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TWO LATIN NEIGHBORS

Cuba and Mexico afford a striking contrast in their internal affairs and likewise in their relations with the United States.

Cuba is peaceful and prosperous. Mexico is bandit-ridden, chaotic and impoverished, in spite of her vast latent wealth.

Cuba lives in friendship and close association with the United States. Twice American armies have gone into the island, cleaned it up, restored order and put the nation on its feet politically and economically. It has been done in a way that disarmed Cuban suspicion and proved the disinterestedness of the once-feared "Yanquis." The latest and most remarkable evidence of trust and esteem on the part of this Latin neighbor is found in the fact that Gen. Crowder of the United States army has just returned from Cuba after several months spent there, at the invitation of the Cuban government, re-organizing the Cuban political system and re-writing the election laws. On his departure he was given a vote of thanks by the island congress.

And here is Mexico, persisting in her distrust and defiance of the United States in spite of patient, persistent evidences of good will. The Mexican masses fear and hate the American people, and the Mexican government reflects the national spirit and goes as far as it dares in flouting the government of the United States. All our friendly advances have been scorned. There is no end to the insults and outrages perpetrated by Mexican outlaws; and if there are any honest efforts made by the Mexican authorities to suppress the bandits and protect foreign life and property, they fail because of the fatal weakness of Carranza and his so-called government.

What the United States has done for Cuba it might conceivably do for Mexico. The task is obviously more difficult because the Mexicans are less intelligent and civilized than the Cubans, and their country is larger and wilder. Still, a great deal could be accomplished if the United States were able to go into Mexico, as it has gone into Cuba, with the consent of the natives, as a brother ready to help them.

There is no prospect of that, however, while Carranza remains in power.

THE BRIDGE-BUILDING GIFT

It was an American engineer-surveyor, working in informal argument with a group of his fellow doughboys. Said he:

"The Feds and the Laches build great bridges when they have their standard stuff and their officers. But when they have neither—there are no bridges! Now your Britisher, and ever us—we people who haven't been ironed into one groove and are used to doing each man his own thinking—well, when we had no standardized stuff (and we usually didn't) and when we had no officers, any of us, British or Americans, would take a flock of telegraph poles and a couple of ancient barns and make any kind of a bridge anywhere under any conditions!"

He probably did not exaggerate the truth very much. It was that unlimited resourcefulness in everything from bridge-building and fighting to entertaining himself and conquering homesickness in the midst of the worst war on record, that made the American soldier such a puzzle to his continental allies and to the enemy.

It is a trait for Americans to be honestly proud of and to hang on to along with courage and kindness and honor.

From Dallas—
Fred West and son Dan of Dallas visited friends in the city yesterday. Mr. West formerly worked for J. H. Ralston in the electrical business.

Edwin Brown Returns—
Edwin Brown, a returned soldier from the second division of the army of occupation, was an Albany business visitor Saturday accompanied by his father, Geo. Brown, a well known citizen of Oakville. Ralph Brown, a brother, returned some weeks ago after being wounded and spending several months in a hospital in Paris. The boys and parents alike are happy to be permitted to meet once more in the old home near Oakville to settle down to the pursuits of civil life.

Returns Home—
Mrs. Geo. Sears and children of Dearing, Wash., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sears of the city, left this morning for their home.

Returns from Idaho—
J. H. Hunter and daughter Florence returned Friday from visiting relatives.

MICKIE SAYS

"THEY GIVE GOD'S GRIEF IN THIS TOWN. A NEWSPAPER—BUT THE LAST STRAIN THAT GIVES THE CAMEL RUBBER KNEES IS WHEN SOME CHEAP GUY TRIES TO SAVE A QUARTER ON CALLOU-PLASING AND NO INSTEAD A NEWS-ITEM 'TO HELP FILL UP THE PAPER!'"



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It is surprising how many people think they auto and then run in debt to do it.

After all H. C. of L. consists to some extent in keeping up with the procession.

A sign in Independence reads: "Auto for sale, horse taken."

It is an interesting fact that the price of horses is up with everything but water, which continues to go down.

Friday was an Irvine day with me. I rode on the cars between Philomath and Blodgett with Mrs. J. H. Irvine, of Albany. Upon returning to Corvallis I met her son Braxton, and upon reaching Independence in the evening, Cousins Claire Irvine and Sam Irvine.

On the same day I rode from Cor-

vallis to the state of Idaho. Mr. Hunter reports it very dry in that state this year with not enough water in some places to carry out the usual plan of irrigation.

From Puyallup—
P. D. Clark of Puyallup, Wash., was an Albany visitor yesterday registering at the St. Francis.

Visiting in Portland—
Mrs. M. T. Freeman and grand-daughter, Miss Laura Freeman, went to Portland this morning for a visit

with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Freeman and other friends and relatives for a few days.

From The Dalles—
W. A. Hadley of The Dalles registered at the Albany yesterday as an Albany visitor over Sunday.

A stop at the Beaver Hotel, Independence, is always a pleasant experience. Run by Moss Walker, formerly of Lebanon. It is a popular place, and one always gets good service, the secret of hotel success.

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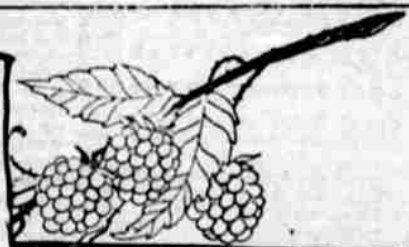
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