

### MEXICO, BIRTH OF CONTRASTS

Ignorance in Shadow of Ancient University, Poverty Amid Riches Noted.

### NATURE TAKES ODD FORMS

Melon That Precludes Dyspepsia if Eaten, Fruit That Explodes, Rare Art of Indian Lace Makers Are Striking Features.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—"Perhaps nowhere else in the world is there a country so full of contrasts as Mexico," writes William Joseph Showalter to the National Geographic Society. "With a university established before John Harvard, Elihu Yale, or William Brewster were born, the masses of its people are hopelessly ignorant. With a hospital founded before Jamestown was even dreamed of, it is one of the most backward regions of the earth in a medical way. With natural riches greater than those of a thousand Midases, its masses are as poor as the proverbial church mouse. With a constitution as perfect as any organic law in the civilized world, it is a nation whose rulers always have been a law unto themselves.

"You may tread the burning sands of a tropical desert with the wet of the perpetual snow of towering mountains still on your shoes. You may take a single railway journey of 36 hours in which the people you see at the railroad stations will be dressed in four different weights of clothing.

**Frank Vegetation Causes Wonder.**  
"Mexico probably has a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world. The papaya fruit tree produces an odd-shaped fruit, bearing a close resemblance to green parakeets. When the parakeet is frightened it makes a dash for the parrot tree, which it assumes a position which makes it look like the fruit itself. So close is the resemblance that their enemies, the hawks, occasionally fly by a tree on which a dozen or more of these birds are sitting, apparently unaware of their presence. Another remarkable tree is the 'Arbol de Dinamite'—dynamite tree—whose fruit, if kept in a warm place, bursts with considerable force and a loud report, scattering its flat seeds to a surprising distance.

"One of the most interesting fruits in Mexico is the papaya. It contains considerable pepsin, which reacts against both acid and alkaline conditions of the stomach, and it is said that a diet which includes papaya precludes dyspepsia. Both the fruit and the leaves possess the singular property of rendering tough materials as flexible as pulp of the fruit is rubbed over a piece of tough meat the juice attacks the fiber and softens it.

**Railroads Are Numerous.**  
"No other country south of the Rio Grande is so well supplied with railroads. Prior to the Madero revolution it had 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroads, which carried 11,000,000 passengers annually and handled about 11,000,000 tons of freight.

"Mexico produces one-third of the world's silver, a considerable percentage of its gold, one-ninth of its lead, and one-twentieth of its copper. The country's mineral products, exclusive of iron, coal and petroleum, amounted to \$155,000,000 in 1910. The famous iron mountain at Durango is estimated to contain 600 million tons of iron ore.

"The drawnwork of the Mexican Indian is justly famed throughout the world, and descends to rank with the finest of Spanish and Italian laces. The Indians make all sorts of small objects to attract the attention of the white man. The little dolls of Cuernavaca, a half-inch tall and dressed in finely embroidered raiment, are the admiration of every one who sees them. Beautiful, brightly colored, perfectly fashioned and ranging from the peaceful dog to the charging bull and the bucking mule, would do credit to the genius of any great sculptor. Perhaps the most wonderful of all are the tiny dressed figures which may be bought in Mexico City.

**Eggs of Insect Eat.**  
"The Indians of Mexico eat many curious foods. One of the most remarkable of these is the insect, a species of marsh fly. This fly deposits its eggs in incredible quantities upon flags and rushes. The eggs are gathered and made into a paste, which is sold in the markets. The Indians call the eggs water-wheat. They resemble fine fish roe, and when mixed with corn meal and fowl eggs form a staple article of diet, particularly during Lent.

"The insects themselves, which are about the size of house-fly, are captured, pounded into a paste, boiled in corn husks in much the same fashion as tamales, and in this form are eaten.

**SPELLING BEES PROVE UP**  
Clackamas County Pupils Show Big Gain in Examination Papers.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Recent spelling bees in the county are given credit for the fact that the 2000 examination papers recently received in County Superintendent Clavan's office are more free from spelling errors than any similar papers within the memory of the supervisors or of the superintendent.

Not only have the "bees" improved the spelling papers themselves, but also the spelling in such subjects as geography, language and history, which has shown a decided improvement.

**MAJOR MORROW TO LEAVE**  
Government Engineer Called to Washington Temporarily.

Major J. J. Morrow, corps of United States Army Engineers, in charge of the First district, including the development at Cello, will leave today for Washington, D. C., for temporary duty in the office of the chief engineer, General Dan C. Kingman.

The affairs of Major Morrow's office during his absence will be in charge of Colonel C. H. McKinstry in charge of the Second district. It is intended that Major Morrow shall return to Portland after a brief absence in Washington.

**ATTORNEY WANTS HIS FEE**  
Man Cleared of Murder Sued by Defender in McMinnville Court.

McMINNVILLE, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge Webster Holmes,

of Tillamook, is holding court here, having jury cases set for this week. Several cases in the equity department also will be heard.

At today's session the case of an attorney suing his former client for a balance of an alleged attorney fee took up a greater portion of the day. This was followed by a case involving a \$4000 land deal. In both of these cases W. T. Vinton, candidate for the State Senate on the Republican ticket, was an active counsel. Mr. Kilke was the attorney claiming a fee still due him and the defendant, James Hutchings, was acquitted of murder at last term of court.

A personal injury damage suit against the Carlton & Coast Railroad Company, at Seaside, will be tried later in the week.

Judge Holmes, although a candidate on the Democratic ticket for re-election, will remain here this week as his vote no doubt will be sworn in here.

### SHRINERS PICK SEATTLE

IMPERIAL COUNCIL DECIDES 1915 MEETING OPENS JULY 15.

Dr. Frederick R. Smith, of Rochester, N. Y., Is Elected Imperial Potentate and Other Officers Are Named.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 13.—Selection of Seattle as the 1915 meeting place and election of Dr. Frederick R. Smith, of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., as



Dr. Frederick R. Smith, of Rochester, N. Y., Who Was Elected Yesterday as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine.

Imperial potentate of the imperial council marked today's meeting of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America. The meeting at Seattle will open on July 15 and continue for four days. San Francisco also sought the gathering.

Thousands packed the hills and terraces of Piedmont Park today to witness the annual divisional review of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. All of the patrols were dressed in brilliant uniforms of Oriental design. At the conclusion combined bands massed and gave a concert of National airs. Visiting patrols and nobles were entertained tonight at a ball.

There will be no further business sessions of the council and many of the visiting shriners departed for their homes today.

Other officers elected were: J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me., deputy imperial potentate; Henry F. Nading, Jr., St. Louis, imperial chief rabbi; William S. Brown, Pittsburg, Pa., imperial treasurer; Benjamin W. Rowell, Boston, imperial recording clerk; E. C. Freland, Kenosha, Wis., imperial assistant rabbi; Elias J. Jacoby, Indianapolis, Ind., imperial high priest and prophet; W. Freland, Kenosha, Wis., imperial assistant high priest; Conrad V. Dyceman, Brooklyn, N. Y., imperial water guard; Ellis J. Garrettson, Tacoma, Wash., imperial first ceremonial master; W. J. Matthews, New York, having tendered his resignation as imperial marshal, Ernest A. Curtis, of Savannah, Ga., was advanced two grades, from captain of the guard to imperial second ceremonial master. For the same reason James McCandless, of Honolulu, was promoted two grades, from imperial outer guard to imperial marshal.

### GRIFFITHS' TRIAL IS SET

ARMY CAPTAIN TO FACE COURT-MARTIAL BOARD MAY 21.

Embezzlement, Unbecoming Conduct, Breach of Arrest and Desertion Are Charges.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—(Special.)—Captain Joseph H. Griffiths, under arrest on four court-martial charges, and who broke arrest in Seattle, will be brought before a court-martial board at the Presidio, May 21. Tentative arrangements to suit attorneys and members of the board, have been entered into to this effect. Captain Griffiths will be represented by Attorney George E. Price, who has been in conference with the defendant several times.

There will be no change in charges and little change in the defense. He will be tried for embezzlement, conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, a breach of arrest and desertion. His defense will swing on the hinge of "mental disorders making him not responsible for his acts." These, he will assert, were the result of the business worries into which he was plunged.

While no bitterness whatever is manifested by the authorities prosecuting Griffiths, it is understood that no stone will be left unturned to secure a conviction on the embezzlement and unbecoming conduct charges, and that the breach of arrest and the desertion charges will be pressed "for the good of the service."

General John P. Wesser will be chairman of the court-martial board.

### NIAGARA FALLS BILL IS IN

Compromise Water Power Measure Agreed On by Committee.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—A compromise bill to regulate the water power diversion rights at Niagara Falls, was agreed upon at a conference today between Secretary Garrison and Representatives Harris, Cline and Cooper, representing the House foreign affairs committee. The bill gives the Secretary of War the right to issue revocable permits for a daily diversion averaging 15,000 cubic feet a second on the American side and for the importation of 250,000 horsepower from the Canadian side.

The control over the rates, tolls and services would be left to the State of New York.

### INFORMER FEELERS ORDEAL SMILINGLY

'Bald Jack' Rose Unshaken by Becker's Counsel Though Admitting Discrepancies.

### TALE REPEATED CALMLY

Witness Shows Neither Fear, Emotion Nor Remorse, Except Once When He Says Conscience Pricks Him for Murder Plot.

NEW YORK, May 13.—"Bald Jack" Rose, chief witness for the prosecution at the second trial of Charles Becker, charged with being the instigator of the plot that resulted in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, came from the stand at the conclusion today of five hours of relentless cross-examination, bright-eyed and smiling.

The bald-headed informer unflinchingly answered questions asked him by Marion T. Manton, chief of Becker's counsel. Even when Manton shouted accusations of murder at Rose and tried to make him admit that he had made his living by committing petty larcenies and by selling opium in New York's Chinatown, the former gambler remained unperturbed.

**Witness Shows No Remorse.**  
Rose reiterated his story of underworld intrigue and murder with a calm and matter-of-fact air. He showed no fear, no emotion and no remorse except on one occasion. Then he said his conscience pricked him when he thought over how he had plotted to have Herman Rosenthal murdered.

Attorney Manton referred to a meeting in Harlem which the Court of Appeals declared to be "the heart of the conspiracy." This brought in the name of Moe Levy, or Cohen, who, Rose said, drove him and Vallon up to see Becker, who was conducting a racket there. It was at that meeting, according to Rose, that Becker demanded that the gunmen hurry up and silence Rosenthal.

### Discrepancies Freely Admitted.

"Did Levy drive you and Vallon to that conference?" Manton asked.  
"Yes, replied Rose.  
"Do you know that Sam Scheppe swore at the last trial it was Levy who drove him to the conference?"  
"I don't know what Scheppe said; I know Moe Levy drove me there," Manton made Rose admit there were minor discrepancies between the testimony he offered at the first trial and that he gave on direct examination yesterday. Rose said his testimony yesterday was more complete in places than his former testimony.  
"I know so much about it, and have talked so much about it," Rose said, "it is impossible for me not to leave some things out now and then."

### CHURCH SESSION ENDS

PORTLAND CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS LEAVES SEASIDE.

Lectures and Services Are Divided by Visits to Shore and Clam Bakes of Old-Fashioned Kind.

SEASIDE (Or., May 13.—(Special.)—With an old-fashioned clam bake and outdoor picnic as a closing feature, the three days' conference of the Portland district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was finished here today.

### Hot Point Week

Selling Electric Stoves and Irons at Special Prices

—This is the time of year when the housekeeper can purchase her electric needs at prices which are much less than during other periods of the year.

### \$5 El Glostovo \$2.50

—An electric stove which makes it possible to cook with electricity at very little expense, for it is a stove on which you can use your regular dishes and acquires full cooking heat in 15 seconds. Guaranteed for five years.

### \$5.00 Triangle Electric Iron for \$2.69

—A household or laundry iron, guaranteed forever. Saves one-third the time on ironing day. Full nickel finish. Six-pound weight, complete with cord.

### The Latest Tailored Dress Accessory a Combination Suede Vest and Belt

—This is one of the smartest dress accessories brought out this season. It combines a vest and belt all in one, having two small pockets and trimmed with self-covered buttons. Shown in assorted colors. Special, 65c each.

### AID SOCIETY FUNDS GONE

Umatilla Publisher and Wife Accused of Theft.

PENDLETON, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—H. Ostdal, member of the City Council in the town of Umatilla and part owner of the New Era, a weekly paper, was arrested today on charges of embezzling the funds of the Aid Society of that place. His wife was the treasurer of the society and has also been placed under arrest, according to reports received at the office of Prosecuting Attorney Sletzer. It is said that the woman confessed to the accused man to acknowledge his guilt and that he has promised to make good the amount taken.

It is rumored also that W. G. Pegg, his partner in the newspaper, has sworn out a warrant for Ostdal's arrest, alleging that he has taken newspaper funds to which he is not entitled.

### IDAHO DEDICATES TODAY

Grounds to Be Scene of Event. State's Building at World's Fair



### Another Sensational Coat Sale The Newest Mid-Summer Styles HALF PRICE

\$12 to \$14 \$6.95 \$17.50 to \$22.50 \$9.85 \$35 to \$50 \$17.50 \$45 to \$60 \$24.45

—This is a general clearaway of our Spring Coats which embraces a goodly assortment of coats for every occasion. The prices are all exactly half, which makes it possible for you to buy the coat you have wanted for so long.

—Coats of taffeta silk, of moire silk, of wool crepe cloth, of golfine, of fancy Scotch mixtures of plaids, of bengaline, of Bedford cords, of charmeuse and the fashionable black and checks and fancy chevrons. In every fashionable shade shown this season, as well as black, white and blue.

—Modeled in styles that suit every woman's idea of becomingness, in full lengths, three-quarter lengths and the hip lengths. —Third Floor



### ONCE AGAIN THE UNUSUAL New Mid-Summer \$10 Hats In Black, White and Natural \$4.45

—These hats are truly very beautiful, offering almost a limitless variety in midsummer models. —Distinction, refinement and exquisite grace all find harmonious expression in these hats. And they possess an air of individuality that makes the French hats so distinctive. —The material is splendid hemp straw in black, white and burnt, and the trimmings are fashion-favored ribbons and dainty wreaths of tiny blossoms. —The latest bandeau roll brim is featured in these hats as well as the smartest sailor effects. The close-fitting shapes, the high side tilted styles are also introduced here, many having silk crowns and silk facings. —Second Floor

### English, French and American Bristle Goods One-Third to Half Price A Once-a-Year Opportunity

—A most comprehensive collection of hair brushes, cloth brushes, military, nail and tooth brushes. These brushes are FACTORY SAMPLES from the foremost manufacturers OF FRANCE, ENGLAND AND AMERICA. In every instance they are priced from One-Third to One-Half lower than we have ever been able to offer brushes of such superior quality.

- \$4.95 Hair Brushes, \$3.29
- Genuine ebony, concave back, extra stiff bristles.
- \$3.50 Hair Brushes, \$2.23
- Natural ebony back, extra long handle, 11 rows bristles.
- \$4.50 Hair Brushes, \$2.98
- Rosewood back, square block, extra stiff white bristles.
- \$3.50 Hair Brushes, \$2.23
- Oval style, 13 rows of bristles, in rosewood or real ebony back.
- \$2.95 Hair Brushes, \$1.98
- Real ebony, narrow block, 9 rows hand-drawn bristles.
- \$1.25 Hair Dresser's Brush, Only 83c
- Natural bristles, short handle.
- \$1.25 Men's Brushes, 83c
- Extra stiff short bristles, ebony or cocobolo backs.
- \$1.75 to \$2 Hair Brushes 98c
- A varied assortment of shapes and sizes in pure bristle, hand-drawn brushes, ebony or rosewood backs. Quality guaranteed.
- \$3.00 Pearson's rubber cushion hair brushes, triple bristles, \$1.98.
- \$1.75 Pearson's rubber cushion hair brushes, single bristles, extra long, \$1.23.
- \$1 Hughes' Ideal hair brushes, double bristles, 69c.
- 75c Hair Brushes, 39c
- Solid block, hand-drawn bristles.
- 50c Clothes Brushes, 33c
- Extra stiff bristles.
- \$3.50 Military Brushes, \$2.23 Pair
- Sanitary back, with best quality hand-drawn bristles.
- \$2.25 Military Brushes, \$1.49 Pair
- Sanitary; 5 rows best bristles.
- \$4.50 Cloth Brushes, \$2.98
- Natural or black ebony, convex or concave backs, extra quality.
- 50c Tooth Brushes, 31c
- Extra quality white bristles.
- 35c Tooth Brushes, 23c
- Large assortment of shapes and bristles.
- 25c Tooth Brushes, 14c
- Best hand-drawn bristles in all styles.
- 50c Nail Brushes, 29c
- In all sizes and shapes.
- 25c Nail and Hand Brushes for 13c
- In a large assortment.
- 10c Hand Scrub Brushes, 6c
- All rubberset shaving brushes at 25 per cent discount. —First Floor
- \$1.25 Bath Brushes 98c
- With detachable handles.
- 50c detachable handle bath brushes . . . . . 29c
- \$2.50 Headache Brushes \$1.98
- Kent's brushes made of whalebone bristles.
- 35c Kent's Nail Brushes 29c
- \$1.00 Imported Nail Brushes 79c
- With bone and ivory handles and some with grooved backs.
- 10c Children's Tooth Brushes 5c
- 35c Prophylactic Tooth Brush 25c

### ENGRAVING SALE

- 100 Engraved Cards, 45c
- We will engrave from your plate 100 cards on Crane's stock linen or kid finish for only 45c.
- 50c Correspondence Cards Special, 25c
- A card cabinet containing 24 gold-edge cards of white linen stock and two size envelopes to match.
- 75c Gold Edge Box Paper 39c Box
- Paquin stationery of finest linen paper in white and colors, packed in box containing 24 sheets with gold edges and 24 fancy cut envelopes, gold edges.
- 75c Correspondence Cards 39c the Box
- Paquin stationery card cabinet, packed 24 gold-edge cards and envelopes to match, of the finest linen stock, in white and colors.
- 65c Box Stationery, 33c
- Large box, containing 48 envelopes and 24 gold-edge cards and 24 sheets of paper, of a good linen stock.
- 40c Gold-Edge Correspondence Cards, 19c Box
- Cabinet containing 24 gold-edge cards, with envelopes to match, of fine linen stock.
- 50c Pound Paper, 23c
- Court linen, pure white paper, of 1 pound of "96 sheets" and 15c envelopes, for 10c pkg.
- 60c Hurd's Pound Paper, 35c Pound
- A 1-pound box, "96 sheets," Hurd's linen paper in white.
- 18c envelopes to match, 12c package.
- 75c Initial Paper and Cards, 25c Box
- Old Britany box, containing 48 envelopes, 24 cards and 24 sheets, all embossed with fine gold initial. —Basement

### 25 Per Cent Reduction on all Rubberset Shaving Brushes.

First Floor.

**Lipman Wolfe & Co.**  
"Merchandise of Merit Only"

### KNIGHTS CHOOSE OFFICERS

Catholic Organization Selects Portland Men on Staff.

Delegates to the annual state council of the Knights of Columbus have re-elected W. P. O'Brien, of Astoria, state deputy. A. A. Mickie, of Albany, was named state secretary, succeeding Joseph F. Franzwa, of Eugene, four years in that office. E. P. Noonan, of Astoria, retired as state treasurer after four years' service, being re-elected by Martin B. Donahue, of La Grande.

### JOHN W. KELLY, OF PORTLAND, WAS

elected state advocate, assuming duties formerly shouldered by Frank J. Longorgan, of this city. Hugh McLain, of Marshfield, was re-elected state wardman and Rev. E. V. O'Hare, of Portland, was elected state chaplain for the second time. Mr. O'Brien and Roger B. Snott were selected as delegates to the Detroit session of the supreme council, with H. J. Maier, of The Dalles, as alternate. There are 1409 Knights of Columbus in Oregon.

The only candidate for a legitimate public-owned public morgue, Dr. Sam C. Slocum.—Paid advertisement.