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Notice to the Public

All notices of entertainments where admission is charged or where there is a money consideration, all cards of thanks and resolutions of condolence will be charged for at the regular advertising rate—5 cents per line.

Reformers, philanthropists, and all leaders in any movement for the uplifting or betterment of mankind, say they can see the dawn of a day of better conditions for the masses, and there seems to be no doubt of the signs of the times pointing in that direction.

Here in Oregon we have numerous legislative enactments that some of us call "Fool Laws", which are but the expression by an awakening people of their protest against conditions as they have existed. These protests are no doubt crude in form and sometimes clumsy in their operation, and often do more harm than good to the very people they were intended to benefit.

But lucky it is for the people of Oregon that the protests of the people have not assumed the same form they have in Colorado.

It is said that Colorado's legislature will adjourn without making any effort to provide a legislative remedy for the conditions that exist there, and if they do, anarchy, bloodshed and violence will run riot in the state again as soon as the United States troops are withdrawn.

The crude reform laws of Oregon and the violent manifestation of the protest of the people of Colorado are but the opening battles of what may become a nation wide pretest, and which, led by professional agitators, who never felt a throb of patriotism and whose only ambition is to live easily at the expense of their ignorant followers, there is no possibility of telling to what extent of unreasoned the agitation may reach.

There is a dissatisfaction in the minds of millions of people—a dissatisfaction that is produced by the feeling that, having put into their efforts for good citizenship all of brains and brawn they possess, they have still fallen short of the rewards that these efforts should bring them, and would bring them but for the advantage that is given others through the very legislation that Oregon voters have been trying in a crude way to abrogate.

Oregon may have a lot of "fool laws" but they are not so utterly foolish as the man or set of men who imagine they can stem this tide of protest by ridicule or a disregard for the rights of the people.

It would be better for all concerned if the interests at which most of these "fool laws" are aimed, could get in and help frame legislation that will correct the evils complained of and at the same time give all classes of people and all lines of industry an opportunity to reap a just reward for honest, earnest and continued effort.

THE SEVEN PRIZES GIVEN

Three first prizes—Seven days trip to the Panama Pacific exposition in 1915, with all expenses paid.

Fourth prize—A \$30.00 scholarship in one of Oregon's best commercial schools—Contestant to select.

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Sixth prize—A \$20.00 scholarship in one of Oregon's best commercial schools—Contestant to select.

Seventh prize—A \$20.00 scholarship in one of the best commercial schools in Oregon.

Church Services

METHODIST EPISCOPAL

HORACE N. ALDRICH, Pastor.
Next Sunday, 10 a. m., Sunday School, graded lessons and classes for all ages, J. I. Jones, Supt. Efficient teachers. Separate class rooms.

Evening service 8 p. m.

Morning theme, "Life and Love". In the evening this congregation will join the union services to be held at the Christian church, where the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the High School will be delivered.

Epworth League topic, "Christianity's Greatest Rival—Mohammedanism," 2 Tim. 3: 1-8. Leader, Blanche Lizer.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

R. M. Broadbooks, Pastor.
Services next Sunday: Bible School at 10 a. m., morning worship at 11, Junior Christian Endeavor at 3. There will be no services in the evening on account of the union meeting and Baccalaureate service at the Christian church.

Rev. E. M. Sharp of Albany College will preach at the morning hour of worship.

Christian Church

Services as usual next Sunday. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. At 11 a. m. the annual Memorial sermon will be preached by T. S. Handsaker. He is a preacher of wide experience and a forceful speaker. The evening service will be a union meeting of all the churches. Rev. M. H. Fagan will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of the high school.

Catholic Church

Services at St. Mary's church as follows: Next Sunday High Mass and sermon in the morning at 10.30. Devotions and Benediction in the evening, 7:30. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The Christian Science church holds service in their hall on Main street every Sunday at 11:00 a. m. and every Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

Oyster Shells—Grit and Chick Food at—West Side Grocery.

Bargains in second-hand automobiles.—Parker's Garage.

NIPPED IN THE BUD

How a Mexican Revolution Was Averted

By DONALD CHAMBERLAIN

On a veranda of a house situated on a hacienda in Mexico a man was pacing impatiently back and forth, now and again looking up the road that passed the place as though expecting some one. Presently a mounted man in the uniform of a general appeared and, on reaching the gateway of the hacienda, turned in and dismounted at the veranda. Without a word the two men entered the house and were closeted together.

"Well, general!" said the host. "Everything is ready for the revolution. Yesterday I ordered certain troops on whom I believe I can rely from the provinces to march early this morning for the capital. The troops now quartered there, who are supposed to be strong supporters of the president, cannot all be relied upon by him. The Fifth and Seventh regiments are said to be disaffected. By 11 o'clock tonight I shall have an army that will obey my commands ready to march at daylight to the city, seize the president and proclaim you as dictator. But it would not be policy for me to concentrate troops at a single point, for in this case the move would be suspected and thwarted."

Manuel Herrera listened to this with deep interest. He had filled some of the most important offices in the government, and ambition had led him to enter into a conspiracy to place himself at its head. There was no special reason why the president, Molina, should be deposed other than the fact that he was not the choice of all the factions that were pulling in different directions.

"To what points have you ordered these troops?" asked Herrera. "To points surrounding your hacienda. From the hill back of your house."



"SILENCE OR DEATH!" HE SAID.

A signal fire can be seen by every one of these corps. It is for you, senior, to give the order that will place in your hands the government of Mexico. At midnight light a fire on the hill, and each corps will march by converging roads to the capital. As soon as we are in possession a courier will be sent you to offer you the dictatorship."

"Very well, general. I will see that the signal fire is lighted at midnight. Go, and success attend your efforts."

The men left the room, and scarcely had they done so than a man of stunted figure and a crafty eye opened a closet door, looked out, listened and hearing footsteps on the veranda, passed through the room into the hall.

"There's a fortune for me in this," he said, and, leaving the hacienda, he began a walk of some ten or twelve miles to the capital. There, after some difficulty, he succeeded in getting an interview with the president.

"That will do," said the latter when he had heard the man's story. "But wait." Opening a safe, he took out a handful of gold coins and gave it to the informer. "If what you have told me is true, come again and I shall have much more for you." Then he tapped a bell on his desk and an attendant appeared.

"Tell my son that I wish to see him immediately."

A few moments later Jose Molina, a man not long past majority, entered the room. He found his father much excited.

"Jose, my son," he said, "we are in great danger."

"How so, father?"

"There is a movement on foot to depose me and put Herrera in my place. That arch traitor, General Ortiz, with his troops at different points surrounding Herrera's hacienda. At midnight a fire will be lighted on a hill in rear of Herrera's house, which will be a signal for those troops to march here, seize my person and make Herrera dictator."

There was a silence, which was broken by the son.

"What action do you intend to take to avert this effort?"

"What would you propose?"

The young man's eye lighted. This was the first time his father had ever asked his advice.

"Give me an hour to consider. If I can decide in less time I will do so."

"Very well. I shall need some time for consideration myself. Go and return as soon as your mind is made up."

The young man retired and before the expiration of the hour returned.

"Have you come to a decision?" asked his father.

"I have. These revolutions are more easily nipped in the bud than broken down after the first success. If all does not go well in the beginning those who have been led into them become panic stricken and desert. In this case we have an opportunity to cause the affair to fall apart without having struck a blow."

"Explain."

"I will go myself to the Herrera hacienda and conceal myself at the point where the signal fire is prepared. Doubtless but one person will be charged with that work. That person I will eliminate with cold steel. The fire will not be lighted."

"My dear boy," exclaimed the father, embracing his son, "you have hit the nail on the head! But suppose you have killed this single person you assume will be charged with the lighting of the fire. Will not Herrera, not seeing the sequel, send another?"

"Never fear, father. Whoever he sends shall receive the same steel."

As soon as the darkness fell Jose Molina, disguised as a countryman, mounted a rawboned horse and set out for the Herrera home. One matter of which his father was ignorant troubled him. Senor Herrera had a sister much younger than her brother, whom Jose had met, and an affair of the heart had resulted. The conspiracy was liable to break up this attachment. Inez Herrera undoubtedly sympathized with her brother's movement, and Jose must stand by his father.

Underneath was kneeling, and all she needed to depose his father was of a revolt in his place. Not a dozen yards from the fire was a clump of bushes, in which Jose Molina hid himself. He had taken the precaution to keep some two hours before the appointed time and had a long wait before him. The night was starlit, with no moon. At midnight the watcher heard a faint sound of some one climbing the hill, and soon he saw the dim outline of a figure.

The figure apparently stopped by the pyre. Like a flash Jose passed the interval between him and it and clasped a body in his arms.

"Silence or death!" he said in a low voice.

Jose knew that he grasped a woman by her dress. She struggled for a few moments, then remained quiet.

"Who are you?" he asked.

There was no reply for a time, then, "I know you by your voice. You are Jose Molina."

"And you are Inez Herrera. Listen to me. The fate of the Mexican people, your father's life, depends upon what we do here. This plot has been revealed by one of your servants. I knew that a signal fire was to be lighted here to start a revolution. I came to put this knife into him who would light it. How came you here?"

"My brother would trust no one else."

"And I would leave my father's interests in no one's keeping but mine. This signal shall not be given. My father is prepared for the emergency. You must remain here till it shall be too late to start the revolution. Then I will offer on behalf of my father, the president, terms to Senor Herrera."

"And suppose he refuses?"

"The parrot."

The girl shuddered. She had been opposed to her brother's project both on her own account and because she loved the son of the man he would depose.

"Very well," she said presently with a sigh; "I will do as you say and use every effort to persuade my brother to adopt your suggestion."

"He shall have the most excited of me next to that of president."

"How can you assure him of this?"

"I have saved my father from revolution and probable death. He cannot gainsay anything to which I bind him."

Inez suggested that they go to her brother at once, inform him that his plan was known to the president and that the signal fire had not been lighted. But Jose would not consent to this. He preferred that sufficient time should expire to thwart the revolution. Half an hour passed, and a footstep was heard below.

"Father!" called Inez.

"Why have you not lighted the fire?"

"I have been stopped from doing so. Your plot is known to the president."

"Advance, senior!" called Jose. "I am authorized by President Molina to make terms with you."

Herrera considered for awhile, then asked what would occur if he returned to his house. Jose convinced him that such a course would be unwise in the extreme. Inez settled the matter by telling her brother that she was held as a hostage.

There have been many revolutions in Mexico and many intended ones. The one that has been narrated here and that never came to a head ended very happily. Senor Herrera became the head of the Molina cabinet, and the political alliance was cemented by the union of Jose Molina and Inez Herrera.

Lewiston, Idaho—Surveyors thought to be in the employ of the Chicago-Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad are reported looking for a route from the head of the Potlatch river into the Lewiston country.

Seattle Ex-Mayor Seeks Toga.

Seattle.—George F. Cotterill, who retired last week as mayor of Seattle, has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for United States senator.

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Vegetable Nightcap

A vegetable nightcap may be seen in the agricultural museum at Washington. It is the sheath of an immense African flower and is used by the natives as a cap. Turned up around the lower edge, it runs to a point like a tasseled nightcap. Its color is a rich brown, its texture of a fine lacelike quality, and it is strong and durable.

Arranging Matters

"Here is a map of the route we shall take."

"Did you make two of them?"

"No. What for?"

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