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**OREGON'S DECLARATION**

The independent note apparent in  
the statement of President Alvaro  
Obregon yesterday in re-  
gard to the resumption of relations  
with the United States calls atten-  
tion to the increasing stability man-  
ifested in that revolution seared  
country since Obregon became its  
executive head.

Mexico, he declares, is establisht  
with regard to international law,  
and there is no necessity for a treaty  
establishing it anew. This is rather  
a novel way for Americans who  
have watched Mexico's trouble at  
close range for the 12 years to be  
advised of the position of the repub-  
lic across the southern border.

Mexico has been increasingly sta-  
ble since Carranza was driven out  
and assassinated. The Obregon gov-  
ernment has been vigorous, and  
several little rebel chiefs who have  
stirred their own feuds have been  
quickly squelched.

The masterful Obregon, who was  
a rebel for ten years, has a govern-  
ment at the present time as strong  
as the old Diaz rule, although the  
present power is dispersed far more  
humanely.

Customs have been reestablished,  
and a regularly paid and well equ-  
ipped army is maintained. A system  
of land distribution, breaking up the  
large estates that were the cause  
of original discontent, has been or-  
ganized and is being carried out.

Mexico, Obregon declares, neither  
evades or will evade in any way  
whichever of the obligations which  
now rests as an independent  
nation. There is every indication that  
Mexico is almost in a position to  
resume her place among the nations  
of the western hemisphere, and it is  
to the interest of the United States  
to aid her.

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**SUCCESSFUL**

The Dalles can do things. She  
proved it last night beyond ques-  
tion of doubt with presentation of  
the historical pageant. Good as the  
pageant was, the manifestation of  
community enterprise was better.

A crowd variously estimated at  
from 4,000 to 6,000 men, women and  
children gathered on the rocky hills  
forming the great circle within  
which the pageant was presented.

It was a great life friendly party,  
for everyone in the crowd knew at  
least one person taking part in the  
scenes enacted before. The applause  
given was spontaneous and genuine-  
ly abundant. It was the most con-  
genial gathering of everyone in the  
city seen here in years. There are  
many who will say The Dalles a ver-  
y rare such a gathering before.

Maybe the weather contributed a  
whole lot. The climate could not  
have been made to order with any  
more precision.

People of The Dalles are learn-  
ing to get together to work out  
their problems. The Community  
Service movement is directly re-  
sponsible for the pageant. Unostentat-  
iously this work has been going on  
for three months. Groups have been  
organized here and there through-  
out the city, almost quietly.

The pageant was a gathering of  
the clans, so as to speak. The re-  
velation of what has been accomplish-  
ed in a short time was really mar-  
velous.

The Dalles can do something like  
this every year, and each time do  
it better. It will mean a great deal  
for the city. Hundreds and hundreds  
of visitors were here. They came  
from every direction and were pleas-  
ed with what they saw.

If you are disposed to criticize  
any feature of the pageant, bear in  
mind that this was a first effort.  
Remember, too, you did not have to  
pay for it, unless you spent a dime for  
a program. The pageant was con-  
tributed by people who are keenly  
interested in the welfare of The  
Dalles, and it should be accepted by  
everyone in that spirit.

The pageant can be improved up-  
on. No one denies it. Suppose then,  
that a lot of us pitch in next time  
and do a little more than we did  
this time.

**CIRCUIT RIDER IS RESIDENT  
OF UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Ege-  
ne, May 28.—He is a person with  
a hundred pupils, a missionary in  
a evangelic cause, a circuit rider  
with a circuit ten thousand miles  
long, a perpetual preacher, a roving  
exhorter, a traveling curate.

He is a University of Oregon stu-  
dent also—this man who is always  
going from somewhere to somewhere  
else. He is Mr. John W. Hoyt, Sun-  
day school missionary, with head-  
quarters at Ashland, Oregon. He is  
a student of botany. Here again  
distance is no obstacle. He studies  
by correspondence under the Uni-  
versity extension division.

"My work is unique," he writes,  
"I travel 15,000 miles each year in  
religious welfare work for children  
and adults in southwestern Oregon.  
I have been a missionary in this  
region for eight years and in this  
time have trails in a "Circuit of Ten  
Thousand Miles." I have slept out  
hundreds of nights, and every camp  
has for me a million wonders in  
biology and geology. I am a mil-  
lionaire in experience, though not in  
dollars. Though I have been a lover  
of nature all my life, and from coast  
to coast, I still find the mysteries  
of nature with a multitude of worth-  
while discoveries.

"I am making a special study of  
botany just now. The real assist-  
ance given by the University of  
Oregon extension has come as a  
great surprise to me. I am a cor-  
respondent student because I ex-  
pect to be a student to the end of  
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the United States should be dry, it's  
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wouldn't be living through the great  
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**THE BABIES**

We didn't know there were so  
many babies in and around The  
Dalles until the infant crowd as-  
sembled last night. But it seems  
there are a great many, and the  
percentage of attendance was about  
98 percent.

It looked as though there were  
more babies than grownups. One  
could reach out and touch half a  
dozen from most any place in the  
arena. There were pretty babies and  
homely ones; crying ones and laugh-  
ing ones, wakened babies and sleep-  
ing ones.

There were red babies and white  
babies and black babies and prob-  
ably a few Japanese and Chinese in-  
fants. The baby representation at  
the pageant was tremendous. None  
of them knew what it was all about,  
but they were there just the same,  
and maybe in future pageants, when  
they are taking part themselves, if

**LIVING COSTS MUST  
DROP BEFORE WAGES**

NEW YORK, May 28.—Further price  
reductions may be necessary before  
normal conditions in the steel in-  
dustry are restored, Judge Robert  
Gary declared today in an address  
before the American Iron and Steel  
Institute here.

With few exceptions, he said, it  
would be unjust to reduce wages  
further until living costs were  
brought down. The American people  
at present are not buying enough to  
supply themselves with the ordi-  
nary necessities of life, Gary declar-  
ed, although they have the means to  
do so.

**TOMORROW AT  
THE CHURCHES**

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY**—  
Seventh and Case streets. Services  
11 a. m. Sunday and 8 p. m. Wednes-  
day. Reading room maintained by the  
society in room 507 First National  
bank building is open to the public  
daily, except Sunday, from 8 a. m.  
to 6 p. m.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH**—Third and  
Lincoln streets. Morning services, 8  
and 10:30. Evening services, 7:30. Al-  
lar society first Sunday of month. So-  
cial circle, first Thursday of month.  
Young Peoples' club second and third  
Wednesdays. Knights of Columbus, first  
and third Mondays. Rev. P. J.  
Honcke, pastor.

Morning service, 11. Subject, "The  
... of the Christian. Evening ser-  
vice, 7:30. Sermonette by pastor, fol-  
lowed by a program of motion pic-

**Real Estate--Markets--Financial**

Rapid development of the Chen-  
oweth district as a suburban residence  
district, is evidenced by the number  
of new homes which are being con-  
structed there by local business men.

A. N. Nish is at the present time build-  
ing a modern home upon a lot which  
he has purchased in this district. Mr.  
and Mrs. Nish will be new residents  
in The Dalles, coming here from Mil-  
waukie, Oregon.

E. S. Gamble is also building a mod-  
ern residence in the Chenoweth ad-  
dition. The plans for this house were  
drawn by Vernon Williams, in archi-  
tectural or mechanical drawing at the high  
school.

The Chenoweth loop road has  
been virtually completed, and is open  
for travel. This loop connects the ad-  
dition with the Columbia River high-  
way, making a circuitous drive which  
is rapidly gaining favor among local  
motorists seeking a short evening  
trip.

Real estate transfers were few in  
week. A number of county transfers  
were recorded at the county house  
afternoon.

The Dalles Realty company record  
the following in the Outrigger addi-  
tion to Mrs. L. McCowan.

A. M. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. D.  
Deed: all of lots 18 and 19 of  
block 24 in the town of Marlette. Con-  
sideration, \$225.

Sylvester Babcock, et ux, to John  
L. Bruce, et ux; all of lot 4 in block  
16, in Bigelow's Bluff addition to  
Dalles City. Consideration, \$1,600.

H. C. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. D. D.  
Deed: property in block 12 of the original  
town of Duffer. Consideration approxi-  
mately \$500.

R. E. Ostrander, et al, to R. R. Rey  
nolds, et ux; lot number 5, in block  
A in Ostrander's addition to Dalles  
City. Consideration approximately  
\$500.

Sarah Sarah M. Campbell, et  
George M. Prunty, et ux; lot J in  
block 21, Fort Dalles military reserva-  
tion to Dalles City. Consideration ap-  
proximately \$1,000.

Bessie V. Brooks to Charles  
Ruscher; lot 3 in Root addition to the  
town of Mosier. Consideration approx-  
imately \$1,000.

H. B. Martin to H. C. Martin; lots  
37, 48 and 39 of Rowena, containing  
in all 118.8 acres. Consideration, \$500.

Rhoda Nye, et ux, to E. C. Fitzgerald,  
et ux; lot 1 in block 16, Fort  
Dalles military addition to Dalles  
City. Consideration approximately  
\$500.

Francis M. Warner, et ux, to Nellie  
Tipton; property in block 9 in the sec-

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**Memorial Day**

reminds us all that we share the responsibility  
for finishing the work for which America's  
heroes laid down their lives.

Every day is Memorial Day for those who have  
caught the real spirit of patriotism and are  
helping to make this a nation of independent,  
prosperous and thrifty people — substantial  
citizens of a substantial land.

This Institution will  
be closed on Memori-  
al Day, May 30th.

4% Interest Paid on Savings Accounts

THE  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
The Dalles, Oregon.

The volume of retail trade has been  
fairly satisfactory, at least for de-  
partment stores and other large stores in  
The Dalles. The amount of sales ap-  
pears somewhat less than last year but  
the physical volume of goods moved  
has remained approximately the same.  
It appears, however, that department  
stores and large establishments are  
doing a greater proportion of the total  
retail business than hitherto, so that the  
smaller establishments are running  
somewhat behind. Continued public  
demand in spite of wage reductions  
and at a time of considerable unem-  
ployment, appears to be accounted for  
by large popular savings of the past  
few years, and unsatisfied require-  
ments in many of the staple lines.

— National Bank of Commerce.

**WOMEN  
WANTED**

**One Big Shift  
9 Hours**

**KING'S FOOD PRODUCTS CO.**

Memorial Day Program announced for  
Decorative Day, The G. A. R. and  
W. R. C. will meet at Fraternal  
hall at 1:30 p. m. immediately  
the procession will form on Fourth  
street, with its right resting on Canal  
in the following order: Band, banner  
of company E, in command of Captain  
Christian James W. N. Smith Post  
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THE THING—YOUR  
HOUSE NEEDS  
THIS  
SPRING**

**YOUR HOME  
NEEDS A  
SPRING  
TONIC**

**Milne's Little Plumber**

If you give your home the  
proper spring tonic, chances  
are you won't have to take  
one yourself this season. See  
that your drains and pipes are  
in good clean working order.  
If not send for us. You'll find  
no draw backs to a plumbing  
job we do for you.

**THE CHRONICLE**

More than \$700,000,  
000 was spent last  
year for newspaper  
advertising by mer-  
chants and manufac-  
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