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### MEXICO: WHAT SEEMS PROBABLE

For a hundred years Spain heaped cruelties unspeakable upon Cuba. Three generations died there under the belief that they had been forgotten; that there was no more a God to answer prayers.

But the bell of destiny struck at last and the arm of Spain was broken.

It was our nation that had been appointed to do the work and the way it was performed impressed the world with the conviction that it was the most magnificent act of all the ages.

To throttle a monster; to rescue a broken-hearted people; to feed the starving; to shelter the homeless; to cleanse a fair island from its immemorial load of filth; to compel a pestilence that had raged unchecked and unconquered for more than a century to poise its black wings and flee away; to open schools for the young; to command order and obedience to righteous laws; then finally steady the people to prepare a government for themselves and then to lower its flag which in the meantime had taken on a majesty indescribable, and calling its agents aboard its ships and they with a final salute with their hushed thunders sailed away, make a picture grand enough to thrill heaven and earth and cause the angel of Justice to smile and the angel of Mercy to weep for joy.

After centuries of misrule Spain left Mexico. Her misrule had corrupted the people and now for a hundred years it has been there as it was in Cuba—to millions in their poverty and want and degradation it has seemed as though there was no God to answer prayers. But as affairs are culminating the point has been reached when one more overt act will make it incumbent upon our nation to repeat what was done in Cuba. It will require all the skill and prudence of our soldiers on the border to prevent something, which, if it happens, will make the people of this country demand war in a tone which no further vacillating in Washington can postpone. War is a cruel instrument with which to stop outrages and command the right and compass justice; but the power that awakens the cyclone to cleanse the fetid air, does not hesitate when the hour strikes to vindicate eternal justice, to act the needed forces in motion.

On the world's foundations we find inscribed on the primitive rocks the record of how more than once that power has found it necessary to set its elements of destruction in motion, to shatter the earth's crust and destroy all animal life on the planet, that a new beginning might be made. The inference is that this is liable to be repeated until at last a race may be produced that will be worthy to walk in God's image.

In imitating these forces war for Mexico may soon become the most merciful agent through which the redemption of that land may be accomplished.—Goodwin's Weekly.

### IS YOUR MIND YOUR OWN?

We often hear people make the remark, "I have a mind of my own." Literally speaking, yes. But otherwise, NO!

We can demonstrate the truth of the latter statement by referring to your actions, by the actions of your friends, and neighbors, by the actions of the public in general.

No man has a mind wholly and absolutely his own in the generally accepted sense of the word. No man forms his conclusions entirely from his own observations and reflections, though many sincerely believe that they do.

One simple illustration is sufficient to prove the correctness of our contention.

Mr. Nameless is one of our citizens who "has a mind of his own." At least he says he has, and he really believes what he says.

He walks along our streets day by day. Glaring defects in our municipal system stare him in the face. He sees them not—or seeing them fails to heed them. His mind is not concerned.

Another citizen comes along, points them out, starts an agitation that grows, and Mr. Nameless immediately comes to life and joins the throng with lusty shouts for improvement—AFTER the other fellow has done the work.

If Mr. Nameless really "had a mind of his own" the agitation would have

had no effect whatever upon that mind.

But he hasn't. His mind is just like the mind of all of the rest of us—just like the mind of every human being—it can be influenced and awayed by other minds, just as readily as the work of his mind can influence the minds of other people.

The articles we read, the words we hear, our conversations of everyday life all have a direct and a powerful influence over our own minds, often diverting our convictions and ideas into wholly different channels from those formerly used.

A mind that is worth having is always susceptible to change, to conviction, to revision superinduced by the wisdom emanating from other minds.

A mind that is wholly its own is no mind at all.

### HIGH PRICES AND LOST PENNIES

In these days of high prices and expensive living it behooves us to guard the pennies with a far seeing eye.

Bad pennies sometimes return, but good ones seldom do.

It therefore becomes our duty, when we part with a good penny, to secure the greatest possible returns for it. Lost pennies soon mount in dollars, and the vanishing dollar blazes the way to poverty and eventual nowhere.

You can save the pennies and retain the dollars if you will read carefully each week the advertisements in this paper. They will tell you at which stores you can get the best bargains, where quality is of the best and price is at the minimum, where your true interests lie when you go out to spend the money that comes to you from hours of heavy and unceasing toil.

None of us may hope to save all that we earn, for we must live, and it takes money these days to even exist.

We must spend a good portion of our earnings, often all of them, and the judgment and care we use in that expenditure will determine in a considerable measure the enjoyment and pleasures of life.

If we buy at haphazard we too frequently pay dearly for our indifference and lack of economical foresight, whereas if we are prudent and assimilate the knowledge that is laid before us we at least have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done the best that we could do under existing circumstances.

Again, we suggest, and emphasize, that the wise and prudent course to pursue is to read carefully each week the advertisements in this paper. Read them all, every one of them, for in little places big bargains are often found.

High prices are here, and we as a community can not prevent what a whole nation must endure. But we can, and should, prevent the unnecessary loss of pennies through commercial indifference and neglect.

This is not a day of philanthropy, and merchants are not advertising for the sake of handling their money over to the publisher. They are doing it because they have the goods and make the prices to back up their advertisements, and it is to the financial interest of the consumer to dissect every advertisement and take advantage of every opportunity thus afforded.

The expense of reading an ad is nothing but a little time when not otherwise engaged. The savings may run into dollars.

### AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

We couldn't undertake to chronicle all of the things in this world that we would like to have or see, but there are a few which we might mention as being pertinent and to the point—whatever the point may be.

We would like, for instance, to see a little more life and hustle and bustle in this town. We would like to see more farmers' teams hitched around town, and we'd like to see more of the farmers and their wives and sons and daughters and hired men mingling with our townspeople and getting better acquainted and on more intimate and friendly terms. This is a big world, but our community is only a dot on the surface, and because we are only a dot we ought to know each other better and stick to each other more than we do. A single twig can be broken by any child, but a young sapling is a mighty hard thing even to bend. We don't want to remain even a twig or a sapling, but we do want to be a full grown tree, and that we will never be as long as we are only a collection of human twigs. Let's get together and stick together and grow with the world.

We know of a little kid in this town who exhibits every symptom of an intense longing for a friendly word when you meet him in the street. We have met him—we have seen—we know. Give it to him. But in order that you may not overlook this particular kid we have in mind,

and for their own sakes as well, we would like to see you give a friendly word and a cheerful pat to every one you meet, instead of allowing them to siddle by you like the dog that fears a kick. Even the regard of a kid has its value.

We, too, would like a swell car, and a private yacht at the seashore, and a mansion to live in, and a dozen servants (feminine gender, good lookers), and a big sounding title, and lots of friends, and a million a year for pin money, but we'll be everlastingly and tetotally ho-hoed if we want to go sky-larking around in one of those human bird affairs. We'd like to make a dent in the world, to be sure, but darned if we want to make one in the ground. The old town looks mighty good to us, after all.

The cost of assessing Malheur county last year was \$23 for each thousand dollars of taxes collected. That is the most expensive assessing done in the state, the average cost in the counties east of the mountains being about \$15 and the lowest \$7 in Umatilla county.

The local Telephone company has the most telephones in service now they have ever had since being organized. That is good evidence of the prosperous condition of the people.

The high price of wool, lambs and mutton this year are causing growers to give considerable more attention to lambing than ordinarily. A lamb is money now-a-days and breeders are not throwing five dollar bills away.

You must give a pig at least half a chance in order to have him make a hog of himself, but some men are so anxious to do the same thing that they make their own chances, and object to being interfered with during the operation.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

(From the Live Stock Report)  
Monday's cattle market started off rather slow with a decided dull feeling this morning after a very uneven market for the end of last week.

Some salesmen last week quoted top steers down to a twenty-five cent lower level. There was, however, nothing to indicate that best steers would not sell at \$9.90. The weakness was apparent, however, in the medium grades. Cow stuff showed no change. Today's market was anything but a lively affair. The feeling looks to be only temporary and shows a much better state than any other coast point.

**The Hog Market**  
The morning receipts of hogs for Monday's market called for a total of 2700 in the pens.

Early trading in hogs Monday started off rather slowly, buyers not being inclined to buy quickly on the 10-cent advance apparent at the opening of the day's market.

After the market got fairly under way trading did not noticeably lag and rather a good clearance was made on the advance.

Eastern markets all last week were on a decline, but telegraphic reports this morning would indicate a stronger feeling all around the market circle.

Taking the market on a whole there was a rather spotted feeling both today and at the close of last week. While on each occasion there were sales made above the general market. Friday a sale was made at \$9.30 and today as high as \$9.15, yet the general market is quotable at \$9.10.

The bulk of hogs sold Saturday at \$9.00, a week ago at \$9.00 @ 9.05, a month ago at \$9.20 @ 9.25, a year ago at \$7.65 @ 7.85, two years ago at \$8.50 @ 8.70, three years ago at \$8.00 @ 8.35 and four years ago at \$8.30 @ 8.40.

### MORE SHEEP.

Sheep raising is each year receiving more attention from farmers. Wool interests are advocating a more general raising of sheep on the small farm. In speaking before a meeting of them recently A. J. Knollin said:

"Do many of our citizens realize what a splendid animal the sheep is? In this country we have about 50,000,000 golden-hoofed sheep that are gathering weeds and flowers from the rugged rocky fastnesses of snow-capped mountains; gleaming the harvested fields of grain, corn, beans and every variety of cultivated crops; gathering shrubs and grasses from our uncultivated farm lands, from the foothill of the mountains and from the plains; brambles and sage from the desert waste; converting this mass of otherwise largely waste vegetation into soft, beautiful fleeces more beautiful than that which Jason sought, and producing a delicately flavored, nutritious meat both of which are necessities for the comfort of human life."

## BENTON COUNTY FOR REDUCTION IN TAXES

Committee Report Before the League Urges Abolition of All State Commissions.

Corvallis, Ore. April 24. At the meeting of the Benton County Tax league, held in Corvallis Saturday, the legislative committee, composed of A. J. Johnson, banker; V. A. Carter, a farmer of North Benton, and R. J. Nichols, a farmer of South Benton, submitted a written report and recommendations for the reduction of taxes in the state. The report showed that in 1895 the state tax paid by Benton county was \$14,725, and in 1915 it was \$33,879, but that in 1895 the levy to raise the state taxes was 2.763. In 1895 the taxpayer in Corvallis paid a city tax of 7 mills and a special school tax of 2 mills. The tax last year was 15.5 mills for city purposes, 9 mills special school tax, and in addition property owners on a large number of streets are paying street assessments for pavement. In 1895 no money was appropriated for road purposes, while last year the road levies raised \$42,757.

The committee recommended that the next legislature reduce the salaries of a number of Benton county officials and abolish the office of county recorder. The reduction in salaries recommended are: county judge, from \$1200 to \$1000; county clerk, from \$1500 to \$1400; sheriff, from \$1700 to \$1500; treasurer, from \$1000 to \$750; assessor from \$1500 to \$1000, and school superintendent from \$1300 to \$1000. This, Mr. Johnson stated, would cut \$2500 off the taxes of the county, but would result in a reduction of but three-tenths of one mill.

With a view of reducing the state taxes the legislative committee recommended that an initiative bill be introduced to abolish all state boards and commissions, placing all powers and duties of the boards and commissions in the hands of the state board of control until such a time as the legislature can pass constructive legislation to provide for just such commissions as are absolutely necessary. The chairman of the committee pointed out that the elimination of all commissions of the state, without substituting constructive legislation, will mean a saving of only about one-third of a mill taxes.

When Elmer Raber, a farmer living a few miles north of Corvallis, charged that the big hawks are for educational purposes, and advocated the abolishment of the state university, the agricultural college, the normal school and other institutions, N. R. Moore, regent of the Oregon Agricultural college, cited the fact that the university and college are now on a millage basis and together receive but seven-tenths of a mill appropriation. Mr. Moore stated that a man who pays taxes on property assessed at \$1000 pays 40 cents toward maintenance of the Oregon Agricultural college and 30 cents toward the maintenance of the University of Oregon.

Never tell a white lie, Willie. If you are going to tell one at all make it a whopper.

The fellow who lays down on a job usually finds that the job has wriggled from under him.



If I am nominated and elected, I will, during the term of my office, endeavor to perform my duties in a fair, fearless and efficient manner, keeping in mind at all times my duties to the taxpayer. I will give the duties of the office every attention and all the time which may be required to properly discharge the same, even to the exclusion of other business.

I will at all times endeavor to co-operate with other county and state officers for the purpose of promoting the moral, business, and financial welfare of the county, and in keeping down the taxes and running expenses of the county.

P. J. Gallagher,  
Republican candidate for nomination for District Attorney,  
Malheur County.

## CANDIDATES MAKE ECONOMY PLEDGES

As Sharpened for State Commissions by Numerous Legislative Aspirants

Salem, Oregon, April 22. Oregon's next Legislature will head its efforts toward effecting economy in appropriation, reducing taxation and enacting a suitable rural credits law, if the pledges made by aspirants for party nominations in both houses are kept.

Scanning the statements submitted by the various candidates for the Legislature reveals the fact that 25 out of 38 persons running for the State Senate nomination have pledged themselves to labor for economy in appropriations and to keep down taxes. Nearly all of them are repeating the keynote slogan heard so frequently in the last Legislature: "Economy and efficiency."

It is the same among the aspirants for the lower house, where 77 candidates for nomination out of the total of 142 are pledged for economy and reduced taxes.

The move for consolidation of boards and commissions and the elimination of those which may be deemed useless and extravagant, begun at the 1915 legislative session, promises to be continued when the next Legislature convenes. Already there are five Senatorial and 16 lower house candidates who have registered their opposition to the creation of additional commissions and in favor of cutting down or consolidating existing ones if found useless or costly.

### Some Indorse Rural Credits.

The statements of 22 Representative and four Senatorial candidates register support to the enactment of a rural credits law at the coming session. Fifteen candidates for the lower house make no promises, judging from the absence of any statement or slogans submitted to the Secretary of State for the ballot.

### WILD ANIMALS KILL STOCK WORTH \$500,000 ANNUALLY

The annual losses of livestock on the National forest ranges of the West, due to predatory animals, are over \$500,000. An organized campaign is now on to exterminate these animals. Wolves are responsible for about 70 per cent of the cattle losses, while bears cause most of the remainder. Approximately 75 per cent of the sheep losses are due to coyotes, 20 per cent to bears, and 5 per cent to lynxes and wild cats. Mountain lions are charged with killing only a few head of cattle and sheep.

## THE PAID LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS

**LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN**  
Description: Black mare, four years old weight 1425, roached fore top, star in forehead. Brand I. H. on left stifle, shows collar marks. Hole in left front hoof. Wearing heavy halter. \$5.00 for any information that will lead to recovery. Liberal reward for return to E. A. Wisdom.

### NOTICE TO WATER USERS.

All water rentals must be paid to E. M. Moore, Water Master of Water Users' Association. Water must be paid for before being turned on lots.

By order of Board of Directors. It

Piano Tuning—A. R. McCarty, an expert piano tuner is permanently located at Nyssa. All work guaranteed. Phone 144. 14tf

Good second hand Buick automobile for sale, cheap. Enquire J. W. McCulloch. 16tf

For rent—5 room cottage, good lawn, trees and garden spot.—Art Dunnuck. 84. 1tf

Wanted—Stock to pasture \$1.25 per month.—C. H. Trousdale, box 11, Ontario, Ore. 17tf

For Rent—Five room house, shade, lawn and garden spot. Key with Joe Staple at M. M. Co. 13tf

For Sale—Baby carriage in good condition. Range, refrigerator, dresser and other household goods.—Mrs. J. E. Goodfellow, 2 blocks west of high school. 171t

For rent, 3 room brick house, modern, central, on Main street.—W. H. Doolittle. 10tf

Lost—Memorandum book between Payette and Ontario, containing valuable papers including a \$5.00 O. S. L. voucher. Reward for return.—J. M. Turner, Payette, Idaho. 1t

For Sale—One Ford Touring car and one Ford delivery car. Ontario Laundry. 14tf

For Sale—Feed Corn.—H. B. Redington, Fruitland, Ida. 16-3t

Miss Lessie McDonald  
**MATERNITY NURSE**  
Ontario, Oregon

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