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SAME AS LINCOLN'S.

(From the Portland Journal.)

Every time the Oregonian con-
demns Wilson's policy in Mexico, it
condemns Taft's policy in Mexico.

Every time it condemns Wilson's
policy in Mexico, it condemns Lin-
coln's policy in Mexico. Thus, in his
message to congress December 6,
1864, Lincoln said:

"Mexico continues to be a theatre
of civil war. While our political re-
lations with that country have under-
gone no change, we have at the same
time, strictly maintained neutrality
between the belligerents."

It was a policy of watchful waiting,
and not a policy of armed interven-
tion.

Before his election to the presi-
dency, Lincoln, as a congressman,
was a bitter opponent of that armed
intervention in Mexico, which we in
this day refer to as the Mexican war.
He introduced the famous "spot" re-
solution which was a strong endorse-
ment of President Polk for making
war on Mexico.

The resolutions charged that the
first blood shed was the blood of
people who fled at the first approach
of the United States army, leaving
their homes and crops unprotected,
and that the "spot" where the first
blood was shed was within the inclos-
ure of one of the people who had thus
fled.

A few days later, speaking of Presi-
dent Polk, Lincoln said in the house:

"He is deeply conscious of being in
the wrong; that he feels the blood of
this war like the blood of Abel is cry-
ing to heaven against him; that origi-
nally having some strong motive,
what I will not stop now to give my
opinions concerning—to involve the
two countries in a war, and trusting
to escape scrutiny by fixing the pub-
lic gaze on the exceeding brightness
of military glory, that attractive rain-
bow that rises in showers of blood—
that serpent's eye that charms to de-
stroy, he plunged into it, till, disap-
pointed in his calculation of the east
with which Mexico might be sub-
dued, he now finds himself he knows
not where."

At some length, Lincoln went on
with the denunciation of the president
and of the whole war enterprise,
showing up the incongruities of the
president's war message. Lincoln's
whole attitude was a bold resistance
to the jingoism and war advocates. It
was an attitude exactly identical with
that of those who resist the clamor
of the jingoes, mine owners and mil-
itary editors who now demand armed
intervention in Mexico.

Speaking of Lincoln's action, Har-
per's weekly says:

"Some of Lincoln's closest political
advisors thought that Lincoln's ag-
gressive stand against the war with
Mexico was bad policy. One of these
was his partner, W. H. Herndon. To
him Lincoln answered: 'I will stake
my life that if you had been in my
place, you would have voted just as
I did. Would you have voted what
you felt and knew to be a lie? I know
you would not. Would you have gone
out of the house—skulked the vote?
I expect not.'"

Lincoln's opposition to the Mexi-
can war was freely used against him
by Douglas in the historic Lincoln-
Douglas debate. At Ottawa, Illinois,
August 21, 1858, speaking of Lincoln,
Douglas said:

"Whilst in congress he distinguish-
ed himself by his opposition to the
Mexican war, taking the side of the
common enemy against his own coun-
try; and when he returned home he
found that the indignation of the peo-
ple followed him everywhere."

WHY?

When Villa attacked Columbus it
was found that the two machine guns
in our force at that place would not
work. Why? The U. S. army regula-
tions require a weekly inspection of
everything. If a standing army means

"preparedness," why was not that de-
fect discovered and remedied? The of-
ficer responsible for the previous
weekly inspection of those guns
should be discharged and some ser-
geant who has built up a reputation
for doing his duty should be put in
his place. P.

MISFITS

That ring around Villa would be an
interesting sight.

Another interesting sight is the fail-
ure of the big land owners in this
country to cause intervention.

The manner in which the American
soldiers and the Carranzistas have
been working together must be red
pepper in the eyes of the Yellowites.

Pedestrians have a right to cross
streets, they have to, and they are en-
titled to protection.

Albany has some enthusiastic trap
shooters; but they are not in it with
a club of 'em in Minneapolis. They
haven't missed a week's shoot all win-
ter.

A Late Problem.

If a farmer sold 1275 bushels of
wheat at 85 cents a bushel, what would
he get?

Answer: An automobile.

The flea is nowhere compared with
sugar when it comes to jumping.

Liable to bump its head on the rec-
ord of 1914, when it went up to over
8 cents.

In the face of this a magazine writer
says that if you want to live to be
old you must eat a good deal of sugar.

If this thing keeps on the man with
a jitney can't buy enough candy to
moisten his palate.

The b. b. season having closed the
b. b. season will now begin in earnest.

Great baseball players are jumping
up all around.

A feller may be a holy terror in a
local club; but when it comes to keep-
ing up a McCreddie gait it's a dif-
ficult thing.

The chap who makes it doesn't give
up the first repuff.

With the Dem. force all cavorting
around in grey summer caps there's
no question but what spring time, gen-
tile Anna, is here.

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