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MAKE THIS YOUR FAITH

El Presidente Carranza, how can you do it? How can you, with any sense of gratitude or simple reason, continue to flaunt a patient, big-brother nation that some day is going to spank the insufferable little boy?

We have thought for long that it was popular in your domain to be a big man and bluff somebody else. We have excused you because, since you had abolished bull-fighting, we thought you must have some childish pastime. We have left you to your thoughtless Yankee-baiting, thinking it might serve to unite your countrymen in your leadership.

But, El Presidente, you are going too far. In curious ingratitude you are nipping the hand that upholds you. You are nipping deeply. The time must come when you will quail and appeal and quaver knave-like before an anger of your own making.

El Presidente, you have gotten yourself into a ticklish pass with your big brother of the north. You have plenty of room to back out. In the name of common sense and humanity to your own dearly-loved countrymen, back up. Disprove your own precedents for bull-headedness and assassin-ity by being wise before it is too late. Make this your faith, El Presidente: Your kindly Uncle Sam has stood all he is going to stand.

FINANCIAL OAK

Albany banks in the past year gained \$1,065,118.70 in resources.

This is a gain of nearly \$100,000 per month. What does it mean? It speaks as plainly as figures can for a steady, normal growth of industry in this region. It tells of a day-by-day accretion mounting as surely, stably and steadily as an oak tree rises from season to season. Humans are prone to look on many schemes, many external appearances, many financial facets by which to judge a community's growth. "Is it booming?" they ask. "Or is it not booming?"

Albany is not booming. There never was a boom on land or sea to which the destructive 'erang' could not be attached sooner or later. Boom is merely short for boomerang.

But Albany is honestly growing. She is not coaxing, hoaxing, stripping deluded investors with worthless investments. She is milking nobody. Her financial and industrial growth is pinned on legitimate expansion. Every business hereabouts has increased in some manner, in some particular, in the past year. Factories have added men, added machines, built annexes. They have produced more, and have earned more.

Farmers are more careful of the slacker acre, because acres nowadays are valuable and their crops are valuable beyond precedent of prediction.

Every manner of business is humming. The community is solid. It is commendably industrious. Those who are banking on this section, who are investing in this section, are building on a rock foundation. With such a backbone undisturbed, serene prosperity, realized day by day, is guaranteed to local people.

A CURE FOR LYNCHING

A negro assaulted a white woman near Camden, N. J. Immediately a posse was organized to hunt the offender. Hiding in swamps and behind fences, he was pursued by armed men on foot, on horseback, on motorcycles and in automobiles. He was caught next day.

The prisoner was lodged in the jail at Camden. He was

brought into court the same day, fairly tried, condemned and sentenced in 30 minutes. Forty-eight hours from the time when the crime was committed, the criminal was in the penitentiary to serve a sentence of 20 to 30 years.

Much has been said and written about remedies for lynching. It not such prompt execution of justice as this the best of all remedies?

True, it calls for more self-restraint on the part of an offender's captors and the community in general than are usually shown in such cases. But every instance of prompt, effective administration of justice helps to create an atmosphere of public self-restraint. Lynching is merely a habit. Here is a method of correcting it.

Comment of the State Press

Snappy Gleanings from the Press of the Valley

A Clean Sweep—

Green Fitzwater has solved the high cost of sweeping by raising his own broom corn. This should be a regular crop among our farmers, advises the Lebanon Express. Mr. Fitzwater's experience proves that this section is adapted to its growth. It requires comparatively little time and work and assures the grower a good profit on the acreage.

He'd Better Beware—

The Mexican situation is said to be critical, but a better statement of the case would be that Carranza is trying to see how many tail feathers he can pluck from the eagle without provoking a scream.—Register.

Halsey May Build—

Halsey needs a new high school building, says the Enterprise. If we only had a high school with proper equipment, our boys and girls would have a better chance to start their vocation early in life. These are remarks frequently heard among the citizens of Halsey.

We Sabe Perfectly—

We do not wish to be understood as advocating lynch law, says the Criterion, but we do think that this rag tag that is barking and snarling at the heels of society should be dealt with in so drastic a manner that a return to their former activities would be impossible.

We Are Thankful, But—

We do not feel like being thankful for the aftermath of the war—for the profiteer, for the bolshevik, for the autocrats of industry and for labor, for the strikes and industrial unrest, for the partisan folly of the senate—yet these also may prove blessings in disguise sent to develop courage, faith and the sense of right that is America's heritage.—Capital Journal.

What, Indeed?—

The French and British view with regret the failure of the senate to ratify the treaty and provide the League of Nations with power to bring order out of chaos, says the East Oregonian. But what do such things as these amount to compared with Senator Lodge's desire for an issue for the 1920 campaign?

Without a Kick in It

Since kicks are unlawful and knockers taboo

By H. & A.

SHE

Amid the rush,
Deep in the slush
Of making a newspaper,
Comes there a gleam
Of light a stream,
Amidst us with a caper.

Twere not for this
Brief flash of bliss
A-bright'ning as She passes,
I swear that we
Would ne'er be free
From castigating lapses.

POOR HER, LIKEWISE

There was a nice girl labeled Minnie,
Who did a nice dance labeled Shimmy;
She caught a rich skate
With a shiny bald pate,
O, alas and alack for poor - himmy.

PEPPER'S EXTRA DRY

Sir:—Do you call it a kickless colyum because it's dry? Or is it under 2 1-2 per cent?
Ans.—Sample has been sent to O. A. C. for analysis by Judge Kelly.

AND THEN HE THE DOOR SLAMMED

"About this colyum," began the Obsolete Two-Thirds, intruding into the Sanct. and draping himself on a stack of revamped jokes.

We interrogated optically, including the sign reading: Short time visits make long time friends.

"I wish you'd stop it. Why, the whole thing's nothing but a joke."

VERSES BLANK

Gabriel d' Annunzio's a fightin' in Fiume—

That's what I just read in a big newspaper headin',
'Cordin' to my reason' on them words as there said in,
Them Slabs 'd better find a good, safe place to head in,
'Cause my translation of Spaghetti spells their Doom.

Gabriel the announcer, we'd say in in good old Yank,
And Fiume, I rather think, means something that'll stink,
And Gabe's a poet writer—'stead o' powder uses ink,
'N the words he's hurlin' makes 'em set right up an' blink,
As he punishes them poor Slabs with verses blank.

—Claudius Lambert.



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