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NEW TEACHERS FOR CITY SCHOOLS SELECTED FOR YEAR

Vacancies in the teaching force of the Medford school were filled and approved at the meeting of the school board Tuesday night as follows: Miss I. W. Gallagher, principal Roosevelt school, salary \$100 per month, Prof. Leland Beveridge transferred to Jackson school. Miss Inez Coffin appointed teacher music and art, salary \$75 a month, succeeding Prof. Isaacs. Miss Ina Aiken, teacher Latin and German High school, salary \$90 a month. Miss May Nealon, teacher sixth grade, Washington school, salary \$60 a month. Miss Ora L. Calloway, fifth grade teacher, \$60 a month salary. Miss Clara Wines, fourth grade teacher, \$60 a month salary. Miss Edith Fish, third grade teacher, salary \$65 per month. Miss Agnes Robinson, fifth grade teacher, salary \$60 a month. Miss Helan Hatch, supply teacher, salary unfixed. The bond of Clerk Stine for \$20,000 supplied by the National Surety company was approved. It was ordered that all toilets in all the schools of the city be placed in sanitary condition, re-painted and repainted during the summer. Superintendent of schools Collins, offering to do the work gratis, if the board would furnish the material, etc.

MAGAZINE WRITER CHARMED WITH VALLEY

George R. King, of Boston, Mass., was shown over the valley by the Commercial Club today and secured a number of photographs for eastern magazine articles. Mr. King writes for Country Life in America, Suburban Life, Travel, Country Gentleman as agricultural newspapers.

From a point of view in the foothills south of the city, overlooking the valley of commercial orchards, with the Rogue River mountains in the distance. Table Rocks and the magnificent cloud effect, he says was one of the most beautiful panoramas he has the pleasure of photographing and one never to be forgotten.

Twilight Trails (By Ben H. Lampan in the Gold Hill News)

I like that part of the day when the hills grow near and strange, when the sun slopes over the ridge away to hide beyond the range. Over the range gone down, somewhere over the sea—a fellow's a fool to stay in town when twilight trails are free. One may like the sunlight, one may like the dawn, but all must love the twilight—love and learn upon.

I like that part of the day when the rabbits leave the wood, when the sun slopes over the hills away, and every breath is good. The air is sweet with scent that never the noontide knew—meadow and road and woodland blent with just a hint of dew. One may yearn for homelight, one may sigh for pain, but all must love the twilight—love and learn again.

I like that part of the day when twilight trails are free, when the sun slopes over the range away, and leaves the road to me. For a fellow's a fool, I claim, to stay in the dusty town, when the sun has flattered away in flame and twilight rustles down. One may like the moonlight, one may like the dawn, but all must love the twilight—love and learn upon.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

THAT Dr. James Withycombe, republican nominee for governor is at heart a stand-patter and not in sympathy with popular control of politics as exemplified by the Oregon system, was shown by his candidacy four years ago, before the "assembly" in which he admits that he ran against a "frame-up" for Bowerman. In a speech before the Oregon Civic league at Portland recently, Dr. Withycombe confessed that he still favors the assembly plan and said:

"The initiative and referendum, the recall and the corrupt practices act are all right in a way. But I want to be frank with you—I sometimes think we have gone too far."

To further the beliefs of Dr. Withycombe and other stand-patters, an initiative measure is proposed, which has been submitted to the secretary of state for approval by David M. Dume and a republican club of Portland, and is now in circulation for signatures, which provides for a complete return to the convention system.

The proposed measure provides for county district and state conventions to "recommend" candidates to the people, just as the assembly did. Party platforms are not mentioned—just the people relieved from the responsibility of selecting candidates. Delegates to the convention are to be elected at a primary before the regular primary election.

The number of delegates from each precinct will be based on the party vote. Candidates for delegates must file a petition bearing not less than 10 names with the county clerk 10 days before the delegate election. The county convention is to recommend to the voters of its party the candidates for county offices they ought to vote in the regular primary election. The convention will then select delegates to the state convention, which will recommend a slate for the state ticket. The state convention will recommend delegates to the party's national convention, will recommend presidential electors and the presidential candidate.

Every state election since the adoption of the Oregon system has witnessed a struggle by the politicians to overthrow that system and take party power from the people and restore it to the politicians. It is evident that in the coming election history is to repeat itself, and led by Dr. Withycombe, a final assault on popular government is under way.

The Mexican Situation

(From the Chicago Public.) Not war but peace is today the most menacing evil that threatens Mexico. The war waged by General Villa, whatever it may have been in its inception, is now a well-defined struggle in behalf of the outraged peon. Though it continue indefinitely, the lot of the peon would be no worse than it has been during the reign of Porfirio Diaz; and so long as the war does continue there is a possibility that it may succeed in restoring constitutional government, and returning the land to the people.

Indeed, there is every indication that if other nations keep hands off the constitutionalists will establish both peace and the constitution. But a peace that may be concluded at the Niagara conference, without the consent of the constitutionalists, will merely confirm in power the same class that supported Diaz; and such a government, backed by the administration at Washington, would be the end of all real effective redress of the wrongs of the peons. It might bring peace, but it would be the peace of Warsaw.

Any triumph of the "governing class" means a continuation of economic wrongs. The form may be changed, in deference to public opinion, but the substance will remain. No privileged class ever voluntarily surrendered its privileges, and it is idle to expect such a thing in Mexico. The best thing that can now happen for the cause of the peon is the prolongation of the peace conference at Niagara until General Villa has time to repair the railroads leading to Mexico City. Given a little more time, there is every indication that he will sweep the Huertistas from the field and set up a popular government. It may not at the beginning measure up to all that we should like to see; but it will at least be animated by a sound purpose, and it will be headed in the right direction. The man who could parcel out farms to his peon soldiers, and condition the allotment with the prohibition against selling them within ten years, has a grasp of primary relations that would put to shame some of our so-called ablest statesmen at Washington.

The one supreme duty of this country at the present is to confine its military forces to carrying out sanitary measures in Vera Cruz. Our government has shown a surprising talent for cleaning up tropical cities and establishing hygienic conditions; but it has yet to demonstrate its ability to deal with the land question. When General Carranza protested against the offer of the A B C Mediators to settle the Mexican land question, because they had not settled the land question in their own countries, he might, without in any way stretching the truth, have included the United States. General Huerta's offer to resign if peace be established means nothing. It is not peace that the mass of the Mexican people want, and are fighting for, but justice.

Recent Publications for Distribution

Copies of publications listed will be sent free upon application to the Editor and Chief, Division of Publications, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., as long as the supply lasts. When this department's supply is exhausted, publications can be obtained from the superintendent of documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., by purchase only, and at the prices noted herein. Send all remittances to the superintendent of documents direct. His office is not a part of the Department of Agriculture. Among the most recent pamphlets issued for distribution are: Breed of Sheep for the Farm. 16 illustrations. (Farmers' Bulletin 576.) Discusses the breeds in a way to enable those not familiar with them to know what are likely to meet their requirements. The Making and Feeding of Silage. Contents: Making and Feeding Silage.—Silage for Horses.—Silage for Beef Cattle.—Silage for Sheep.—24 pages, 6 illustrations. (Farmers' Bulletin 578.) Gives methods and costs of growing and harvesting silage, feeding value, and instructions for filling the silo. Adapted for general circulation. Supercedes Farmers' Bulletin 556. The Common Mole of the Eastern United States. 19 pages, 4 illustrations. (Farmers' Bulletin 583.) Natural and Artificial Incubation,

Land of "El Dorado" Located

The lure of gold has ever been the basis for brave exploits and bold adventure, and often about it has been woven the entangling web of mystery and myth to add to the zest of its pursuit. The ancient Argonauts sailed in search of the mythical Golden Pleece, while the golden apples of the mysterious Hesperides lured on the giant Hercules. The bold Phoenicians sailed to the shores of Spain to gather a golden harvest for the merchants of Syria, and the old Semitic navigators sailed out from the Red Sea to seek it at Tarshish and in the famed mines of Ophir, whose location is even now a mystery.

The Portuguese as early as the middle of the fifteenth century brought gold from the west-coast of Africa, and it was to find a sea route to the gold and spice-laden shores of the Far East that Vasco da Gama sailed around the Cape of Good Hope and Columbus finally embarked to venture into unknown seas upon that memorable voyage of 1492.

The discovery of the new world but added a new stimulus to the unceasing, restless search for wealth, and in the marvelous tales of pearls and jewels rare and glittering golden ornaments decorating simple savages who knew but little of their value, the adventurous and credulous conquistadores saw a glorious land of promise.

Among the most enticing of these tales was the one the Coquetico Indians told the earliest settlers of the colony of Coro, established by Juan de Ampues in 1527 on the narrow isthmus that connects the peninsula of Paraguana with the mainland about the Lake of Maracaibo in Venezuela. According to their stories, a tribe of fierce but wealthy Indians dwelt in the mountains some distance to the south, with whom gold was so abundant that they powdered the whole body of their chief with its dust.

Thus was started the tale of "El Dorado," the gilded one, a tale which in its repeated telling grew into most wonderful fiction but which was founded in its first instance on a fact, according to the sketch of the life and work of the late Adolph Bandler, by Edward Albee, in the June number of the Monthly Bulletin of the Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. Bandler, it seems, established the fact that "a chieftain who was gilded for a certain ceremonial occasion once really existed on the table land of Bogota, in the Province of Cundinamarca, in the heart of New Granada."

On this high plain dwelt the agricultural village Indians known as the Muzaca. They wore cotton cloth, mined emeralds, and also salt. These products were exchanged for the gold of other tribes, and by thrift and industry the precious metal was accumulated to superfluity on the tableland of Bogota. On the plateau were several lakes which were regarded by the Muzacas as holy places. Each of them was the supposed seat of a special divinity, to which gold and

emeralds were offered by throwing them into the water. Among these the Lake of Guatavita became famous. Near the lake lay the village of Guatavita, whose inhabitants about the year 1499 constituted an independent tribe. A legend was current among them that the wife of one of their earlier chiefs had thrown herself into the water to avoid a punishment, and had subsequently become the goddess of the lake.

When a new chief of Guatavita was chosen an imposing ceremonial was observed. The male population marched out in a long procession to the lake. In front walked walking men, nude, their bodies painted with red ochre, the sign of mourning. Groups followed, richly decorated with gold and emeralds, their heads adorned with feathers, and braves clothed in jaguar skins. Some went uttering joyful shouts, others blew on horns, pipes, and conchs. There were priests in long black robes adorned with white crosses, and tall black caps. Behind them came the nobles of the tribe and chief priests, bearing the newly elected chieftain upon a narrow hung with disks of gold. His naked body was anointed with resinous gums and covered all over with gold dust. This was the gilded man.

Arrived at the shore, the gilded chief and his companions stepped upon a balsam and proceeded upon it to the middle of the lake. There the chief plunged into the water and washed off his metallic covering, while the assembled company, with shouts and sound of instruments, threw in the gold and jewels brought as offerings. The ceremony completed, the chief returned to the shore and all went back to the village to close the festival with dancing and feasting.

Thus was the occasional ceremonial of a primitive tribe of Indians the real basis of a legend which passed from tongue to tongue until it lured men from far beyond the sea with the vain hope of conquest and of spoils.

CAN'T DENY IT

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