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Haiti and Mexico—A Contrast.

The proposal of the Administration to establish a protectorate over Haiti will meet with the general approval of the American people. That is the only alternative to interference by some European creditor nation as soon as its hands are free.

After more than a century of independence, Haiti has proved itself utterly incapable of self-government without outside aid and guidance. The nations whose citizens have invested their lives within its borders would not wish to see it fall into the hands of a foreign power.

But the wisdom and decision shown by the Administration in dealing with Haiti and its position of the Republic of Mexico are in glaring contrast with the weakness and indecision of its treatment of Mexico. For five years Mexico has been in as hopeless a state of anarchy as Haiti.

But it is clear that the country will not be reconciled to anything so solemn as the Republic of Mexico. It is a country that has been a constant source of trouble to the United States since the days of the Mexican Revolution.

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mail. They receive mail only every other day, and the parcel post has become ineffective, especially as to parcels of small value. The rural service is generally curtailed. Mass meetings of patrons to protest against Mr. Burleson's "reforms" are becoming more numerous daily.

Rural carriers are losing interest in the service and many have resigned through fear of dismissal. Democratic postmasters having been instructed to make confidential reports as a basis for reductions. The result has been discrimination in favor of Democrats.

Justice Hughes has written a letter to ex-Governor Stokes, of New Jersey, repudiating again the effort to make him a candidate for the Republican nomination for President. Governor Stokes has not given the letter out for publication, but evidently he has afforded to certain interested persons a chance to take a peep.

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State Senator Sullivan, of Stillwater, Minn., made the above statement in Portland a day or so ago and he gave good advice. No doubt he speaks from a ripe knowledge of the facts. His statement is made as great strides towards prosperity the last 15 or 20 years as any state in the Union.

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when they left the forge and anvil, but it was not to earn a living. They had had by enough easily to supply their wants for the rest of their lives. The village lawyer does not retire usually until he dies, because his occupation is stimulating and agreeable.

His work is hard, and unless he applies modern methods, it is uninteresting. He would be very foolish to sacrifice these bland rewards of virtue as long as he can cling to them. The farmer's case is very different. Everything urges him to retire as soon as he can.

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European War Primer By National Geographical Society. BELFORT, from which the most plentiful, tenacious and successful of the invasions undertaken by the Allies, that into southern Alsace, has been based, is a powerful fortress on a par with Metz, and one of the most important keys that lock the northeastern gates of France.

Belfort and Metz are among the strongest forts in the world, both possessing formidable natural positions which have been strengthened in every way known to modern engineering. The primary importance of both places is their military strength, and in neither place have commerce and industry "boomed" found any encouragement at the hands of the authorities.

Paris lies 275 miles away from this fortress in the west-northwest, and the capital and outposts are joined by the main line of the Eastern Railway. The German city, Altkirch, lies 17 miles west of Belfort, with a large railway station, and is connected with the French post by a narrow gauge line.

The forts of the city are the most up-to-date of works, constructed and equipped with the latest methods of freemasonry. They consist of powerful fortifications close upon the city and of outlying forts on the surrounding hills. During peace times there was a thriving manufacture of machinery, locomotives, wire, textiles and other products here, which manufacture is doubly valuable to the city in war time.

Belfort was the only French fortress to hold out against the German resistance in 1870-1871. Almost from the beginning of the war it was cut off from the rest of France, and the only communication with the city was through the famous engineer Vauban, but, supplemented by improvised field works, the city was able to hold out for 102 days.

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Loss of Good Position Because of Spendthrift Ways Good Lesson. In the new department called "The Family Money," in the September issue of the American Magazine, appears a little article by a man who was suddenly made a millionaire by the success of a business which he had not been able to manage. The man's name is not given, but he is said to have secured a \$5000-a-year position, which he might not have gotten had he not learned to save his own money.

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CO-OPERATION IN LAND CLEARING One Man's Hardships in Making Good Shows Need of System. PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—(To the Editor.)—An article in the Sunday Oregonian, recounting the experience of a man who had taken up 200 acres of stump land near Portland, was most interesting to me. He was wholly inexperienced and hampered by ill-health, but at the end of the fourth year had a start toward prosperity.

Such wealth can and will be produced from lands now idle, but it will not be by many men working single-handed on a problem that is not a one-man affair. Instead of the one man clearing land, a group of men should be organized, each man and woman can hope to do farming without any of the hardships which attend the clearing of such a body of residents can be depended upon for co-operative arrangements, canneries and marketing agencies, that will conserve profit to all members.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago From The Oregonian of August 26, 1890. Washington, Aug. 25.—Representative Lewis F. Wadsworth of Warren, Pa., dropped dead in the botanical gardens at the foot of the Capitol grounds this morning of heart disease.

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