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## MEXICANS TO HEAR PLAIN WORDS TODAY

**American Commissioners Are Prepared  
to Define Terms of Troops'  
Withdrawal**

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 20.—Louis Cabrera and his colleagues on the Mexican-American joint commission will be formally told tomorrow by Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the American commission, on just what terms an agreement providing for the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition and the protection of life and property along the international border may be reached.

Fortified by the assurance of President Wilson that he will back the American representatives in their efforts to reach a settlement of the question at issue between Mexico and the United States, Secretary Lane returned here late today. He immediately went into conference with Dr. J. E. Mott and Judge Geo. Gray, the other American commissioners, informing them in detail of the conference he had at Washington Saturday with the president. The formal meeting with the Mexicans will take place tomorrow.

The atmosphere of uncertainty and even hopelessness which has been apparent for many weeks was entirely lacking tonight. The Americans appeared confident that the end of the conference is in sight. Their propositions have been reduced to writing, and it is understood will admit of little debate.

The Mexicans appeared not to take a pessimistic attitude of the situation, Mr. Cabrera again assuring newspaper men that he was hopeful of an amicable adjustment. There was no evidence that he was prepared to recede from his position so long maintained that agreement to the plan of the Americans was out of the question.

The question at issue is not the withdrawal of General Pershing's troops. They will be called back when the American government is convinced that it can be done without placing the safety of the border in jeopardy. The more debatable question is the method of controlling the border after they have been taken out.

The Mexicans have objected seriously to acknowledging the right of the United States to send troops across the international boundary in pursuit of bandits, but have been more insistent that in case troops are sent they be moved subject to certain restrictions. When the Mexican commissioners leave here it will be with realization that American forces will be used to run down any raiding band that crosses the border into the United States, regardless of where they may have to go or of how long they may have to stay in Mexico.

Good printing can be obtained only where the proper types, presses, material and expert workmanship is found. The Tribune office possesses all of these requisites and the prices are right.

## CHAS. A. MURPHY NEW PRISON HEAD

**Chief Engineer at Eastern Oregon State  
Hospital is Named For the  
Wardens Place**

Salem, Nov. 20.—The state board of control today named Charles A. Murphy, of Pendleton, as superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary to succeed J. W. Minto, resigned. Mr. Murphy was nominated for the place by State Treasurer Kay, and Governor Withycombe concurred in the nomination. Secretary of State Olcott voted for Frank Meredith, secretary of the Washington state fair board at North Yakima and formerly secretary of the Oregon state fair board. The meeting at which the new superintendent was chosen was held behind closed doors.

It is expected that Mr. Murphy will take charge of the prison about December 1. At the present time he is serving as chief engineer at Eastern Oregon state hospital. During the construction of the hospital buildings Mr. Murphy acted as supervisor.

Mr. Murphy is a former resident of Salem, where for years he was engaged in the plumbing business. He also was employed at one time at the Oregon state hospital here and at the institute for the feeble-minded.

One of the chief qualifications which moved the majority of the board of control to appoint Mr. Murphy as prison superintendent was the fact that he had had military experience, and is regarded as exceptionally well fitted to handle men.

In 1898 he was made second lieutenant in Company K of the Second Oregon Volunteer regiment, serving in the Philippines through the Spanish-American war and the Philippine insurrection which followed.

## CITY ELECTION NEXT

In a few days a new corps of city officers will be chosen and the people of Scio should be fixing in their minds who, of their citizens, they wish to place the destiny of Scio with during the coming year. The principle work of the present council remains in an unfinished condition and for the new council to complete. Surely every citizen desires this work to be completed according to present plans. Not only Main street, but Mill street from the city hall to the flouring mills should be improved in like manner. Only progressive, up-to-date councilmen will carry this project forward. Therefore, we should be careful to not select men of a reactionary turn of mind to these places.

Scio is our home. Most of us expect to continue to live here indefinitely. Therefore, let us make conditions as pleasant as possible, having due regard for the taxpayers pocketbook. But let us keep moving forward, never backward. To do this we must elect city officers who think for the future and what is due us as time passes.

## To Organize a Good Roads Association

To the Editor:—

On next Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, November 25, there will be held in the county court house, a Linn county "Good Roads Convention." Two delegates have already been chosen from each voting precinct, and these delegates are to assemble here at the court house in the circuit court room and organize themselves into a permanent "Good Roads Association." A great deal of interest has been manifested in this movement, and the interest grows as the movement continues. This will be one of the most important steps that has ever been taken in Linn county towards getting better highways.

State Highway Engineer Lewis, of Salem, has agreed to be present and address the meeting on "How to construct roads" and will present the subject of "Needed legislation along the line of better highways." It is hoped that at least two delegates will be here to represent each voting precinct. This will be an instructive meeting and will arouse a great deal of interest towards getting better highways throughout the county.

An effort is being made to circulate the report that the Good Roads Association is being organized for the purpose of increasing the taxes and hard surfacing the roads throughout the county. This is not true. The purpose of the Good Roads association is, first of all, to see that we get value received for the money that is annually expended on the roads, and second, to see that the roads are improved according to a specified plan.

The plan heretofore followed in constructing roads will never produce good roads in Linn county. The money and labor expended in most cases improves the roads just for one season, and at the end of the season the roads are in as bad condition as they were before they were improved; and the work has to be done all over again.

The roads in this county are very little better today, everything considered, than what they were 20 years ago, and yet an immense amount of money has been expended on the roads. This county is getting old enough so as to enter on a more permanent method of constructing roads, so that the roads will be permanent highways. It does not follow that they have to be hard surfaced in order to make them permanent roads. This has been amply demonstrated in the eastern sections of this country, as well as in Europe.

Every taxpayer interested in better roads is invited to be present at the meeting on Saturday.

Albany Commercial Club  
A. L. Fisher, Pres.  
W. B. Eastburn, Secy.

## Special Services

The Federated church will hold special services next Sunday morning in this city. Rev. Her will speak from the subject "Why should we give thanks." Pastor Her is arranging for an especially fine musical program. Everybody cordially invited.

## 3 LIVES LOST WHEN LAUNCH HITS LOG

**Mrs. Bert Helgerson, Former Resident of  
Oregon City, Drowns Near  
Castle Rock**

Castle Rock, Wash., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Bert Helgerson, formerly Miss Bertha Cross, daughter of Mrs. Maggie Cross, of Oregon City, Mrs. Helgerson's 17-month-old daughter and Riley Helgerson, brother-in-law of the dead woman, were drowned in Silver lake, six miles east of this place, yesterday when a launch in which they were riding struck a submerged log and capsized.

Mrs. Anna Helgerson, mother of Riley and Bert Helgerson, and the only other occupant of the boat, saved herself by clinging to the overturned craft until rescued. Riley Helgerson, who was 21 years old, was entangled in the ropes and held beneath the overturned vessel.

The party had been out for a pleasure cruise, and had taken aboard supplies at Barnes' store, at Silver Lake, and were bound for their home on the opposite side of the lake when the disaster occurred.

Mrs. Helgerson is a niece of W. A. Cross, of this city and who visited at the Cross home here last summer. Mr. and Mrs. Cross left for Oregon City on the Monday morning train.

## New Cars Not Enough

San Francisco, Nov. 22.—In spite of the fact that the Southern Pacific company is receiving now about 200 new boxcars a day from the builders in the east and will soon have a total of 1500 new cars, it is unable to come near meeting the enormous demand made on it by shippers.

The car shortage situation is as acute as ever and the problem from the viewpoint of the railroad man seems to be as far from being solved as a month ago. Geo. F. Richardson, superintendent of transportation of the Southern Pacific, is on his way to Washington, where he will appear with others before the Interstate Commerce Commission for the purpose of arriving at some way of handling the trouble.

It is hoped that rules may be made whereby an even exchange in cars sent east through the gateways of the Southern Pacific may be obtained. At present the company has more than 6000 boxcars on eastern lines which it is unable to get back.

## Parent-Teachers Association

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet Friday evening, Nov. 24 in the school auditorium.

An excellent program has been provided, refreshments will be served and a good time in general is expected. The much needed play shed for our school will be discussed. The school is working on a picture contest. The room selling the most tickets for the art display will receive a prize picture, given the evening of the Parent-Teachers association.

All interested in this association are invited to be present.

## BRYAN PLANNING TO LEAVE DEMOCRACY

**Peerless Leader's Eyes Are Now Said  
to Be on Prohibition Nomi-  
nation in 1920**

Omaha, Nov. 20.—As one of the results of the recent election Nebraska is to lose William J. Bryan. He has dismantled his home at Fairview, shipped a portion of the furniture to his winter home at Miami, Fla., and is sending his splendid library, the pride of his heart, to his summer home at Asheville, N.C. at which place, it is said, he will hereafter have his residence, maintaining only his business address in Nebraska.

Fairview is to be for sale, although Mr. Bryan's brother, C. W. Bryan, denied that Mr. Bryan has left Nebraska for all time. It is said in political circles that Mr. Bryan, having been entirely deserted by Nebraska democrats, is now preparing to leave the party and announce himself an out-and-out prohibitionist. Many Nebraska democrats believe he has his eye on the prohibition presidential nomination in 1920.

Mr. Bryan has been deposed as the democratic leader in Nebraska and the man who deposed him, United States Senator Hitchcock, was last week reelected to the senate over Bryan's most determined opposition. Furthermore, Keith Neville, an unknown, unheard of young man from the western part of the state, was picked up by Hitchcock and thrown at the heads of the Bryans, defeating Chas. W. Bryan for the democratic nomination for governor and was afterward elected governor over the opposition of both Wm. J. and C. W. Bryan and all their friends.

Mr. Bryan's first defeat of the year was when Nebraska democrats refused to send him as a delegate to the democratic national convention. This was laid at the door of the Hitchcock organization. The same organization defeated Bryan's brother for the nomination for governor.

"The Hitchcock organization nominated them; now let the Hitchcock organization elect them," the Bryans said.

The Hitchcock organization elected Hitchcock, Neville and the entire state ticket, although the Bryans and their friends opposed the ticket at every turn.

## Thanksgiving Dinner

The Scio Hotel will give a Thanksgiving dinner on November 30. Please give your order on or before November 26, so that we may know for how many to prepare.

The Scio Hotel.

## Attention Farmers

I want your beef, mutton and hogs. I am still in business when you have any of the mentioned, telephone me between 6 and 7 a. m. or 1 to 3 p. m. Thos. Large