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MAY GET THRASHED.

President Cipriano Castro, of Venezuela, from now on has to exercise care if he does not precipitate a war. From what is gathered in the way of data few people will be found who would not agree that erratic president is deserving of at least a personal experience at the whipping post. But the unfortunate part of the matter is that he should possess the power to drag thousands of his countrymen into a war that would cost a great sacrifice of life and devastate the country.

The causes that may culminate in a war between Venezuela and France are many and are not all of recent date. For years the actions of the Venezuelan government have been such as to create the suspicion that they were not backed up by good faith so far as other nations, their representatives and subjects were concerned.

During the past year the friction between France and Venezuela has waxed hotter and hotter and several times during this period France has muttered the probability of a declaration of war against Venezuela. On account of the Monroe doctrine as upheld by the United States our government has been more or less worried regarding the outrageous actions of Castro and on several occasions has administered "soothing syrup" to that bumptious president. But things are now in about the last stages and the booming of the first gun may occur at any time.

Recently M. Taigny, French charge at LaGuayra, had occasion to visit one of his own country's warships which chanced to be lying in that harbor. At the end of that visit he was not permitted to place his foot on terra firma. He was practically expelled from the boundaries of Venezuela. This was an insult to France as she was at that very time according Venezuela's representative in Paris the greatest courtesy. French affairs have been placed in the hands of Mr. Russell, representative of the United States.

From recent actions of Castro the inference is made that Mr. Russell may be insulted and likewise the country he represents. In such event it is quite probable that "Uncle Sam" will tell the garcon to unleash the "dog o war." Or it may be that this government will man her guns. The outlook is not pleasant.

STABILITY.

Stability in all things is right, and matters we look upon as right, is an example of character of the highest type. If you have stability you have character. "If you're right then go ahead." Fix the matter of right firmly in your mind and hammer away. Be constant in your stability. For a government to be stable it must be composed of a stable people. This character denotes a high standard in a people or a nation.

If we make our government and its policies stable we are certain to command the respect of other nations. But in the past some of our policies have been studded with instability, notably the matter of a tariff schedule. It certainly seems time that this country formulated some plan which would render our rates of tariff more stable, cease the endless and provoking tinkering that has been our past history. On this subject the Saginaw Courier says:

President Roosevelt's message statement that "there is more need of stability than of the at-

tempt to attain an ideal perfection in the methods of raising revenues," is an utterance based upon practical experience. The President's further delation in immediate connection with his argument in opposition to unnecessary tariff tinkering that "the shock and strain to the business world certain to attend any serious change in these matters renders such change inadvisable except for grave reasons," should be accepted as conclusive in that direction. There are as many eloquent reasons in opposition to any change in tariff schedules just at this time as there are working men in the United States. Resident Roosevelt's plea for stability in tariff matters will find favor not only with the great body of his own party who are protectionists in theory and through principle, but will be approved by every practical man who has in mind the best good of the people of our entire country."

The Matter of Subsidy.

In the United States direct aid from the government to the farmer has not been looked upon with favor, being opposed in a general way to a democratic form of government. There are some exceptions to this rule, however, shown in the bounties paid for raising sugar beets and other kindred state legislation. Indirect assistance has been given to the farmer almost from the beginning. The builders of good roads, grants to railways, the work of the agricultural department and many other forms of encouragement are part and parcel of the American system of government.

The reclamation of the arid lands of the west comes nearer being direct assistance in development of the land itself than anything so far accomplished.

This, in turn, however, like the Victorian legislation, can not be regarded as benevolent towards any particular class of people, for it is a straight business proposition of unquestionable value not only to the immediate community but to the nation as a whole. Likewise, there is no possibility of loss even in the original investment but rather the promise of a tangible profit in the conduct of the work.

Loans to farmers would, undoubtedly, be opposed in the United States on the ground that it was class legislation designed to benefit those engaged in a single industry, but in the case of Victoria, her only possibility of growth, increased population and prosperity lies in securing the reclamation of at least part of the vast area which is still a wilderness. It certainly suggests itself as a most wise form of subsidy.

Bonuses to manufacturers, shipowners, etc., are assistance given to people who in turn are actually dependent upon those

who till the land for all their business. Therefore, if assistance is to be given in but one direction, it would seem the most statesmanlike course to build up the foundation of commerce first and then, if resources permitted, devote attention to improving the super-structure.—Maxwell's Talisman.

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW.

Provisions Made Clear to Those Who Will Ballot.

Within less than three months there will be a direct primary election for the nomination of candidates for the coming election in June. April 20 is when the new law will have its premier general test and it is but little understood. To the rank and file of voters this ignorance is not confined, but extends even to some who are directly interested in politics.

An interesting synopsis of some of the provisions of the new law are furnished by "J. H. S." in the Telegram, as follows:

Section 1 declares the purpose of the law and says that whenever its provisions are of doubtful or uncertain meaning or not sufficient in directions and details, the general laws of Oregon, and especially the election and registration laws and the customs, practice, usage and forms thereunder, shall be followed in the construction and operation of the law.

Section 2 provides that a primary nominating election shall be held 45 days before any election—except special elections to fill vacancies, Presidential elections and municipal elections in cities and towns having less than 2,000 inhabitants—to nominate candidates for United States Senator and all elective state, district, county, precinct, city, ward and all other officers, including delegates to a constitutional convention, in case one is called. These are all to be voted on at the election following. County central committees of the Republican and Democratic parties are to be elected at the primaries.

Section 3 provides that election precincts, polling places and the services of judges and clerks of election shall be the same as provided for under the general election law.

Section 4 requires the County Clerk to send out printed notices of a primary election 30 days in advance and requires the judges of election to post them.

Section 5 changes the old law with respect to the time of opening the polls and fixes the hour at noon and provides for writing the voter's party number in a poll-book headed with the name of each party.

Section 6 makes the direct primary law applicable to cities and towns of 2000 inhabitants and defines the duties of city clerks, recorders and auditors to be the same as those of the county clerks in the primary elections. It provides that in cities holding their

elections concurrently with the general state elections the city auditor, clerk or recorder, as the case may be, shall prepare, certify and deliver a list of all candidates for city offices to the county clerk 15 days before the election, and requires him to post them and place their names on the primary ballot, along with the candidates for county offices. It provides that all cities which do not hold elections concurrently with the state, the primary election shall be held 30 days before the general election. This section also confers power upon the legislative and executive authorities of the municipalities to establish voting precincts and wards and appoint judges and clerks of election, where the elections are not held at the same time as the state elections.

Section 7 provides for counting the number of persons voting at the primary, counting the votes of each party separately, placing the party vote in separate bunches and making the returns duly sealed and certified to.

Section 8 declares the purpose of the law to be that of giving each participating party a separate primary election, conducted as to the individual parties as nearly as practicable the same as at the general biennial elections in June.

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

OAK GROVE.

James Crabtree, of Palestine, was through this part Friday canvassing for a new volume which he claims has a good deal of merit.

F. W. Lawner, of Albany, was visiting friends here and at Palestine the fore part of the week.

Many of our people intend going to hear Sam Jones' lecture Saturday, the 26th of January, when he will speak in Albany.

S. P. Lawrenson has been on the sick list for several days past.

Mr. Shultz, of Albany, and Ed. Wiles passed through here Tuesday with 8 head of fine beef steers. They came from the Wiles' farm and were in prime condition for this time of the year.

Revs. Elmore and Douglas have been holding a series of meetings at North Palestine church for the past 10 days. There has been good attendance considering the inclement weather.

Grant McElhiney has been over on the Santiam trapping for the last two months; he reports business good and in a flourishing condition along the far-famed river.

Bill Baily, the W. J. Bryan of Fir Grove, has been laid up for some time with throat trouble. We suspect the trouble is that William orates too much while defending great questions at the debating society at Fir Grove.

George Beamis, one of Oak Grove's pioneer citizens, has been on the sick list for the past few days. Mr. Beam is getting well along in years and cannot stand the hardships of life as he could in times of yore.

Many good horses are being secured by dealers from Benton county farmers. Hector Bros. sold a nice span of blacks a few days back. They weighed 5562 pounds and brought \$550. They go to Seattle. The same buyer also bought the Al. De Armord coach horse, paying \$200 for him.

W. L. Cauthorn, who has been laid up most of the winter with rheumatism, is reported no better. He is at present with his daughter, Mrs. Evans, of Parker, Polk county, who is caring for him.

Fred Glaze, one of our Oak Grove boys, and a former student of the business department of Albany College, has been promoted from the local office of the Wells Fargo Express Company to the Portland Office of that company. Success awaits the young man who is willing to "get there Eil."

Prof. Leatherman, one of Oak Grove's fruit men, has been disposing of some of his apples of late. He sent two loads to



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market this week, receiving a good price for the same.

Barney Cady, who met with a street car accident last fall while attending the Lewis & Clark Fair, has discarded his crutches and manages to get along without them. He hasn't been able to do any manual labor since early in September, 1905.

Mrs. Altermatt and daughter, Bess



Can She Save Them?
Many a poor mother who feels that those she holds most precious are gradually slipping away from her over the terrible precipice of disease, would be thankful to know what Doctor Pierce's wonderful "Golden Medical Discovery" has done to restore thousands of weak and wasted children to complete rounded, rosy, healthy, activity and life.

"Five years ago this last fall I was taken down with a fever and was very bad for several months," writes Mrs. Henrietta Bell, of Diamond, Ohio. She continues: "Finally recovered from the fever, then my lungs became very bad. The doctor said I had consumption, and that he had done all he could for me, and he did not think that I could get well. My case was a very dangerous one. Became very weak, had night sweats, also a very bad cough, night and day. At times would spit blood. I felt as though my time on earth would be short. Requested my husband to get me a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and perhaps it would help me. Before I had taken one bottle my cough was almost gone. The next to disappear were the night sweats. I am almost sure that if it had not been for your medicine I would not have been here to-day."

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spent the fore part of the week visiting friends in Linn county, near their home.

Peter Karsten disposed of several head of beef cattle this week to local butchers. Beef is rather low, but if a fellow has a few to sell it will go some toward paying taxes.

Rev. Pawtherer, of Polk county, is helping in the meetings at Palestine. So far there has been four conversions, and the meetings will continue for some time yet.

Last Monday, Kola Neis, of Albany, bought of M. V. Leeper 200 bales of hops, the entire crop grown on his Spring Hill yard. The price paid was not given. They will be shipped to New York at once.

Four Hundred Babies.
St. Vincent's Infant Asylum, Chicago, shelters homeless waifs awaiting adoption, and there are nearly 400 babies there. Sister Julia writes: "I cannot say too much in praise of Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough." Contains no opiates and is safe and sure. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and insist on having it, as it is a safe remedy and certain in results. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Graham & Wortham.

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Cheap Sunday Rates Between Portland and Willamette Valley Points.

Low round trip rates have been placed in effect between Portland and Willamette Valley points, in either direction. Tickets will be sold

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Railroad Lands for Lease.

Lands of the Oregon and California Railroad Company, in Oregon, will be leased for the year 1906, subject to cancellation of lease in the event of the sale of the land during the term of the lease. Owners of farms and ranches adjoining railroad lands should file their applications not later than February 1, 1906, after which date applications from others will also be considered. Address: CHARLES W. EBERLEIN, Acting Land Agent, 1035 Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, Cal. 4-11

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I had never seen Mr. Royce, our junior, so deeply shaken, so visibly distracted, as he was when he burst in upon us a moment later, a newspaper in his hand. Mr. Graham, startled by the noise of his entrance, wheeled around from his desk and stared at him in astonishment.

[From The Holladay Case.]

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