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AVIATOR.

Thou new-conceived brother of the bird. Explorer of unfathomed azure skies. Whose fluttering pulse high o'er earth are heard. Pray, what ethereal passions prompt thy rise? The drone of mighty beetle on the wing? Or condor, cormorant, or vulture bold. Presaging direful wars unseen? Or sing Thy blades of peace? Thy fairy craft doth hold Communion with the clouds, and gracefully Performs ellipses intricate, or vain. As swallow o'er the storm, drops carelessly Of death. Thou art the eye, the soul, the brain— So guard this vantage that thy destiny Be not black-plumed and hated bird of prey. —C. E. Fisher, in June Pacific Monthly.

IT MUST BE GRADUAL.

Some Americans acting through headquarters in Los Angeles are hoping to establish an "ideal republic" in Mexico. They are carrying on a revolution that in a way is part of the Madero insurrection yet the idealists do not recognize Madero as having authority over them. They want to go much farther than he in the matter of reforms.

But are the Mexicans ready for an ideal republic? It would appear they are not. For the most part they are ignorant, lazy and unprepared for citizenship as it is understood in the United States. Perhaps this condition is due to the Diaz methods. Under the dictator the Mexicans have had little voice in civic affairs. Governors, mayors, etc., have been appointed by the president, not elected by the people of the states and municipalities. Education has not been fostered as it should be. So it is not surprising the average Mexican is poorly equipped for citizenship.

But whatever the cause the fact remains that the people of Mexico are not in shape at this time to maintain an ideal republic and if the Los Angeles junta expects to establish such a government "all at once" their scheme is doomed to failure. A proper government for Mexico would be one that will build up the schools, so as to better educate the masses, and at the same time will gradually extend power to the people so as to strengthen them in their ability to govern themselves.

Any scheme for the reform of Mexico that leaves out of consideration the education of the Mexican people is lacking in a vital point. No government can permanently exist that is very far ahead of the people who support it.

EXTREMELY CRUDE.

Someone on the Eugene Guard is very rash and needs attention from the friends of the state university. Listen to this editorial extract from the issue of May 22:

"The O. A. C. may congratulate itself in having escaped the referendum thus far, and at the same time hampered other state schools by this means. In the future, however, it will find that every legislative appropriation it gets will be held up for two years, subject to the approval of the people."

If the man who wrote this paragraph is a friend of the U. of O. then the university needs a branch asylum in which to place some of its friends. Eugene people have no occasion to denounce O. A. C. because that school escaped the referendum while the university did not. The agricultural college was not responsible for the hold-up of the university appropriation. The referendum move started at Cottage Grove, in Lane county, the home of the state university. That such threats as the Guard

makes are silly and involve more danger to the university than to any other institution will be pretty obvious to most people. If this is a sample of Eugene politics then it would be well for the university to establish a course for the purpose of training its friends in the art of handling public affairs. Their work at this time is very crude.

WHY NOT DO MORE?

All of the street paving to be ordered by the city council is needed and more. As a matter of fact the council has not gone far enough with its paving district. Webb street also needs paving. It would be a splendid thing if Alta street could be paved, not merely to Johnson street, but through to the intersection with Court.

And what of Jackson street? Will the city council order the improvement of West Court and then fail to pave Jackson? The north side street is one of the most used thoroughfares of the city and it is now in worse shape than almost any other street. The property along that street is valuable residence property and the owners are quite as able to pay for paving as are the property owners on West Court.

The city has ordered a \$35,000 bridge for the benefit of the north side traffic. Why not arrange for an improved street leading from that bridge.

IT PAID TO DO IT.

By the terms of the verdict rendered by the jury in the branch asylum condemnation case yesterday the state board will be able to purchase the Hendricks tract of 10 acres for \$2500 or approximately one-half the price asked by the owner. The verdict affirms the judgment of Governor West and State Treasurer Kay in refusing to pay what they considered an exorbitant amount for the Hendricks tract. They insisted the state should be treated as any other purchaser would be treated and evidently the jury thought likewise.

It will be unfortunate indeed if the Bristow amendment has the effect of killing the bill for the direct election of senators. However the failure of the bill to pass need not stay the progress of this reform. Let the other states of the union adopt the Oregon system. We have direct election of senators in the fullest sense of the word and the people will stand by statement No. 1 regardless of what congress may do.

No doubt Justice Harlan is entirely right. The supreme court legislated of course and from a lawyers standpoint did wrong. The fact remains, however, that competition cannot be restored by means of the Sherman law or any other law. Competition is becoming a thing of the past. Regulation is now the order of the day and the energies of reformers should be directed towards bringing about effective regulation.

Rain is a good thing for the wheatman and the stockman but just now the Milton strawberries are suffering at the hands of Jupiter Pluvius.

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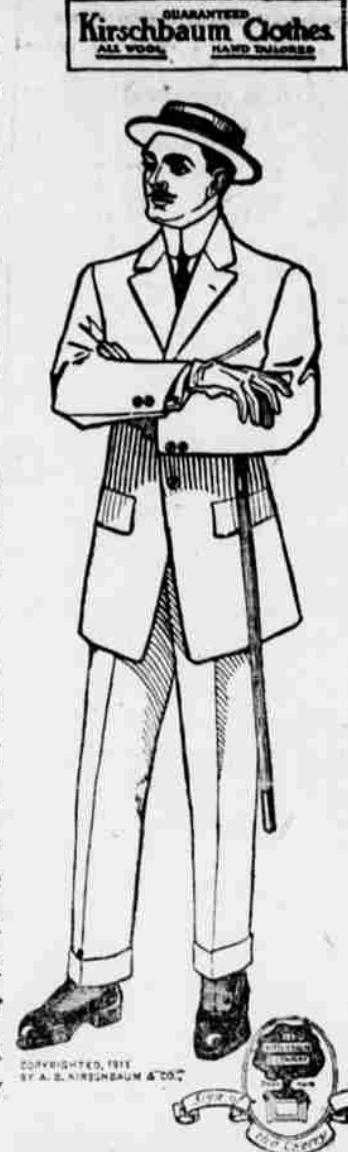
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