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NATIONAL DEBTS

The Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, a conservative and careful newspaper, friendly to the Wilson administration, and apparently enjoying its confidence, says that "a few things can be stated on high authority concerning the purposes of the President in putting Huerta out of office" and gives them as follows:

He must go because he does not measure up to the standards of the United States in the Western Hemisphere; because he is not a native-born citizen; because he is not a native-born citizen; because he is not a native-born citizen.

It is probably his as nearly correct statement of the Wilson policy toward Mexico as can be made. It is an ambitious program based upon an idealistic conception of our obligations toward all Central and South American republics.

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brought results. He was not destined to set the world on fire, but he was more than placed to the credit of the average man. He was a good newspaperman in earlier years, which fitted him for any emergency.

ANTICIPATING THE PUBLIC MIND.

The most striking characteristic of the 1912 National platform of one of the political parties was its ambitious programme of social and industrial reforms.

The most striking feature of legislative enactments in 1913 was the big list of new labor laws and industrial measures enacted. These laws are made in general terms in a bulletin just issued by the American Association for Labor Legislation.

Thirty-one states enacted laws directly affecting child labor. Seven states enacted laws concerning the employment of women. Eight states worked the example of Massachusetts and provided minimum wage laws affecting women, while nine other states adopted measures limiting the hours of women's work.

Factory inspection departments were reorganized and enlarged in more than a dozen states, five adopted the Wisconsin plan of commission government to the south of the United States.

Every one of these laws parallels similar laws in some degree or other in the Progressive party platform, and practically the only social or industrial reform mentioned in the platform that does not seem to have been touched by current legislation.

USE FOR THE USELESS. If Mr. Donk, of the Agricultural Department, can show a cheap, practical means of saving the by-products of stumps and of making them salable he will have found a way of making hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of acres of Western land productive.

Each individual accountable. The old question of individual accountability as against the accountability of society for the misdeeds of its members is raised by the Blue Mountain Eagle with reference to the case of Eddie Bell, accused of stealing gasoline.

A NEW PLATFORM NEEDED. The calling of a special National convention for the reorganization of the Republican party is now regarded as a foregone conclusion and discussion has already turned to the question whether the convention should adopt a platform.

Why have we interfered in Mexico? There is any way now we can escape our obligation to secure and guarantee peace in Mexico?

The late James B. Eddy was a dependable man on all occasions, who knew his possibilities and limitations because he helped in the making of himself. British nativity gave him a bulldog tenacity of purpose and American training gave him the finesse that soon got off that platform and build

a new one, which will declare the party's position on the issues as they are presented at that day and which will truly represent party sentiment as it then is. By that time the Wilson Administration will have taken its stand, not only on the tariff, the currency and Mexico, but on the trusts, conservation, Alaska, the Philippines and other issues.

There is no reason to assume that, because the special convention will be elected under the old rules, it will be disqualified to speak for the party. A great majority of its delegates will be elected under direct primary laws.

Since the New Haven road has been held up by the horrible example of a road with many accidents the Pennsylvania road has been held up as a model in contrast with it. The Brooklyn Eagle finds one source of the Pennsylvania's road in its pension system.

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The Forest Grove National Bank has just recently installed a handsome new typewriter—Forest Grove News—Blonde or brunette?

That would go far to break down all restraints and to dissolve society. Nor can the Governor, as the agent of society, be held accountable for his official errors of judgment in releasing on parole prisoners who would better be kept in confinement.

What society should do, and to an increasing degree is trying to do, is to combine instruction and reformation with punishment. Boys like to be should not be confined to a cell in idleness, for resentment will embitter them and render them more dangerous than ever to the public welfare.

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Plan Not Altogether Successful in Wisconsin Is Charge. PORTLAND, Nov. 21.—(To the Editor.)—Recently in the Portland Daily Press there appeared an article in which Hon. J. W. Ferguson, Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, was quoted as expressing himself as being heartily in favor of the State of Oregon entering the life insurance business.

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Half a Century Ago. From The Oregonian of November 24, 1863. A large number of citizens of Portland met at the Courthouse last evening—listen to the address of Marshall Turley, Esq., upon the subject of Oregon railroads.

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Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of November 24, 1888. Indianapolis, Nov. 23.—Powderly was re-elected general master workman of the Knights of Labor this morning by nearly a unanimous vote.

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