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Ye who would in aught excel, Ponder this simple maxim well: A wise man's censure may appeal, But a fool's praise is worst of all. —Bohn Mas.

THE CARRANZA NOTE

DISQUIETING incident in the Mexican situation is the suggestion by Carranza to the Washington government that the United States troops be withdrawn from Vera Cruz.

It is a disappointing note in that it is based for the surmise that the rebel leaders may, after all, make common cause with Huerta.

The administration regards the note in such a light, and is reported to be considering a plan to prohibit the further shipment of arms and ammunition from the United States into Mexico.

The arms embargo on the shipment of arms would undoubtedly be accepted by the rebels as evidence of hostility, and thus, one misunderstanding may gradually lead to another until we are brought face to face with the Mexican people re-united and wildly antagonistic to the people and government of the United States.

The case presents a situation of almost unparalleled difficulty. For more than a year, the president has maneuvered for peace. He has subordinated force to fairness. He has endured criticism and heaved censure in the patient endeavor to avoid resort to arms.

It was in the interest of constitutional government and civilization that he refused to recognize Huerta. It was to save their constitution and their right to govern themselves by ballot instead of being governed by bullets that American recognition was withheld.

It should mean as the ultimate a bloody journey by American troops to the Mexican capital, history will record that the American nation was long suffering and endured much in the effort to purchase peace.

A COMMERCE OF MILLIONS

THE Dodge steamer line between Portland and San Francisco has added another ship and is to maintain a twice-a-week schedule.

An additional ship also goes into service for the North Pacific Steamship company, and the Arrow line has added the steamer Yellowstone to its Portland-San Francisco-Coos Bay service.

There is but an inadequate understanding by the general public of the value to Portland of these coasting vessels.

The story of big cities in the world is the story of cities located on waterways. It is true of Europe and true of the United States.

What other proof does Portland need of the value of her waterway and the importance of multiplying the number of Portland-bound ships?

LOGGED-OFF LANDS

THE Coquille Commercial Club has decided to take an active part in disposing of logged-off lands in Coos county to actual settlers.

The program mapped out by the Coquille club has foundation in sound business judgment. One of Oregon's greatest needs is an influx of hardy pioneers who will go onto the soil and conquer it.

A PRODIGAL NATION

THE death of Frederick Weyerhaeuser, wealthy timber owner, has directed attention to his holdings.

The Los Angeles Express says that this colossal fortune represents, as none other ever has or can, the operation of old-world methods and laws which have taken little account of the claim of the people, as a whole, to the great, generous natural resources of a continent.

There is an outcry against poverty and want. We have gone on sacrificing nearly everything to a program for the encouragement of individual enterprise.

WITH HIS SWAGGER

IN LOUD, angry tone, a fat man gruffly ordered a waitress to take away a dish with which he had been served.

She was a frail, timid girl. Probably there was a mother and brothers and sisters at home, whom she was helping to support.

It is all a mistake to hold that the girl who serves at the dining table, or the girl who sits at the telephone switchboard, or the lad who wields the lever on a street-car, or the man who swings the sledge in a blacksmith shop is an inferior being.

Your coarse person in the tea room, whether man or woman, who shouts at the service and browbeats the server is a bully, whose influence in life tends to dehumanize and brutalize others of the race.

JAPAN TO BE NEUTRAL

OFFICIAL announcement has been made in Tokio that Japan will remain neutral during the crisis in Mexico.

It is perhaps, fortunate for the United States that Count Okuma is premier of Japan. He is committed to eradication of naval corruption and to other internal measures having relation to Japan's greater welfare.

LANDED AND LANDLESS

IN AN attempt to get the owner and the buyer of farm lands together, the State Immigration Commission of Oregon has a representative a-field, making a list of properties for sale.

It is a plan to eliminate speculation and protect owners against exorbitant commissions. Many a homemaker has been the smooth representations of enthusiastic agents, been led into purchase of greatly over-capitalized land.

Every buyer so bitten, becomes a knocker. Every victim of frenzied finance, whether in Oregon or Timbuctoo, is plunged into a bad mood. He is resentful, and with reason. You cannot pluck a man, and expect him to be a sweet souled, forbearing Christian gentleman altogether.

The first news that Huerta wanted war with the United States was brought to this country by the United-Press. It was through that medium that the fact was first brought to the attention of the Washington government.

A FEW SMILES

"Farm products cost more than they used to."

"Yes," replied Mr. Cortnessel. "When a farmer is supposed to know the botanical name of what he's eating, and the chemical name of what will kill it, somebody's got to pay."

"I thought I would remind you of that."

"I beg your pardon?"

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

A tourist "doing" one of the many old inns of England had ordered tea and a sandwich.

"Nervous Lady (in whose street there have been several burglaries)—"How often do you police-men come down this road?"

THE SOURCE OF LICENSE MONEY

St. Helena, Or., April 21.—To the Editor of The Journal—Mr. Engelke's article in his article published April 20, rebukes some minister for stating that persons committing crime are not religious, and then attempts to back this up as not true, because, as he says, "all preachers are believed to be religious."

PARCEL POST DELIVERY METHODS

Portland, Or., April 23.—To the Editor of The Journal—Several merchants at Postmaster Myers' office, announcing that they had secured the parcel post, under the business like administration of Uncle Sam, was questioned.

SCRIPTURE ON LIQUOR PROBLEM

Boring, Or., April 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—Mr. Finney has a zeal for temperance but not according to knowledge. As it is written, "They that are unlearned and unstable, contend with a scene of destruction."

Pistol Toting in the Movies

Portland, April 21.—To the Editor of The Journal—It goes without saying that the pictures are invaluable for educational purposes.

SMALL CHANGE

The county poor farm is itself no pauper.

Apparently nobody is sorry for going to church last Sunday.

PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

Five-dollar prizes offered by the Punctuated Calendar and reliable public school pupils for best 500 word arguments in favor of bonding the city in the sum of \$5000 to buy a public park and improve the water system, were won by Ray Bare and Arthur Stewart.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

C. H. Stewart, for several years manager of the Commercial club of Albany, has been re-elected unanimously for another year's service.

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