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After Diaz, what? A reasonable vigilance by Uncle Sam, at all events.

Nobody is crowded in Nevada; there are only seven-tenths of a man to the square mile.

Balling's resignation appears to have been well received throughout the country.

No matter what is done at the extra session of congress the people cannot complain; they voted it last fall.

Uncle Sam's intentions toward Mexico evidently relates to ending war conditions; not to stirring them up.

Whether the world is 70 or 10,000,000 years old makes little difference to us; it is a nice old world, any way.

King George is to entertain a hundred thousand children in June. There is some fun in being a king after all.

Gen. Wood climbed out of a back window of the White House to escape the reporters; this heroic act will please Roosevelt.

Uncle Joe Cannon has declined an offer from a lecture bureau. He prefers to stay in Washington and lecture the democrats.

Mrs Clark says that she never talks politics; doubtless feels that Champ can do enough of that kind of talk for one family.

A Connecticut horticulturist says it was a pear with which Eve tempted Adam; here's a chance to organize another religious sect.

Bryan declares that he will not be a candidate again and nobody is looking for a concerted effort to induce him to change his mind.

There are several things indicating that, no matter what Diaz may have been in war in other days, he needs now to put on a red necktie.

Uncle Sam's mosquito fleet sailed from San Diego under sealed orders; if it wants to fight real mosquitos it ought to go to Tampico or Vera Cruz.

National Guard officers are invited, for instruction, to participate in the army manoeuvres at San Antonio; recent national administrations have fostered the militia constantly and liberally.

It is time some of the explosive experts got together and devised some plan by which dynamite and kindred products could be manufactured and transported without exacting its ghastly toll of dead and injured.

Soon-to-be Speaker Clark declares that the democratic party presents a united front, but it will not take long for an ambitious statesman to start a fire in the rear that will throw the organization into a dozen factions.

Pictures of Fifty Years Ago.

In the week of 1861 corresponding to the one that opened March 1st, there were in Washington some scenes that invite the efforts of a historical painter of genius. One was the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln, at which Stephen A. Douglas sat near the first republican president holding his hat as the memorable inaugural address was delivered. Lincoln and Douglas, though in striking contrast physically, were men whose presence would be impressive in any assemblage, and many there were prominent at the time or were to gain renown in years of prodigy at hand. A few months earlier Lincoln had defeated Douglas for the presidency. Tho the electoral votes for Douglas were few, he was second among the four candidates, and his popular vote was more than two-thirds as large as that received by Lincoln. But the silent part that Douglas took at the inauguration was of a momentous nature. It placed the lover of the Union before the partisan and conveyed to 1,300,000 Douglas men throughout the country the idea that the new president should have the sympathetic aid of every citizen loyal to the nation. The multitude of democrats who responded to the calls of President Lincoln, and were always honored by him for their patriotism and heroism were influenced at the start by the noble example of Douglas, who passed away untimely before the end of the year.

The day the inaugural was delivered a clerk in a leather store at Galena was one of the millions who read it and was struck by the exalted plea for the preservation of the Union without regard to any other issue of the time. A painter would find this unpretentious clerk, who had not been one of fortune's favorites except in undiscovered qualities, a dramatic subject. In less than a year he had received the surrender of a large army, and in a little more than two years the surrender of an army still larger, with a greater and decisive event of the same kind to follow at the end of four years. In eight years the unnoted clerk was president of the United States, and at the head of a Union made firm for the ages. Hundreds of thousands of farmers, artisans and clerks had formed vast armies and fought the most desperate battles of modern times to a conclusion. They agreed with Douglas that the Union must be preserved and that the homespun president from the west was a leader worth listening to and supporting. Among the young men of that moment was John Hay, also of Illinois, who was Lincoln's private secretary, and destined to rise high in diplomacy and statesmanship as well as literature.

Now what is the matter of Illinois when the pictures of fifty years ago in which Lincoln, Douglas, Grant and Hay figured are replaced with an unsavory political situation? Nothing is intrinsically wrong with Illinois, but somehow its politics is in astonishing contrast with the past. The people of the state are sound, but some of its politicians, the sort capable of a degradation of both parties, have placed it in a false position. The leaders of other days in their careers were self-made men. They rose by native merit and force of upright character. Not a smirch is on their records. Their ideals were of the highest. What they did adorned the annals of the republic. What a change to the present humiliating condition of affairs. It remains for both parties to vindicate their ability to cast out such a base political intrusion. The Illinois of fifty years ago is the real Illinois, and the state in the end will always assert the standard.

The directors of The Dalles First National bank have let the contract for constructing their new bank building to Charles Johnson, a local contractor who has built several of the best buildings in that city. It will be a five story reinforced concrete, faced with light colored pressed brick with stone trimmings and will be absolutely fire proof, a classic style of architecture, and when completed at a minimum cost of \$75,000, will be one of the show buildings of the city.

City Council Calls a Public Mass Meeting

Question: Shall Moro Buy Rudolf Opera House. Price Asked is \$4500.

Friday Night March 24th

Nominations for Mayor and Four Councilmen will be Part of Business.

Meeting will be Held at Rudolf Opera House, 7:30 p. m.
Every one Asked to Come.

One of the main questions before the council at its meeting last Monday was the purchase of the Rudolf opera house. As all know Mr. Rudolf has disposed of his Moro property, except the opera house and has left for White Salmon, to engage in business. He has tried to find a responsible lessee; or failing that to sell, so far unsuccessfully.

The proposition has now resolved into whether the city will buy the property or see it permanently closed until a responsible party undertakes the management.

No one in Moro cares to see the house closed; it is needed; to a certain extent, is a public necessity. The council hesitates to buy and operate the property at the price of \$4500, which includes all furniture, skates, chairs, etc. If the council desired they could vote the warrants and close the deal. They don't want to decide among themselves and have called a public meeting at which all are invited to be present and express their opinion.

Several want the city to issue a

Demoss Correspondence.

Elza Larkin is home for a few days.

Mrs A Hunter is again able to be about.

Mrs G W Davis has been on the sick list.

House cleaning has begun in this section.

The Misses Larkins spent Sunday with Edna Evans.

Miss Edna Evans visited the Monkland school last week.

Miss Ida Hardin entertained quite a lot of company Sunday.

Mrs Iva V Lane left for her home at White Salmon Friday.

Miss Taylor of Moro, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs G W Davis.

Mr and Mrs N P Gleason have moved to their ranch ¼ mile south of DeMoss.

Mr and Mrs M J Hendricks have been quite sick but are now recovering.

Quite a number were out to Endeavor Sunday. We will have Endeavor at 6:30 after this.

Rufus Correspondence.

Fine spring weather.

Gardening is the order these days.

Mrs J B Lindeman has the grippe.

The orchard people are busy spraying.

Two more new members in the gun club, making all told 35.

The party at W L Wilson's Saturday night was well attended.

Mr Coleman of Biggs, has taken Mr Deyo's team down there to do some gardening.

Mr Osman of Cliffs, has opened a new barber shop here in the John Hodgard building.

Supt. W C Bryant visited here Monday and is well pleased with the way school is progressing.

ST Smith arrived here from St. Louis on the 15th, and says Sherman county looks good to him.

About 20 parents and friends visited the school Friday afternoon. The pupils had a program and debate; all did fine.

A few neighbors gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs R Dingle Sunday the 19th in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.

bonus in the shape of warrants to help reduce cost to any responsible purchaser who will properly care for and operate the property. Some councilmen have considered a bonus in warrants of \$1500 as not too much. Of course this will be a gift by the city and Moro will have nothing to show for the money except the building being open and in use.

The council discussed informally the dissatisfaction of some of the Moro citizens over the amount of their taxes. This is a chronic complaint every where, but what is lost to sight is the fact they might be higher. Only four years ago, when Dr. Goffin became mayor, Moro had \$8000 in unpaid warrants and could not hire labor of any kind except at two or three times going wages, no one in Moro wanted a city warrant.

Last September there were \$3370 in warrants unpaid and the city making a profit of nearly \$300 from light and water the preceding six months. On March 1st there was about \$3,000 in warrants out and current taxes due of approximately \$2,900. April 1st Moro will most likely have all its warrants paid and the council will again be able to hire labor at fair price to the city.

Under those conditions the council wants to know, is it better to go in debt for a public building, such as the opera house, or see it closed and standing idle?

J H McCune resigned as marshal to take effect April 15th. Applications for positions as marshal by C E Johnson, J W Case, C L Montgomery, W S Mowry, Geo. E Miller, were read; the appointment going over until next Monday.

Resignation of O W Axtell as councilman was read and accepted. Four councilmen and a mayor are to be elected at the city election April 3d. Councilmen whose terms expire at this time are L. Barnum, Wm Rudolf, W C Rutledge.

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