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Believe me when I tell you that saving time will repay you in after life, with a usury profit, beyond your most sanguine dreams, and that waste of it, will make you dwindle alike in intellectual and moral stature, beyond your darkest reckonings.—Gladstone.

THE CONQUEST OF VENEZUELA.

War goes merrily on in Venezuela. San Carlos, the Weak, is "silenced" by Germany, the Strong. The proud war vessels of the European emperor have annihilated the forts and navy of an American power; the flag that flies at the German's mast head, is a flag of defiance to the principles embodied in the Monroe doctrine.

Germany commits these outrages on this American nation, under the ruse of resenting an insult.

She has successfully carried out her ruse to the entire satisfaction of her European allies. She has wantonly stamped on the doctrine that has been defended by the United States for a century. She has done it in such an outspoken, boastful manner that it becomes a national insult, humiliating in the extreme.

In the first place, Germany and German subjects aggravated the riot and rebellion in Venezuela by uninvited meddling in affairs that could not concern them. Venezuelan railroads have largely been built by German capital under contracts so unreasonably severe that Venezuela finds it impossible to fulfill all their provisions.

As a forfeiture, for non-compliance with these stringent provisions, the German subjects demanded vast grants of land in the richest portion of the government—these grants amounting to more than the entire cost of the railroads.

Venezuela offered to arbitrate the claims; she was willing to pay her just debts; she was in the midst of a revolution and could ill afford to invite trouble from without. The German subjects took sides in the revolution, instigated the rioters and sought to overthrow the last vestige of order in that government, in hopes of being able to seize and hold some of the most valuable concessions of land, as pay for their services, and as a foothold they had long sought to acquire.

They were captured while in arms against the government, and then it was that Germany hatched up her theory of an insult, and annihilated the navy of Venezuela. For two months the German war vessels have hovered over the Venezuelan coasts, awaiting the shadow of an excuse to bombard the few remaining forts.

It is a studied campaign of conquest, by Germany. She seeks to enforce the demands of a few German capitalists, when these demands would deliver into the hands of Germany the choicest portion of Venezuelan territory.

It is pure, unadulterated, studied, wilful, lustful conquest.

SPEND IT JUDICIOUSLY.

We've got the fair appropriation, a half million strong. It was easy. Everybody said so, yet at times a certain uneasy, shaky feeling crept over the most sanguine advocate. Oregon has made a record for her-

self that sustains her splendid character among the states of the Union and the nations of the world.

Other states will take pride in following the lead of the Oregon legislature. The fair is in safe hands. The appropriation will gather strength, like a growing snowball swells into a giant as it rolls.

The next thing is to spend this money. It will require the utmost experience, the highest judgment, the most elaborate taste and skill, to spend the vast fund, which will accumulate in such manner that the country will be represented in its full glory.

It is no common undertaking to design the plans of such a pageant. It is a still greater task to execute the design. There is a world of wealth and resource to draw upon. The event that is to be celebrated, is so wide in its meaning to this nation, that no defined limit can be placed upon the territory from which the treasure of the exposition shall be gathered.

The committee in charge of that work will represent the American people; the scope of that committee's work is national. To begin at the beginning of that chapter of American history, to take up the golden thread of that expedition, where it first appears as a dream, a mist in the mind of Jefferson, to follow it through its various evolutions, its winding path through the doubting minds of that historic period, to find it gaining strength, growing into a fixed idea, with definite shape, and then to begin the perilous march across the wild continent, see the climax of its heroism in the winter camp on the Columbia, and from there, at that altar of an empire, to trace the splendid story of the Columbia of today, is a work that only these pioneers of the West are equal to.

To illustrate the process of evolution through which this Northwest territory has passed, since that day, and to display its wealth of resource and culture, its variety of riches, its high standard of usefulness and its possibilities of future growth and fruition, will require the exercise of wisdom and judicious choice.

Let the celebration be equal in scope and meaning to that spirit of patriotism and liberality which has marked the progress of the bill through the Oregon legislature.

The people are with you, gentlemen; proceed.

The financial scheme now going the rounds of the trust papers, purporting to be a plea from Aguinado, in behalf of the impoverished Filipinos, wears very suspicious earmarks and the poor Filipino is quite likely ignorant of its munificent offer. It is a plan to enrich a few impoverished capitalists in the islands.

The Milton correspondent asks if the county court was justified in paying \$68.75 per acre for a poor farm, when land that would meet the requirements could have been purchased for much less money.

NEED OF GOOD ROADS.

The centralized school system is being agitated considerably in Oregon at present and we believe that a bill to that effect will be introduced at this legislative session, but what good will it do if passed with such roads as we have here most of the school year? We believe that good roads are more needed in Oregon than the central school at present, for upon the condition of the former depends the success of the latter.

The first public innovation, to our mind, should be good roads, and until the public highways have been permanently improved, the success of

the central school will be greatly hampered. At the present, owing to the wretched condition of the roads and the long distances that have to be traversed, it would be impossible to insure a satisfactory attendance of pupils at a central school, only in the fall and summer months.

In many towns west of the Cascade mountains the mud is hub-deep in the roads more than half the year, where the question of centralized schools is being discussed. Movements for the betterment of the present educational system are strongly characteristic of the people of Oregon today and worthy of the heartiest approval and co-operation at all times, but any educational change under the present pernicious road system, which will dispense with the district school, should be most carefully considered by those most interested before action is taken one way or the other.

The years come and go without witnessing any permanent improvements to the country roads and it is quite evident that the little district school house by the wayside, the starting point of many a man now prominent in public life—will be with us for a long time to come.

The greatest and most serious obstacle to educational progress by centralizing schools in the districts of Oregon is the lack of good roads. And until good roads are established there will be nothing better, we believe, in the district school. Improve the highways first and other mooted improvements will be more easily secured and their success not be a matter of doubt or experiment.

W. S. MAYBERRY.

REPUBLICANS WARNED.

It is refreshing to hear men stand up in the joint convention and make light of the popular vote given Mr. Geer, when their own vote in their own counties, after a most strenuous campaign was less than that given for Mr. Geer, who did not raise his voice for a single vote in any county for himself. Gentlemen, once again, the Statesman warns you against the pursuit of a policy, now undertaken, fraught with the gravest dangers for the future.

This paper sounded the alarm last spring against the movement which proved ruinous to the party, but to no purpose. The result should still be fresh in our minds. Remember, that the majorities of all if combined, would not reach that given him. If his popular vote did not reflect the will of those casting it, what have you to say of your own much smaller vote?—Salem Statesman.

In the death last week of John Whallika, there passed from life the last of Cathlamet's Indians. At one time there was a colony of the noble redmen in that vicinity.

Showing Age.

Some people begin to show age before the meridian of life is reached, or they have lived out half their days. They are prematurely gray, haggard and sickly, and seldom free from an ache or pain of some description.

Cold feet, chilly sensations, stiffness in muscles and joints, weak stomach and poor digestion, lack of energy, and drowsiness, nervousness, etc., show that old age has been reached ahead of time. Bad blood and weak circulation more often produce these miserable feelings and signs of decay than anything else. An inherited taint or poison of some description is at work in the system, causing stagnation and a general unhealthy condition of the blood; and this, and not the weight of years, is dragging you down to an untimely old age and making life a protracted torture.

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