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ANOTHER KNOT IN OUR MEXICO PROBLEM. With Carranza's hands fully as red as Gertie's in the blood of his countrymen, the United States should consistently recognize that rebel chieftain? Carranza cannot well escape responsibility for the wholesale assassinations performed by his lieutenant, Pancho Villa.

The matter has gone too far for any being so long as Carranza's elimination is concerned. Without prejudice to the wisdom or folly of having taken such a stand in the first place we cannot alter our course at this late date without serious loss of prestige.

Does the Wilson Administration suppose the situation will adjust itself; that some new figure will rise to the prominence of the Dillards, and then by a coup d'etat, a form of Latin-American political activity upon which we frown so severely? The Wilson Administration has repudiated the dominant figure in Mexico, and has chosen a successor, by which he was put aside, the Administration must repudiate the ex-coutenour Carranza, who countenances the shooting down in cold blood of unarmed civil and military prisoners.

A NEW REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN. An essential part of the projected reorganization of the Republican party will be the selection of a chairman for the National Committee who is in harmony with the prevailing sentiment of the party.

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WOMAN'S WAR ON EGG TRUST. The Housewives' League has declared war on the egg monopoly. Having ascertained that there were in cold storage in New York State on September 1, 739,084 cases of thirty dozen eggs each and that there are now 355,699 cases in New York City, the league says there are plenty of eggs in the market for an excuse for high prices.

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AN EDITOR AT EUGENE, WHICH IS THE seat of the State University, has written this letter to the editor of a paper at Medford, which is near the seat of the proposed Southern Oregon Normal school.

GERMAN AND AMERICAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS. Medical education in the United States presents two incongruous features. We have, in the first place, some of the best medical schools in the world.

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DID LEWIS WRITE THIS LETTER? Communication Is Issue In Controversy Over Russian Peace

Following is the text of the letter, referred to in another column, which Senator Lewis is alleged to have written to Henry M. Lindell, of Peoria, Ill., offering him the appointment of ambassador to Russia, which Secretary Bryan announces as about to be made.

There will be no treaties to adjudge, and no political affairs to bother with, if you would accept the place of Ambassador to St. Petersburg, and all the honors and emoluments which you could resign in a year—say October 1, 1914—and return to your paper, affairs, and the great honor attached to the place.

LOADS DON'T MAKE HORSES SLIP. Animals Drawing Light Rigs Principal Victims, Says Writer. PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—(To the Editor.)—I read Mr. Donaldson's answer to the Horse Owners' Association this morning and it seems to me ridiculous.

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Twenty-five Years Ago

From The Oregonian of Nov. 19, 1888. The Spokane Review is exhibiting more than its usual enthusiasm over the result of Judge Buck's candidacy in North Idaho as a candidate that the vote proves conclusively that the annexation feeling is practically unanimous in Latah and Nez Perces Counties and pretty strong in Shoshone, Kootenai and Idaho Counties.

General Wharton, the Government land inspector, is again in the city. The annual report of the president of the University of Oregon shows an average enrollment for the year of 79 men and 40 women.

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