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Political platforms are full of buncombe. All manner of promises are made for no other purpose than to catch the unwary voter. All the parties are equally guilty, and one is just as bad as the other when it comes to stretching out a long list of meaningless resolves. Four years ago the party in power solemnly resolved that one term for president should be the limit and the electorate gave their approval of this feature by electing the candidate who was supposed to accept this as a fixed party principle. At St. Louis this "resolve" was cast to the winds by the same men who adopted it, repudiated it by the nomination of a truly good American for the second term. So it is all along the line. It has been said that the road to hades is paved with resolutions broken, and the broken resolutions made by political conventions certainly form a large share of the aforesaid road. The voter, however, is learning to take little stock in political promises, and are more than ever inclined to vote for the man rather than the platform enunciated by the high-gear vote catchers.

Never miss an opportunity to boost for Nyssa. If you don't, who will? Make all the newcomers and prospective residents think it is going to be the metropolis of Malheur county, and it soon will be. Get in line and energetic men and the town cannot help but prosper, go forward and grow. You never saw a town amount to anything where business men and citizens were always engaged in telling how dead it was—lifeless and all the powers that be could not start it moving, building up and endowing it with new life. This is enough to kill any town, while the statements are not true. Make the best of everything. Take the progressive side of every reasonable question. Advertise your town and business in every possible way, and your highest hopes in regard to it will be fully realized.

The public drinking fountain is a priceless boon these summer days. For several days the water has been ice cooled and it has been eagerly sought by young and old. To the townspeople it is a delight, and the weary traveler who has walked the dusty roads in search of work and slakes his thirst in its sparkling bubble calls it blessed. The ladies of the Civic League who installed the fountain are entitled to be called public benefactors.

Again have the colored American soldiers given a good account of themselves. At Carri- zal they faced overwhelming odds and almost certain death with jokes and songs and wrought gory havoc among the Mexicans. Not until they were annihilated as a fighting force did a few submit to capture. All honor to the gallant colored troopers, living and dead.

War with Mexico seems inevitable, but that benighted land will have made a big advance in civilization when the war is over.

The war in Europe doesn't seem all-important when our own country is threatened.

That the Nyssa country must be drained is proclaimed by all, but how to do it is the rub that is causing costly delay.

THIS WEST OF OURS.

Two or three dispatches have indicated that Mr. Hughes proposes to make a trip to the Pacific coast during the campaign. He certainly should. So should President Wilson. No gentleman should ever aspire to the presidency of these United States who has never visited half of them. When Mr. Cleveland was president he never could be persuaded to come further west than Kansas City. Think of a man who makes Kansas City the western terminus of his real knowledge of their republic!

Never a hand-clasp with an honest miner; never a glimpse of Yosemite or the Yellowstone; never a view of old Shasta, just at sunset, when the blended rays of the sun paint the snow on its crest purple and gold; never a glimpse of "where rolls the Oregon," with Hood, St. Helens, Ranier and other sentinel mountains that keep their watch over it; never a thought that what he sees of empire and civilization has been created in three-score years. We can all afford to be sorry for a president so handicapped.—Goodwin's Weekly.

Railroad Through the Holy Land

A railroad has been pushed from Jhulfa on the frontier of Russian Transcaucasia, ninety-three miles into Persia to the ancient city of Tabriz.

Henry D. Baker of the American legation at Petrograd was the only passenger on the first train. His report of the trip is most interesting. Thousands of people flocked to see the new wonder. In front of the engine was a huge emblem showing the Persian lion with the sword and the sun in the background. The sheep and the cattle along the road were greatly terrified, the horses fled before it. It is hoped that the road will be pushed on to Teheran, the capital, and thence through Ispahan to a connection with the British Indian road at Beluchistan.

It is expected that the traffic on the road will be very great as there are many mines that have lain idle for want of transportation facilities and Tabriz is a city of 200,000 people and the world's leading carpet market.

That is the land of the old fire worshippers. The train made its journey by night. If among the thousands who saw it coming and pass, if a thrill of hereditarily stirred them as the headlight came in view they must have thought that their god had bent down to do man's work. In the cycle of time the redemption of that land must be at hand. A dispatch came a few days ago that negotiations were on to wrest the Holy Land from the Moslems. Who knows but that within the coming very few years that region from the Mediterranean through the Holy Land, through Mesopotamia, through Persia, to beyond both the Euphrates and Tigris, may not be the most interesting region of all the earth, through the memories it contains; through the regeneration that will be going on, for it is naturally a rich country. And for the men of the West to go there and redeem it will be but a return to the spot where the cradle of civilization was first rocked.—Goodwin's Weekly.

THE IRISH OF IT.

"The man behind the throne" in Mexico today is considered by many persons to be General Alvaro Obregon. It is he, diplomats hint, who has raised his voice at Carranza's ear and brought about the present situation—he who dictated the terms which were brought forward at the El Paso conference.

Obregon, say some observers, is the most powerful man Mexico has seen since Diaz, and unquestionably he is now minister of war and in absolute command of the best army that all of Latin-America has ever seen. Nearly 100 years ago—in 1821 it was—the king of Spain sent John O'Donahue, an Irishman, to rule as viceroy over Mexico. He brought with him across the seas a friend, Michael O'Brien.

Later Iturbide and his army ousted O'Donahue, ended the three hundred years of misrule of Spain in Mexico, and established the "first empire." Michael O'Brien changed his allegiance and served Iturbide well, brought a colleen from Emerald Island, married, settled down and prospered. Before he died his name had been changed by the Mexicans to Miguel Obregon, and it is the great grandson of this Michael-Miguel that heads Carranza's armies.—Statesman.

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Man Wanted Makes His Getaway

After a man hunt of four days in a sparsely settled district of Oregon, Deputy Sheriff Oscar Somerville of Ada county, who was assisted by Lee Noe, deputy sheriff of Malheur county, is home. They missed their man, C. B. Dise, whose true name is said to be Frank Caviness, by a narrow margin, but he is now without his horse or food and has gone alone into the hills near Huntington.

Dise is alleged to be one of the men who was recognized as being implicated in the bunco game played upon A. L. Roberts of Long Valley, who was sold bogus railroad stock to the amount of \$3800.

Knowing the man was a hard one to capture, Sheriff Post applied to the county commissioners some time ago for funds with which to perfect his capture. He was turned down and then began a watchful waiting policy. Last week he learned that Dise had been seen near his cabin some miles from Vale and Deputy Sheriff Somerville at once left to try and capture him. Instead of finding Dise at his cabin after a hard trip there, they learned he was camped in Rock canyon, some two miles distant and made the trip to that point, but someone had tipped off the man and he had left, leaving his camp equipment. Deputy Sheriff Somerville left a note at the camp telling Dise to call at the Sheriff's office in Boise. He did so to scare him out of that place should he return. They then took up his trail and gave him a two-day chase during which Dise and his wife on horseback rode over the mountain wilds and got to Huntington. The officers notified the Huntington Marshal, who visited the hotel where Dise and his wife were stopping. He found Mrs. Dise in and she informed him her husband had gone to get a shave. The marshal went out to look for him, but Mrs. Dise had followed and informed her husband and while he attempted to get their horses, was unable to do so and took to the hills on foot. Mrs. Dise was detained for a time at Pendleton and seen there yesterday by Sheriff Post. Officers are now in the hills about Huntington after Dise and it is expected he will soon be captured.—Capital News.

U. S. and Mexican Forces Compared

UNITED STATES.
Along the Border.

Douglas	2,500
Columbus	2,500
El Paso	3,500
Rio Grande	1,500
Presidio	1,000
Laredo	10,000
Brownsville	9,000
San Antonio	4,500
Total	34,500

These men are stretched along a front of 1800 miles. This makes the line average nineteen men to the mile.

In Mexico.

Namiquipa	3,500
Babricora	1,500
San Miguel	500
Madera	500
Galena	1,000
Casa Grandes	3,000
Coralitos	1,500
Ascension	500
Total	12,000

These men are stretched along a front of 250 miles. This makes the line average forty-eight men to the mile.

Against this force Carranza has:
In Sonora under Calles.....12,000
In Chihuahua facing Pershing's front.....40,000
At other points along border.....15,000
Total.....67,000

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