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DON'T RUSH INTO TROUBLE

President Wilson's Mexican policy seems to furnish opposing politicians an opportunity to show off their belligerent proclivities to a large extent, and it is a blessing to the country that those who stand at the head of governmental affairs are better balanced combatatively than those who are trying to rush this country into strife with Mexico.

A good stock of combativeness is all right as it lends energy to an individual, or to a nation, but a lack of caution with it will get either into trouble and sometimes the cost in life and wealth is appalling. Mexico is causing this country trouble. Our statesmen are perplexed, and just what is best to be done does not yet appear. It is urged that the United States should intervene. But for whom should we send our armies into Mexico? Shall we send them to establish the Huerta government and uphold Huerta as an usurper? Shall we support the Constitutionalists who have not yet shown themselves worthy of support, or shall we turn in and kill and slaughter just because we want to fight?

O, but you say: "They are killing American citizens and they ought to be made to behave themselves. They are butchering other foreigners and destroying their property." Well, let us see; these American, English, German and other citizens went into Mexico to gain the advantages that country afforded for gathering wealth; they were not loyal enough to their own countries to stay at home and help develop them, and neither were they loyal enough to Mexico to become citizens there and help develop her resources and build up a stable government. They wanted to exploit that country; to take advantage of her resources and while they were doing so they wished to have the wealth and the military backing of their respective governments behind them. Their purpose and position is one of extreme selfishness. They have witnessed the storm gathering for years and have been warned to leave that country and have not done so. Now, by what rule of justice should this country sacrifice the lives of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of American citizens for a class of people who were not loyal to their own country nor to Mexico.

There are a good many newspaper men, writers and cartoonists who are endowed with a large bump of combativeness, but with a small degree of caution, who are doing all that they can to rush the administration into intervention. Trouble will come soon enough; there is nothing in Mexico to fight for

yet except territory, and to take that and establish peace there would cost more in loss of life and property than it is worth.

STATE PROHIBITION

The cause of state prohibition in Oregon is looming up and gives promise of becoming an actual fact in the near future. In many minds, some for and others against the traffic, the belief is gaining ground that the saloon, with its blighting influence, must go.

Self preservation ought to be sufficiently strong in each person to protect them from the awful degradation to which the use of alcohol as a beverage will drag them, but it is not. The power with which it stimulates the physical being and excites the nervous system, breaks the will-power and the person who persistently toys with its seductive influence comes under its toils only to find that he is a prisoner on the road to ruin unless he can break the bonds that bind him.

In the manufacture of whiskey it requires a copper still to stand the effect of its influence upon the metal, and this being true, the person inclined toward drinking it should take warning, as the human repository for drinks is not lined with copper, and is not created as a dumping ground for all kinds of poisons and indigestible things.

One of the promising features in the coming battle of ballots is that there are many voters among the drinking class who seem to recognize their danger and will vote to put intoxicants out of their way. Another encouraging item is, that the dispensers and distillers of alcoholic drinks are becoming convinced that their business must soon cease.

Appetite is a strong advocate for that which will appease its longing, whether for the good or for the destruction of the one who has acquired it. Was it not for this condition there would be but little trouble of settling the alcohol question.

One thought more; most persons believe in a future existence, and that this is a probationary stage. Now suppose we do not overcome the desire for strong drink and weed it out of the system in this life, when the body is resurrected and the spirit again takes possession, will not that awful appetite become a future condition that cannot be appeased?

LOOKS VERY BAD

On another page is found the story as told by Lieutenant Grimes, of Sacramento, as elicited from members of the unemployed army who were ejected from the Capitol city of California—men who stand as leaders in the army of idle men—while Mr. Grimes was acting detective, being disguised as a hobo.

It is hard to believe such tales, and yet the spirit of the times is such that undesirable conditions are not only engendered but are fostered as well.

We believe that we have the best government that the sun shines upon, and we are proud to be known and called American citizens. We have seen how the Spirit of Liberty enlightening free America has shed forth

its blaze until the nations of earth have come under its energizing rays and all mankind have been benefitted. Yet, with all this, we have seen conditions grow and changes come that cast baneful shadows over the splendid civilization that has been achieved.

We have seen wealth enthroned and have witnessed the struggles of labor, not only in our own country but in others. We see the dissatisfaction rising at home and abroad, and as idle brains are said to be the devil's work-shop, there may be plans laid deep and strong for the overthrow of present conditions.

There is the spirit of war brewing in Ireland over Home Rule; in England the Suffragette campaign has led into a state of anarchy among its advocates, and other lands are rife with trouble. All these conditions, coming about the civilized world over, ought at least put us upon our guard and make us vigilant.

CANDIDATES

Notice of Nomination

After consulting with many of the voters of Lincoln and Polk counties, I have consented to announce myself as a Republican candidate for Joint-Representative in the Legislature for the counties of Lincoln and Polk, and most respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the two counties.

S. G. IRVINE.

Newport, Oregon, Feb. 3, 1914.

Adv.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Surveyor of Polk County. I have been engaged in surveying and Civil Engineering for fourteen years; have been a resident of Polk County for eight years; was Chief Engineer of the Salem, Falls City and Western Ry. for six years. At the present time I have an office in the Dallas National Bank Bldg. and am prepared to do farm surveying or general Civil Engineering work of any character.

SANDFORD B. TAYLOR.

Adv.

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Polk County, Oregon, upon the Democratic ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election, and if nominated and elected I will to the best of my ability enforce the laws on our statute books without fear or favor, and especially the laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors, and I will practice the utmost economy in the management of the County's business.

J. H. SAVERY.

Adv.



FOR TREASURER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of County Treasurer of Polk County, at the primary election, May 15, 1914, on the Democratic ticket.

J. E. RICHTER.

Adv.

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Washington Lands

80 acres, 9 miles north of Goldendale, 12 acres cleared, mostly in apples, 60 acres good land, balance rocky; good house and barn.

320 acres, 3 miles from Centerville, prairie land, 225 acres under plow, part of land is second swale, part of uncultivated land can be plowed, the balance is pasture land; hog-tight fences, mostly new; well, springs, windmill and tank, house, new barn and other buildings. Owner does not need cash and has farm machinery to sell on reasonable terms.

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