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PLAN FOR PEACE IN MEXICO.

THE COMMUNICATION hereto appended, which was clipped from the Portland Oregon Journal, is so unwittingly humorous and the writer so unconscious of the fact, that it is worth reproducing as a sample of the working of the human mind, or whatever does duty for it. The writer does not seem to realize that his proposition, reduced to what it stands for, is just that "if the Mexicans would quit fighting, settle their differences and be good, there would be no war." As a bit of unconscious humor, it is delicious. Here is the Journal correspondent's proposition:

"To the editor of the Journal—Kindly grant me space in the Journal to express my regret that a plan, which occurred to me, by which, if it could have been acted upon at the time of its suggestion, peace and official order could undoubtedly have been restored in our neighboring country of Mexico within a few days, was not applied.

"The proposition was for the governors of all the states of Mexico to first agree, by dispatch, to unite in restoring peace. Then call their representative assemblies and secure their consent and aid. Having secured this absolutely necessary support, the governors should have held a convention, or consultation, by correspondence, and agreed to call an armistice of all belligerent forces until an election could be held and a president and proper representatives of all the states for the general government assemblies elected. The governors should have agreed that they would furnish due protection and parol to all belligerents who obeyed their united order for a halt until after a general election, also declaring their united purpose to support and defend the president and the representatives then elected by the people, without regard to any contending factions, except insofar as their present positions might aid or facilitate the work of restoring a general government, and holding the necessary election for such purpose.

"During this period of peace a vigorous missionary work should have been carried on by the ministers of all the churches, aided and supported by the governors and army officers, all the belligerent armies meantime being brought together and trained in their duties to their country and the people as their protectors, and in the method of using the highest up-to-date army efficiency in fulfilling this extremely obvious duty.

"Each state government could also have a good supply of munitions. The quantity which each should hold could be decided by the governor's council.

"A neat squad of the most truly loyal people could be trained at the capital of each state to guard the requisite supplies, as these are assembled.

"Although contending with a series of difficulties during the last summer, the writer outlined the above plan, but so far has not been able to secure that attention which such a plain, simple, yet obviously practical plan calls for.

"The altogether unnecessary suffering of the people in the war zones of that country fairly makes my heart bleed.

"Hoping that some measures will be taken at an early date by the state governments in Mexico to secure settled conditions, with the peace and plenty it would bring, I remain a hopeful and staunch friend of our neighboring republic. The course outlined would create a precedent for all future settlement of similar difficulties in Mexico."

LADY COOK TELLS JOURNAL READERS CHILDREN SHOULD KNOW AND GIVES REASONS FOR VIEWS

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 Eugenic Epigrams by Lady Cook.
 For children to seek knowledge of the mysteries of their physique is held grossly indecent.
 Yet man is the most beautiful piece of mechanism in all nature most worthy and profitable of study.
 The general teaching that we are conceived in sin and born in iniquity is as false as it is blasphemous.
 The nauseous "purity" which account our bodily functions as vile and not to be discussed should be scouted as criminally filthy.
 We should, as propagators of the race, teach our children what is their birthright to know. Don't make them learn it on the street corners.

 BY LADY COOK.
 (Written for the United Press)
 New York, Dec. 17.—We have been taught for ages to disregard our bodies, as things vile and unclean by nature. A general ignorance of them has in the past times been strongly encouraged, and is still a reproach to our civilization. Any youth or girl attempting to learn the mysteries of their physique

 would be accounted forward or indelicate and a study of their real origin would be held as grossly indecent.
 Yet man is the most beautifully and most wonderful piece of animal mechanism in all nature most worthy and most profitable of study. All his faculties and powers, his thoughts and emotions, are governed by the structure and state of his body. It should be his duty, then, to know all he can about it, as early as possible. This should form a chief part of the education of every child according to its age and capacity, and enter into the curriculum of every school. Physiological works should be studied as well as the bible, because of their greater utility.
 In our old family bible there is a picture of Eve rising as a complete and mature woman out of the side of a man, as he reclines in sleep. We have seen the same monstrous idea similarly treated elsewhere. Children may view these false delineations without hesitation because they are sanctioned by "authorities," but were a mother in parturition exhibited to the young even in the most proper manner it would be pounced upon by the police.
 The theological fable is preferred to the physiological fact. Our backwardness in this is partly due to the medical profession members of which may not want trade secrets to be too freely divulged to "outsiders." The general teaching that we are conceived in sin

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and born in iniquity is as false as it is blasphemous, and an insult to every parent. To tell sober people that a pure minded couple are defiled by their own consubial embraces, is at once to vilify nature and its author. I say to parents, do not believe in this disgusting doctrine.

Our young men and young women are imperfectly instructed—if instructed at all. Countless thousands are grossly ignorant of the most elementary circumstances pertaining to married life even after they have chosen their mate. The sexual side of our being has not been so stigmatized that our other natural appetites have shared in its degradation. We boast of our love or art, literature, science, but are ashamed of our bodily organs and functions, and shun the knowledge of our own physiology. These beautiful structures, which it should be our pride to improve and preserve untainted, are accounted vile and not to be discussed. The nauseous "purity" which produces all this should be scouted as criminally filthy, and recklessly foolish.

We should then, as propagators of the race, take the only course and teach our children what is their birthright to know and not give them the opportunity to learn it from the whisperings of older and evil companions, in the street corners and in the cloak rooms.

THE ROUND-UP.

The barge Frederick, owned by Porter Bros., Portland contractors, loaded with 80 tons of oats, 70 tons of hay and 60 tons of dynamite, struck the north jetty at the entrance to Yaquina harbor Saturday, breaking a big hole in her bottom. She was beached in a safe place and her cargo taken off. Loss about \$5000.

Dr. Coe was granted a divorce from Mrs. Coe by Judge McGinn at Portland Saturday. She had brought suit for divorce.

Congressman Lafferty, of Portland, has abbreviated his autobiography in the congressional directory to such an extent an addition volume will not be required. He has also changed his name and now calls himself "Walter." After the next election he can change it again, for it will then be "Dennis."

Judge Peter Basche, of Baker, is in the hospital at that city and little hopes are entertained of his recovery. He is a pioneer and more than 50 years ago opened a hardware store in Baker City. He is about 75 years old.

Walter H. Moon, of Sherman county, and one of its leading men, died at his home in Moro Saturday morning. He was 59 years old.

John Miller Drake, aged 83, and a pioneer of 1858, died at his home in Portland Thursday last.

Oscar Matson, a laborer, was instantly killed at the railroad construction camp near Wendling Saturday by the explosion of a box of dynamite.

Ad Wolgast has taken the count on his Medford ranch, it being sold because he went back on his bargain. He forfeited \$1000 he had paid on it.

The Seufert Bros., who own a big cannery near The Dalles, have established a hatchery and are putting from 150,000 to 200,000 young salmon in the Columbia every day. They expect to hatch 5,000,000 this year.

PUBLIC LIBRARY LECTURE SUBJECT CHANGED

Owing to Dr. Schaffer's inability to be in Salem on Friday, December 19, Dr. Clifton Fremont Hodge will lecture in his place on "Recent Development in National and Local Bird Protection." The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides. Dr. Hodge is one of the most eminent biologists of the day and is for this year connected with the University of Oregon. He was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, on a farm, next but one to Forest Home, the birthplace of Francis Willard. His college education was obtained at Ripon and later he took his Ph. D. from Johns Hopkins University. At the opening of the Clark University, in 1888, Dr. Hodge began his long service there, which, except for one year as instructor of biology at Wisconsin University, only terminated this September. Dr. Hodge has made many contributions to the subject of nature study, the best known, perhaps, being his book "Nature Study and Life." He has done special research work on the domestication and propagation of the partridge and quail and his pet hobby is the examination of the fly.

His subject for the library lecture, "Recent Development in National and Local Bird Protection," is of special interest to him. He loves the birds, and tells how to cultivate their confidence and friendship.

The lecture will be in the library auditorium Friday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock, and is free.

Mrs. Hannah Greensides of New York on her 90th birthday calculated that she had slept 285,000 hours of her life away.

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GENERALS REGRET THERE WAS CRITICISM OF BANQUET

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
 Washington, Dec. 17.—Generals Alshire and Melntyre and Admiral Howard yesterday afternoon submitted to Secretaries Garrison and Daniels, of the war and navy departments their report concerning the Carabao society banquet into which, because he considered that the entertainment included features satirizing his Philippine policy President Wilson demanded an investigation.

The report expressed no regret at the official criticism of the entertainment nor for President Wilson's action in retiring from membership in the society. It did, however, express "the deepest regret at criticism in the press" and denied that an advance account of the banquet was given to the newspapers in which it was stated that details of the program "were designed to show lack of sympathy with recent developments and tendencies in the Philippine government."

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The old-time mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur for darkening gray, streaked and faded hair is grandmother's treatment, and folks are again using it to keep their hair a good, even color, which is quite sensible, as we are living in an age when a youthful appearance is of the greatest advantage.

Nowadays, though, we don't have the troublesome task of gathering the sage and the mussy mixing at home. All drug stores sell the ready-to-use product called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy" for about 50 cents a bottle. It is very popular because nobody can discover it has been applied. Simply moisten your comb or a soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, but what delights the ladies with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur is that, besides beautifully darkening the hair after a few applications, it also produces that soft lustre and appearance of abundance which is so attractive; besides, prevents dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair. Local agent, J. C. Perry.

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ASHLAND DRY VICTORS.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
 Ashland, Or., Dec. 17.—At the election yesterday 937 votes were cast, the total being below the normal. For license 144 votes were cast, against 795, a dry majority of 649. About half the votes were cast by women.

Experts have estimated that if the forest of the world were scientifically operated, they would yield the equivalent of from 30 to 120 times the present consumption of wood annually.

An eastern Washington farmer utilizes green grasshoppers to fatten turkeys, yet there is not likely to be an increased demand for the insects.

The man who throws a bouquet at himself and bricks at his neighbor can not expect to become very popular.

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