing personally led the flying cavalry column in the 110-mile dash. Every man in his command was mounted. They pressed through a section of Mexican territory where water was scarce. For such a large body of men the speed maintained was remarkable, and the good condition in which they came through was inspiring.

Throughout the march the American troops have been received cordially by the Carranzistas.

General Pershing, commanding the combined American forces, has conferred with Carranza commandants, and encompassing movements have been started by which it is hoped to surround Villa and make a quick capture.

Transportation and communication here are under American and Carranza control to prevent word reaching Villa.

VILLA ABANDONING WOUNDED IN FLIGHT

El Paso.—Villa has reached Babicora, in the Guerrero region, after having abandoned 30 of his wounded at El Valle, according to a telegram received by General Gavra at Juarez from Colonel Nieto Macias, the commander at Pearson.

This places Villa a little beyond Las Cruces, where the Carranza officials reported him.

Villa fled to avoid conflict with the Carranza troops under Colonel Cano. Among the 30 wounded, who had been shot in the Columbus raid and carried along in wagons, only to be abandoned at El Valle, was said to be the Villista leader, Pablo Lopez. Lopez is the leader whose death was reported as a positive fact at the Columbus raid. Later reports cast some doubt upon his death and indicated that another chief carrying his papers might have been the real victim.

"Villa is now in a section difficult for us," said General Gavra, "and unfavorable for his pursuers. He is now in broken, rocky, pine-clad, mountainous country, full of places of concealment. Only cavalry can operate in it to advantage."

PURSUIT IS EXPENSIVE

Army Officers Say \$40,000 a Day is Cost of Villa Campaign.

El Paso, Tex.—The United States' pursuit of Villa, under present arrangements, is costing the government \$40,000 a day, according to estimates made by army officers.

Carranza officials, it was learned, have been discussing with some concern whether American troops during the Villa pursuit would have to occupy any Mexican cities and the effect of such occupation on Mexican public sentiment. The Carranza officials have frankly expressed the hope that the garrisoning of the cities can be left to their own troops.

The American army's choice of the Chihuahua desert as its place of entry precludes for the present such a problem as city garrison duty.

Net Closing On Villa.

El Paso, Tex.—Villa has doubled east and south to Namiquipa, according to a telegram received here by General Gavra at Juarez. He reports that Carranza troops are advancing from the south, while the Americans are continuing their march from the north, in an effort to close the net around the bandit.

Mexican Raiders Put Outside Law.

Mexico City.—General Obregon issued a decree here declaring all participants in the Columbus raid outside the law. The decree gives the right to any citizen to apprehend and kill, if necessary, the followers of Villa who crossed the American frontier.

German Submarine Base Bombarded.

London.—Sixty-five allied aeroplanes bombarded the Belgian coast town of Zeebrugge. All returned.

THE LOGICAL CANDIDATE HERE

Governor Withycombe has announced that if Clyde B. Atchison should resign before the fall election, he will appoint the nominee of the republican party to the position on the public utility commission.

Robert Service one of the aspirants for the place from Baker was here last week and met some of the people and it is the verdict of those he met that he is not broad enough for the place. Mr. Service gave good reasons why the other nominees should not be elected so that it leaves J. W. McCulloch, of this city as the only logical candidate.

It has been conceded since Mr. McCulloch concluded to be a candidate for this position that he was by far the best qualified for the position of any of the aspirants and the chance of being appointed when the primaries are over makes the task of nominating him even a pleasanter one than before. Remember you should register if you intend to vote for him.

Big One Cent Sale at Ontario Pharmacy.

Mr. Farmer formerly resided at Nyssa, has held the office of County Surveyor two years and given good satisfaction, which will count when the time comes to elect. His announcement appears in another column and he is the only one named for the position so far.

New millinery this week, trimmed hats, tailored hats and millinery for children—The Bonnet Shop, Miss M. Woodrife, Milliner.

The International Bible Students meet at private residence on corner two blocks west of M. E. church. On March 30, Pilgrim MacPherson will deliver two lectures, one at 3 o'clock p. m. and another at 7:30 p. m. All interested are welcome.—E. T. Folger, Elder.

If you are thinking of buying a car, see the Ontario Real Estate Co. They are agents for the Mitchell 6 of '16, the greatest car value the world has ever known. 121f

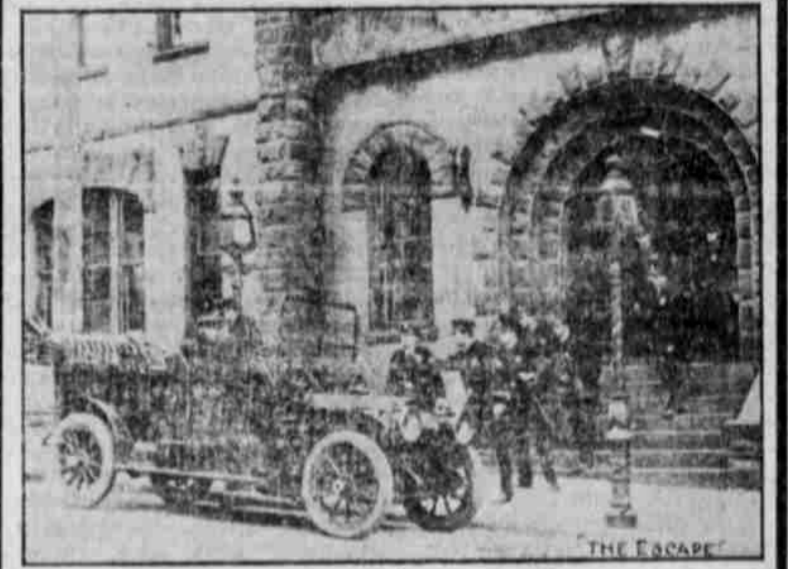
The Standard Oil company's agency here, of which R. L. Griffin is the manager, is building a new office building in its yards here in the north part of town. Mr. Griffin reports a big increase in business this season over that at this time last year.

One Cent Sale—Ontario Pharmacy.

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WHO
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THE CLOSING OF THE NET

DREAMLAND THEATRE
Thursday
March 30



Children under 15 years of age not admitted unless accompanied by parents.

JOHN WEAVER FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

John Weaver, the present county commissioner, has announced himself as a candidate for re-election. Up to date there is no other aspirant for this thankless job. Mr. Weaver has made a very satisfactory commissioner and will probably not have any opposition. The position of

county commissioner is the most thankless job in the county and the incumbent comes in for more cursing than any other. Every section of the county wants a lot of special improvements made and when tax time comes around they are surprised at the size of their assessment, forgetting that the expenditures of the county are what the citizens ask for and demand.

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