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MEXICO'S "BLACK ANGEL."

Francisco de la Barra, minister of foreign relations under the provisional government of Huerts, has accepted the candidacy for vice-president on the ticket with Felix Diaz. The aged Luis Terrazzas of Chihunhua, "the black angel of Mexico," and head of the greatest land-owning family in Mexico, supports the Huerta government. Mary Boyle O'Reilly (daughter of John Boyle O'Reilly), writing from Chibuahua City to the Cleveland Press of March 1, thus describes the old Terrazzas' relations to past, present, and perhaps future governments of Mexico.

"This man of eighty-three, this man who for years has been called 'the iron hand' of Diaz, will fight land reform to the end of his life. Even now he is equipped to send down upon his country another revolution, shall Huerta be overthrown and a democrat put in power. The present revolution has found its strength, much of its finanical support and practically all of its revolving power in this Terrazzas, just as other revolutions have-other revolutions which also had for their object the fleecing of the under dog.

"Terrazzas first appeared in Mexico history as one of the five commissioners sent to Vienna to urge upon Emperor Maximilian his acceptance of the throne. Remember that? This mission secured for the young ambassador the confiscated Del Rio estates.

"Then came 'Diaz the dictator.'

keep a going. To use another metaphor, it does not mean that he should sow wild oats in his youth in order to gain what the world calls "experience." But if he has been foolish euough to sow them he should disc and barrow them out of his field ere they take the crop of his manbood. When he finishes well, he does well.

It is gratifying to know that there is no race solvide about the new administration. The little Tumultys and McAdoos and Danielses and Burlesons are quite numerous. It is a good feature and the little ones ought to do much toward making the administra-

tion a jolly one. AN IDLER'S SAYINGS. The cartoonist on the Spokesman-

Review carries the idea that the G. O. P. elephant is sick beyond recovery. Time will tell. His is only a temporary illness-just off bis feed for awbile.

Geel there is a lot of fine kindling wood tied up in the many unnecessary fences in the town.

Athena is one of the best towns in this part of Oregon and Oregon is the best state in the Union. Ycu will make no mistake if you come to this state to make your home.

The Walla Walla Bears were beautifully done up last Sunday by the Yannigans, who are a part of the regular Bear team-a family affair, as it

were.

We do not wonder that the northwestern press has been eulogizing Dr. Blalock so greatly since his death; for indeed he was a great man and did much in the development of the northwest.

Some one wants to know how bald-beaded man can tell where to stop in washing his face.

People seem to have only just awakened to the unspeakatle borrors of white slavery; but it is never too late to begin a crusade against evil.

When visiting in Los Angeles, the writer had the most troutle with the 'tudes. When in the city it was the multitude; when in the the house of a triend, when grandma refusing to let her go that day, consoled her by saying that she could go tomorrow. The next morning found Gertrude up bright and early, happy in the expectation of the promised visit. Shortly after breakfast she reminded grandma of her promise, when she was again told that she would be obliged to postpone her visit until to morrow. Looking up quickly, her black eyes flashing with disappointment, she sald:

"Well, grandma, I thought today was tomorrow; you said it was yesterday." -National Monthly

An Object Lesson." Visitors to Durham cathedral are shown a round column in the transept with zigzag grooves cut as ornamenta tions from top to bottom Behind the column a short distance apart are two long windows and the light from these falling on the column has the curious effect of throwing it out of the perpendicular Looked at from one side, the column appears to lean to the left, but on the visitor shifting his position an opposite result is ob tained. It is only by standing directly in front of the column, with the light falling equally on both sides, that one is able to see how correctly the build ers really worked It is said that the deception was contrived so that those who saw the column might be remind ed that it is necessary to see things from the proper point of view before expressing an opinion.

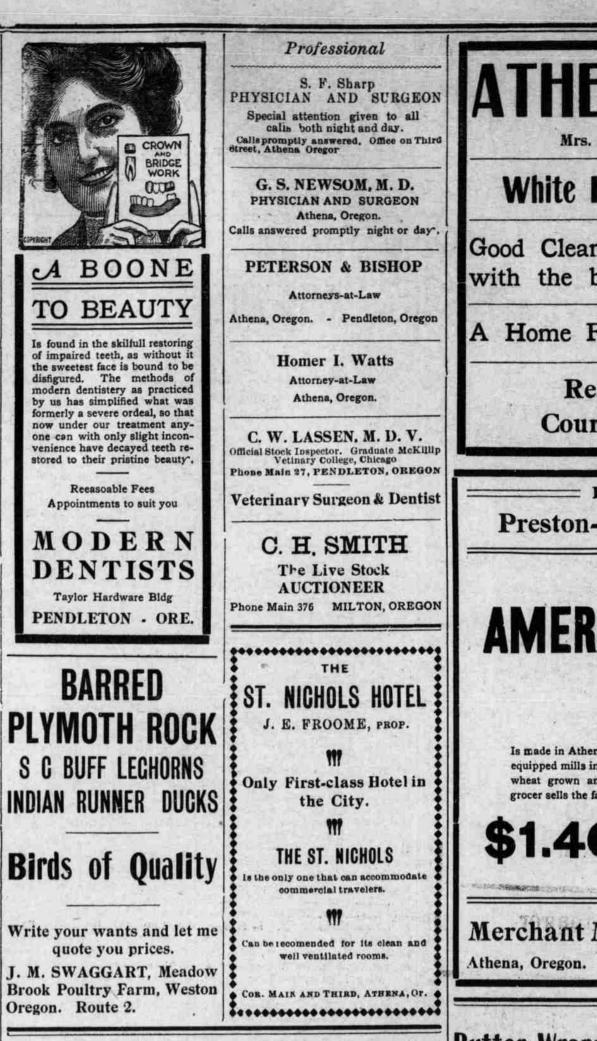
Suitable Play, "I am going to make my farewell tour in Shakespeare. What shall be the play-'Hamlet? 'Macbeth?' " "This is your sixth farewell tour, I belleve." "Well, yes."

"I would suggest 'Much Adieu About Nothing."- Louisville Courier Journal.

A Money Saver. "You must be spending a heap of money, baron. You're always driving about with your wife nowadays." "On the contrary, I save considerable. When we walk my wife is ever so much nearer the show windows."-Fliegende Blatter.

Electrification of the Earth. The electrification of the earth is a problem of the physicists. As stated by Dr. George C. Simpson, observations from pole to pole have proved that the earth is a negatively charged sphere and that the flow of negative electricity into the conducting air is equivalent to a constant current of more than 1,000 amperes. Yet the charge of the earth's surface remains undiminished. More positive than negative electricity is brought down by rain, etc., and no source of a return current of 1,000 amperes is known and no explanation of its absence.

Woman's Preronativ





He declared all Indian lands, all church lands, all peon lands forfeit if held without record after a certain given date. Terrazzas, governor of Chihuahus, named three and a-half cents. Mexican coin, as the price in his domain ! This meant that two and a-half acres of state land in Chibuahua was to te worth one and onefourth cents in American money. Terrazzas thereupon sold to himself 5,000,000 acres at this price! That sale banished tens of thousands of private owners-farmers, small land owners, even possessors of house lots -from ownership in an area larger than Switzerland, and at the same time multiplied the number of peons, or semi-slaves, enormously. Peonage, of course, made representative government an impossibility. All the offices of the state, I have it, were apportioned to cadets of the Terrazzas family. To improve this Terrazzas owned State of Chihuahus, practically everyone was assessed.

"This continued until Madero became president. He was on the issue of 'land for all the people.'

"As I see it, for two years every element of disorder has been subtly employed and supported by this archconspirator seeking to wreck the Madero government to insure for himself and his confrores the privilege of despoiling the country.

"Madero would not resign. "He was killed !"

New York Globe: English militant suffragists are making far more diffi cult the gaining of votes for women. Mrs. Millicent Fawcett, president of the National Union of Women's Suffrage societies, expressed the prevailing opinion of the suffragists of England when she denounced the militant suffragists, whose factics she described as detestable outrages, barmful to Lieir alms. Such orimes, she said. would be excusable only among savages and were a setious menace to civilization. Mrs. Paukburst is the leader of a small group and is not representative of the great army of suffragists in Great Britain who believe that they are on the eve of success. But, unfortunately, to the wavering it appears as if she and her kind were representative. So men and women withhold their support. But in England and America, where reformers and advocates of change have every opportunity to educate the public to their way of thicking, there is no excuse for lawlessness. The woman suffragists of England must free their movement of complicity with orime if it is to succeed at an early day.

The good race horse is the one that lasts at the home stretch, opines the Weston Leader. Years of failure may te atoned for if a man achieves character and standing in the autumn of

mountains it was the altitude, and when in the desert it was the solitude. mind?"

Somebody can invest a lot of money in building houses to rent in Athena, and get a good revenue from the investment.

New Light on Electricity,

An American observer has called attention to a curious property of an electric current in that when passing around a sharp corner it apparently projects a discharge along its original line of motion.

In Germany the same phenomenon has also been observed, and now an other authority advances the notion that it is evidence of the existence of a true electric momentum, resembling that of water flowing in a pipe. Faraday had thought of the possibility of such a thing, but his experiments led him to conclude against its existence. Clerk Maxwell afterward raised the question again and also decided it in the negative. But it has lately been pointed out that the phenomenon is in accord with the most recent theory of the atomic nature of electricity, which had not been worked out in Maxwell's day At any rate, it is said, there is

here a newly acquired fact about electricity, whatever the ultimate explanation of it may be .- Chicago Record Herald

In Ultima Thule.

A New York newspaper man went as a correspondent for his paper to the national Democratic convention of 1908 at Denver. He traveled on the special which carried the New York city delegation.

On the second morning out Green, on going into the diner for breakfast, found every table occupied by at least one person. He took a chair opposite a stout gentleman who had all the earmarks of an east side district leader. The train was flying through a fertile and populous section of Illinois Pretty towns, fine farms and clustering ham lets flitted by them. There were farm ers and bired men at work in the fields and women stood at the doorways. The politician gazed out of the win dow at the picture. Then he turned to Green with the air of one who had made a notable discovery.

"No matter how far you go," he said, "there's human life"-Saturday Evening Post.

An Ancient Blast From Turkey. The Corriere della Sera reproduces the text of a quaint document preserved in the state archives at Vienna It is the declaration of war sent by Sultan Mehemet IV. to the Emperor Leopold in 1682 "Be it known to you, the successor of the Caesars, to the king of Poland and to your allies, that Mehemet, the glorious and omnipotent emperor of the east and the west * * * is about to invade your pattry territories We shall bring 1,300,000 soldiers, on horse and foot, to crush you utterly and lay waste to all your domains. We command you to await our coming in your residence in Vienna, where it is our intention to have you beheaded." The rest of the missive is devoted to a tirade against John So bleskit, who is promised a lingering death, preceded by elaborate and horrible tortures - London Chronicle.

Tomerrew Little Gertrude of five summers had "Does your wife ever change her

"Only on some minor matters," replied Mr. Meekton after careful thought. "I believe I recall that she once expressed an intention to love, honor and obey or something like that."--Washington Star.

Trains In the Wind.

A side wind against a train greatly impedes its progress, according to loco motive engineers, who say the flanges of the wheels grind on the opposite rafi from the direction in which the wind is blowing, making the cars pull a third heavier - Quincy (III.) Whig

In Season,

"Is love of country strong in your preasy?" asked the patriot. "Only in warm weather," said the man with the comfortable home in town -Newark News.

The Obstacle to Happiness. There is in all of us an obstacle to

perfect happiness, which is weariness of the things we possess and the de sire for the things we have not - Mine de Rilux

Patience is the strongest of strong drinks, for it kills the giant Despair .--Jerrold.



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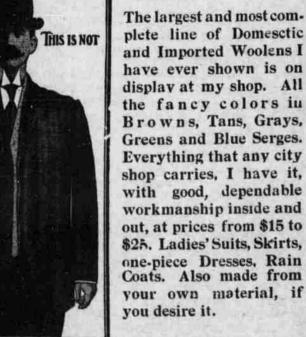
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