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THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Mexico City is having an epidemic of typhus. There have been many and widely varying statements as to the number of deaths, some of them going as high as 60,000. American doctors are in charge now and are getting the city cleaned up and the disease checked. The feeling toward Americans is no longer so bitter, and generally the situation is much improved. While some consider Carranza too weak to handle the situation most of the populace is tired of revolution and are standing behind the president in his efforts to bring about the end of war and revolution. It looks as though he might be able to do this. With Villa once out of the way permanently, which means Villa dead, peace may again be possible. Under present conditions it is quite likely that some of Villa's followers in order to save themselves, will betray their chieftain into the hands of his enemies.

He is all that is left of the revolution, the only one about whom the guerilla bands can gather, and it is probable his end is not far away.

Professor Channing of Harvard has been investigating history unwritten as well as the bound volume kind, and has unearthed some things that show America's greatest men had some failings. According to this savant Washington had a temper and Patrick Henry was deficient in knowledge as to what belonged to him, and the property of other folks, was in fact a trifle dishonest. It may be as the professor says; but if so he has only shown that these historic characters were human and therefore not perfect. He has told nothing new. The pages of history, both sacred and profane show all the notables of the earth had their failings, and this is true without exception. Adam laid the blame of disobedience on his wife, and while it was in a sense true, it was an act far from gallant and not commendable. Perfection in humanity is not possible, hence why dig in the boneyard or seek "to draw their frailties from their dread abode."

Portland will now make a fight to get lower rates on grain from the inland empire than Sound points and Astoria. It certainly looks as though she was entitled to this concession. If not why can not the grain growers of the Willamette valley even though they be but twenty miles from Portland demand the railroads carry their grain to Astoria for the same charge as is made for hauling it to Portland? What right has eastern Oregon that southern Oregon is not entitled to the same? As between Astoria and Sound cities Astoria was indubitably right; but it is at least debatable as to her or the Sound ports right to have the same rates as Portland, and Portland will surely debate it.

Astoria is now on an equality with Seattle, Tacoma and Portland so far as rates from the inland empire are concerned, and it remains to be seen what effect this will have on her trade. The differential formerly between Astoria and Portland, was 10 cents a hundred, which would be six cents a bushel on wheat. With a water level haul as against a hard mountain climb for Seattle and Tacoma unless the grain is hauled through Portland and from 75 to 100 miles further than if taken to Astoria, that point should secure a big trade. It remains to be seen if the railroads are willing to make this extra haul just to favor the Sound cities.

It is tiresome and monotonous enough to have the war news of the day ever before us, and when a correspondent begins rewriting the history of the war, telling us all about the campaigns of last year and goes fighting the battles all over again, the great reading public feels that the open season for correspondents and editors who publish their secondhand stuff should begin at once and continue indefinitely without limit as to size of bag.

"Russians take Mush after a long drive," was a head line in a Portland newspaper Sunday. Not a very satisfying diet in the circumstances we should say.

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Portland was given a hard jolt to her pride Friday when a Seattle firm got away with the contract for building the much talked of auditorium in the Oregon metropolis. It also got another surprise, which in a measure counterbalanced the first one, and that was that the bid was nearly $100,000 lower than the estimates made some time ago as to the probable cost. While the bond issue for the structure was $600,000, it is now thought the building can be fiinished and furnished for $450,000, or three-fourths of the sum voted for the purpose.

Former Senator Root in criticising President Wilson exemplified the wisdom of the man who advised politicians to keep their mouths shut. In trying to belittle Wilson the ex-senator forgot himself, somewhat, and his desire to occupy the presidential chair. "Concerning Germany," Root said, "We need a president who will appeal to something else than words." There can be but one meaning to this and that is that Senator Root wants war with Germany. What else is there to appeal to when words fail?

With the Russians landing troops only 70 miles from Trebizond, and preparing to reinforce the army of the Grand Duke Nicholas who recenly captured Erzerum, the situation has a bad outlook for the Turk. It is about six hundred miles from where this army landed to Constantinople, and the way is practically open.

Is it impossible to discover a modern fire bug? It would seem so, for with fires costing millions of dollars, and the destruction of public property as well as that of private companies, and this extending over a year or more of time, not one of the criminals has been apprehended.

The canoe, gum tree or any other variety has a sort of sentimental side to it, but sentiment and high water in the Willamette do not mix well. Three drownings in a week show it is too uncertain a craft for anything but still waters.

The churches as well as christianity are pretty well "shot to pieces" in the war zone.

TRUTH IS MIGHTY

The truth is mighty and must prevail; and if you are out for the fame or kale, just paste that motto inside your hat, and let the people know where you're at. Yes, one may profit by low deceit, by handing bunk to the folks he'll meet, by dishing lies when the lying's good, by selling nutmegs or hams of wood. But when he's rich he will surely find his coin won't buy him a peaceful mind, or gain respect from the mass of men who honestly chase the helpful yen. The truth is ever the one best bet; and the tainted coin that the rascals get, the sharpers' hoard and the tricksters gold, will bring them sorrow as they grow old. I'd hate to size up my pile of wealth, and know I got it by lies and stealth, by cheating Thomas and bilking Jake, by advertising some rotten fake. Oh, bttter far is the hard-earned dime, than the dollar stained by a scoundrel's crime, than the tainted man with his tainted kale—for truth is mighty and must prevail.

AFTER THE GUNMEN

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21. — Five more Chinese, alleged gunmen, were in the city jail today as a result of police activities to suppress the tong war.

Two armed Chinese were arrested on the street last night. Shortly afterwards three suspicious looking orientals arrived from Seattle and were immediately throw in jail.

Certain of legal difficulties, the Bow Leong tong has employed one of the most prominent legal firms in the city. The Hop Sings keep a lawyer hired all the time.

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STATE NEWS

Marshfield Times: Reports reach us almost daily of the hardships suffered by the stock in Curry county during the severe weather, says the Coquille Herald. It is said that two-thirds of all the cattle and sheep in that county are dead as a result of the freezing weather. One man from that county says that it was almost impossible to travel some of the roads with a team on account of the dead sheep lying in the road. One ranch lost 1,400 sheep and the owner is selling the remaining ones he owns for $1 a head. From all the reports received from the surrounding country we have got off lucky here in Coos.

The Medford Sun indorses the current month in the following editorial utterance: "What is so rare as a day in February—provided you are fortunate enough to live in the Rogue river valley? Throughout the world in general, February is the climatic scapegoat, but the records of the weather bureau in Medford show it is invariably a month when everyone wants to throw off an overcoat and frolic out of doors."

Consolation for flood sufferers, offered by the Coquille Sentinel: "Of course the big flood has caused a great deal of loss and much inconvenience to hundreds of people; but there is the same compensation here as in the valley of the Nile. One of the O. A. C. men who was here some years ago estimated that to apply commercial fertilizers to the valley lands of equal value to the silt deposited by a flood like this would cost $25 per acre."

"The value of Powder River valley farming land is certainly appreciated," says the Baker Democrat, "when $125.25 per acre is paid for it by one who has been in close touch with its productive qualities for many years."

Weather report in Bend Bulletin of Wednesday: "Rains and chinook winds have taken the snow away very fast while the sun has dried the roads. In certain places, the grass is green. Spring birds have appeared, and the fishermen have begun to thing of trout."

Indications that other eastern Oregon towns are going to follow the lead of Pendleton in passing a dance regulating ordinance, letters, the East Oregonian says, have been received by Recorder Fitzgerald from the city councils of Enterprise and Bend asking for copies of the ordinance.

FEATURE NO. 3

MOOSE LODGE ALL STAR VAUDEVILLE SHOW THURSDAY, MARCH 2

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

CHARLIE ROBINSON

Charlie Robinson, assistant district attorney of Multnomah county, with a reputation established as being one of the greatest orators in the state. Read his Lincoln anniversary speech before the Portland republican club, and who is compelled in every day life in performing his duties at the court house to look at the serious side of life. In the prosecution of cases against the law breakers of society, has cultivated by way of diversion a taste for the ridiculous not alone for his own amusement, but the amusement of the general public.

At Portland a theatrical show of the Ad Club, Rotary Club, Transportation Club, in fact any club without Charlie present to do his stunts would be like a course dinner, witnout the desert.

Mr. Robinson is a fun maker, a genius who writes his own music, and composes his own words. He can sing, act, dance, do anything that the professional vaudeville artist can do, and if Mr. Robinson ever made it known that he wanted to appear on the professional stage for a livelihood, the booking agents would make him financials offers that would make the average mind believe he is dreaming.

Mr. Robinson has several splendid acts up his sleeves, but has not yet indicated which one he will put on here. The committee does not like to impose on good nature yet it is inclined to have Mr. Robinson really put on two acts, with different partners, who generally appear with him. We are delighted to have Mr. Robinson with us for the big night, and the committee can assure its patrons that Mr. Robinson's acts alone will be well worth more than the price of a ticket.

PHILIP ROSENTHAL

This will introduce Philip Rosenthal, we have heard of Philip Sousa, Philip Wendel Holmes, and other Philipses who are celebrates, but none of these world renown genuises have anything over our friend Philip Rosenthal. As a composer of popular songs, he is known from New York to Oregon, and when Mr. Rosenthal starts to make the piano talk, the audiences never want to cease calling for encors.

Mr. Rosenthal is known for his famous interpertation of the Hungarian Rhapsories of which he is master.

Mr. Rosenthal appears in one act with Mr. Robinson, and produces the harmony on the piano that Mr. Robinson needs to go wita his songs.

It will be a rare treat to hear Mr. Rosenthal going over the keys of the piano, in playing one of his famous solos.

covered from their recent severe illness.

Messrs. William and Elmer Westley, of this place, are engaged in filling a large contract for cord wood.

Some real estate among Claxtar fruit tracts is changing hands here and business seems to be reviving in all lines.

The Bert Morrisons drove out from Salem and spent Sunday with the G. I. Newtons, of Claxtar, store last Sunday. The Thomas Newtons were also entertained at dinner at the G. I. Newtons to meet the Morrisons.

Hayesville News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Hayesville, Ore., Feb. 19.—The marriage of Ellen R. Johnson, of Claxtar, and James T. Mitchell, of Doty, Wash., occurred at the John Peterson home, at Hayesville, on Wednesday, February 16, at high noon. Rev. A. A. Winter, of the Salem Evangelical church, officiating.

The bride was attractively dressed in dark blue silk with hat to match

After the ceremony, which was attended by relatives and close personal friends of both, the wedding party adjourned to the bride's home, where a wedding breakfast was in readiness.

The brilliant sunshine and spring-like weather, added much to the occasion which was one of general merry-making.

One hundred neighbors favored the couple with a noisy salute of welcome on the evening of the wedding day. These 100 well-wishers were regaled with pie, cake and loganberry punch, which had been provided in abundance for the occasion. Many kindly wishes and congratulations were expressed.

Mrs. Mitchell is well and favorably known here, where she has lived for several years. Mr. Mitchell, who comes from Doty, Wash., is an uncle of Mrs. Ivan D. Basey, of Claxtar, and made many good friends here during his frequent visits to relatives at Claxtar.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have the kindest wishes of their many neighbors here and at Albany.

The Mitchells will make their home on their farm at Claxtar.

Claxtar News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)

Claxtar, Ore., Feb. 19.—Miss Sylvia Jones, of Gervais, Ore., was a guest this week of Mrs. Chas. Reed, of Claxtar. Miss Jones is a well-known Marion county teacher and has just returned from the San Diego fair.

However, according to the young lady the floods are much more spectacular in California than the fair could possibly be.

Among well-known Salem people who were in the great California flood were Mrs. Emma Reed, mother of Chas. Reed, of Claxtar, and Mrs. Mary Jones, sister of Mr. Chas. Reed, of Claxtar.

These two ladies who conducted an orange and lemon grove were just ready to commence gathering the golden harvest when the great floods not only harvested the fruit but the trees also, and in addition to this, by soil erosion rendered their valuable orange groves almost valueless.

Mrs. Emma Reed and Mrs. Mary Jones barely escaped with their lives, their bungalow, cattle, horses, poultry, being completely washed away. A fine cow belonging to the ladies was rescued after 24 hours half buried alive in the sand.

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Jones were former Salem people. Both Mr. Reed and Mr. James (who are since deceased) formerly owned the Imperial Furniture store of Salem.

Mrs. John Evans, wife of Dr. John Evans, of Salem, accompanied by her daughter, little Marguerite, are guests of Mrs. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Westley, of Claxtar.

Mrs. Evans spent her childhood on the farm of her parents here, and has many close friends here, to whom her brief visits give much pleasure.

Mr. Roy Westley, who has lately completed a course at the Capital Business college, of Salem, is expected home today from a fortnight spent near Roseburg, where he has been setting the large Cooper orchard in order for the coming season.

The Frank Holtsclaw family have re-

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