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MEXICO

NOT DIRECTLY from the successes of the revolutionary bands in northern Mexico, but from the seething of revolt in other provinces, covering nearly the whole domain of the republic, must be found the grounds of the demand for peace so unexpectedly announced as coming from President Diaz and his remodeled cabinet.

BUT PORTLAND'S SAFE

THERE IS trouble everywhere. Lorimer holds his seat, and Diaz won't resign. The Japs are planning the capture of Timbuctoo, and the United States is bent on race suicide.

GETTING RID OF STUMPS

THE WASHINGTON state college is carrying on a propaganda for clearing land of stumps by the charcoal-pitting or coal-pitting process. The professors on the Great Northern demonstration train are bringing the knowledge to the doors of the people.

ONE ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE

OF COURSE Fred J. Brady is within his constitutional rights when offering himself as an aldermanic candidate, he makes fair promises of how he would perform if elected. But there was another time when Mr. Brady made promises to Portland people who still remember the performance he gave.

WHY NOT PURIFY THE SEWAGE?

MAYOR SIMON, Assistant City Engineer Huriburt and Councilman Ellis, having struggled with the problem how to dispose of the sewage of the Peninsula without polluting and poisoning the Columbia slough, have arrived, it is announced, at a solution. This is to build a "sanitary sewer" to discharge into the Columbia river, and an independent overflow sewer to drain into the Columbia slough.

house recently discovered that 38 special policemen put on to prevent blowing up of the capitol during Spanish war times were still on duty. They were costing \$29,000 a year, but that the Spanish war is over, and that there is no further need for them had been overlooked by congress for a dozen years.

STILL AN ISSUE

THE SAVING to the state by one convict camp working roads in Washington was \$2,290. The work done by the prisoners is placed by the highway commissioner at \$119,110. The expense of maintaining the camp was \$36,820.

LET T. R. ELABORATE

IS RACE SUICIDE to become a national issue? The colonel insists that every family should have at least four children, and Mrs. Townsend replies that he is "a fool and a four flusher."

ANOTHER PRECEDENT

To the Editor of The Journal—I have just read in your paper an article headed "Precedents of Cities." Now my object in writing this is to call your attention to Sacramento where this form was established in the early 60's.

THE VOYAGERS

THE VOYAGERS in all steamships plying to ports 200 miles distant from each other and carrying passengers will rejoice at the coming into force on July 15, next, of the act passed last year requiring the equipment of all such vessels with wireless instruments.

THE LUCERIC

IT TAKES TEN trains of 50 cars each to load the 15,000 ton ship now in the Portland harbor. Portlanders can look back at the time when a vessel of 16 and 17 feet draft often had difficulty in reaching this city.

A Woman's Point of View

Hood River, Or., April 18.—To the Editor of The Journal.—While the Initiative and referendum may be bearing in the main good results, it is to be regretted the majority of the voters of Oregon, at the last election, did not vote on the initiative plan.

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BACK TO THE FAIR—N.O.F. I'm the only guy on earth, I'm the only guy on earth, I'm the only guy on earth. Who doesn't you? For an Easter dream. And three months off. To love and fish; And I've no cough to break my wish. For I cannot swear When spring appears. That a doctor's care And a doctor's fears Make it a cinch That a winged And roll and clinch With pretty spring. I'm off. And birds may come. And bees may hum. And I go on. And do my stunt. So, hold my john, I never hurt. For a good excuse To get my job; There is no job. To wall and sob. And prate about charm And then go out. And grab a farm. The town is here. So, hold my O. K. I get my self. On each pay day. And see the trees. And I have my fun. And see the trees. And that's enough. Long years ago I tried the bluff. With a sparkling brass And it made me third. And sick and faint, I near expired. The form as it ain't. So stuck on spring. With its joyous cheer. The form as it ain't. "I'm glad I'm here."

Tom Johnson's Epitaph

From the Chicago Tribune. In his lifetime Tom Johnson of Cleveland expressed a wish. It remains after him. It will outlast the memory of everything that Johnson did or tried to do. Here is his wish: "When I die I hope the people will make a playground over my body. I would rather have the children romping over my grave than a hundred monuments."

Rectifying a Mistake

From the Detroit Free Press. Once in the Illinois legislature there were two men, Montague Harrison and Harrison Montague. The first was very short, the second very tall; but the speaker, during debate, once addressed the former as the latter. He recovered himself, however, quickly. He said with a chuckle: "It is strange that I should take Harrison Montague for Montague Harrison. If I were alive today he would cry 'trumpet-tongued.' You are drifting from the constitution—return to it. Reverse and preserve it. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Morals and Chickens

(Contributed to The Journal by Vast Mason, the famous Kansas poet. His prose-poems are a regular feature of this column in The Daily Journal.) There lived a man in someone's town—his name need not be written down—who talked and preached of right and wrong and always stood for virtue strong. He liked to show the shining way to every guy who roamed astray, and he was full of texts and saws, and vital truths and moral laws. And folks who heard him talk and preach would always say he was a peach. His next-door neighbors didn't rise to boom and praise him to the skies. They said: "The chickens come and scratch the stuffing from our garden patch; he knows they're driving us to drink, he knows what all his neighbors think, and yet he lets his doggone hens go skittering blithely from their pens to knock our gardens upside down—he is the meanest skate in town." The world is stocked with solemn frauds who do in sounding moral gauds and platitudes and good advice, and helpful hints fresh off the ice; they wag their jaws and wield their pens, and let their neighbors fight the hens. To treat your neighbors right will count for more than any amount of bluing words when we are called, and to the bar of Judgment hauled.