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MEXICAN PEACE

CONDITIONS have appeared that seem to augur an early peace in Mexico. A peace pact has been signed at Juarez.

Madero has taken formal leave of his army, and preparations are being made for the immediate beginning of his 48 hour trip to the Mexican capital.

It is a work that Diaz ought to have done. Had his later years been devoted more to amelioration of the conditions in the Mexican community.

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His colleague and partner in hoodling is in San Quentin for a 14 year term. Schmitz' reputation is gone, and so is his money. Fate, by a strange chance, lifted him from his place as fiddler in a San Francisco orchestra and made him executive head of one of the great cities of the country.

Schmitz and Ruff had their time, and must pay the price. We all have sooner or later to pay the price.

PAROLED PRISONERS IN CANADA

THE PAROLE system has been in operation in Canada for 12 years. During that time 3750 prisoners have been released from prisons and penitentiaries. Of these over 2500 have earned full liberty.

When a prisoner is paroled care is taken that he gets away from former environments. Work is found for him elsewhere, and some one in the new community is entrusted with his secret and is charged with taking a friendly interest in him.

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of these nations would think of tying their hands in such contingencies as were conjured up at Oyster Bay. But it is equally sure that the adhesion of these great nations to arbitration treaties would add enormously to the unlikelihood, in fact, to the impossibility, of its wanton breach by any of the signatory powers.

BECAUSE A BOSS

THE abuses of city government crop out in the news from Cincinnati. The same source seems to evidence the difficulty of proving and punishing those responsible for bad government in cities.

A court has dismissed the indictments against George B. Cox, Republican boss of Cincinnati. Sworn testimony before a grand jury was to the effect that as city boss he received from one city treasurer \$48,000 interest on public money, and from another \$17,500.

Resistance to the indictment has included every kind of device. For a time Cox was in hiding. A change of venue from one judge to another was secured on the contention that the first was prejudiced.

Men who are conscious of their own innocence ought not to fear a trial before a court of justice. The unwillingness of Boss Cox to submit his case to a constitutional jury is one of the remarkable phases in this remarkable case.

A less consequential defendant than a political boss would have had to go into court and face the music. The dismissal of the Cox indictments shows how valuable it sometimes is to be a boss.

OREGON'S IMMUNITY

FIFTY-THREE babies under one year old died in Chicago as a result of the four days of extreme heat ending Saturday. In the same city, a dozen children disappeared and their fate is not yet known.

In Toledo one victim died from the heat, and in every considerable city from Chicago to Washington there were prostrations, and the most intense suffering. The sizzling heat with which a merciless sun attacked the people of a huge zone for four days was the most severe in a May period of many years.

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master General Hitchcock, Eugene and The Dalles being added to the list in Oregon. It has been a long and arduous campaign for the system, but there are signs that the opposition is gradually breaking down.

There is strong opposition in England to the plan of paying members of parliament a salary of \$2000 a year. Inasmuch as there is no mileage or other perquisites, what would the Britishers think if they had to pay for the maintenance of the American congress?

In Cleveland, two were wounded and 10 others hurt in a church row. Evidently, when the first of the belligerents was smote on the right cheek he did not follow the Biblical injunction to turn the left.

Letters From the People

Another Estimate of Gov. Wilson. Portland, Or., May 21.—To the Editor of the Journal.—When I left the Army last Friday night after listening to Governor Woodrow Wilson I had the feeling that a truly big man had made a great speech.

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COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE. Now will Mr. Morgan pull off a bank? Standard Oil will get around it—for a while.

There is a White man on the supreme court bench. The senate is nearly as bad off as the house of lords.

It is the evergreen land; too out into the country and see. A few people are left who are not real estate men—only a few.

It looks like Rockefeller would have to trust to the Lord—and his lawyers. A mere man suggests that the proper emblem for women's clubs should be a club.

The more rain now, the better the chance for fine weather for the fiesta week. Well, didn't we have May in April—even in March? What are you kidding about?

One thing can always be safely predicted about a convention of women; that is, rows. Whoever else is elected on June 5, there is no doubt about Rosa being elected queen.

Miss Queen Rose is lying low now, but will shine all the more resplendent next month. A good, successful teacher is always learning; Governor Wilson is a conspicuous example.

Even in the courts the people are ruling. The multitude of learned words is "Vox Populi." Maybe when Portland has a million inhabitants in ten years, is it?—she will find a swifter mayor.

The trouble with Diaz is that he didn't die at the proper time. The Lord lets some men live too long—it seems. Now Mr. Tobacco Trust, stand up and prepare to take your medicine.

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OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Dallas Fruit Growers' association will hold an apple fair in Dallas early in November. Workmen will soon be putting the finishing touches on the new McKinville hospital.

The Ya Grande council has awarded an additional sewer contract for 7 1/2 miles, at \$40,000. The circus poster men reached Pendleton just in time to be caught by the new anti-sign ordinance.

Silverton has the materials on the ground for the new main supply of the sewer systems. Work will commence at once. The Fraternal Brotherhood at Albany has opened a membership campaign. The market set is 250 by October 1.

The old building of the First National bank has been seen torn down and a new building will be erected on the site. The membership campaign of the Women of Woodcraft at Baker will close with a grand rally and banquet this evening.

Instead of cleanup day, the women of Astoria propose to make it cleanup week in view of the approaching centennial season. The Silverton Marine band has been engaged to furnish music for the W. A. and R. N. A. picnic at Woodburn, Thursday, June 1.

The Carlton Sentinel has taken a house to house census of its town and counted exactly 554 people. This beats the government count by 183. Madras Pioneer: The Central Oregon Well Drilling company has reached a depth of 100 feet in the well for drilling for the O-W. R. & N. Railroad company.

It has been decided by the Madras council to proceed with the well for the city water system, whether the \$10,000 bonus issue authorized is disposed of or not. Eugene Register: Felix E. Moore of the Eugene High school, was elected principal of the Ashland High school. Ashland is now building a \$75,000 high school.

Ashland Record: Rev. George Williams has been called as pastor of the Central church in Astoria. He will also have charge of the new church at Talent, which he organized. Medford Mail Tribune: By a vote of 56 to 2 the city charter of Phoenix has been accepted by the citizens of that city. The city needed water system can now be installed and work will commence in the near future.

Hillsboro Independent: Mayor Bagley has donated his official salary for the next year and a half to the High school piano fund. He receives the salary of \$1000 a month, but the total amount will wipe out the indebtedness for the instrument.

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What An Army Career Offers

Edward Marshall in June Columbian. Summarized, this is what a man who thinks of marching for his Uncle Sam as an enlisted man has to consider: On first enlistment the soldier for Old Glory, nowadays, gets \$15 a month, far better pay, for instance, than the average clerk's, for board, lodging and clothing are furnished by the government.

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