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IT ALL DEPENDS ON VILLA

It is claimed Villa intends to make a joke of the American's attempt to capture him. This he can very easily do, and make it a standing joke too. It depends entirely on him whether he is ever caught, for if he so desires he can compel Uncle Sam to continue the hunt indefinitely.

All he has to do to accomplish this is to separate his band when ever he is closely pushed and allow his men to scatter among the other Mexicans. All in the district where he will probably go into hiding are his friends, of at least enemies of the despised gringos.

Pursuing one man with an army of 12,000 would certainly get in the comic opera class, and that is what he can make of it if he chooses.

It would be much like an elephant hunting a flea or a bull dog chasing a butterfly. If he keeps his men together and undertakes to show fight his capture is only a question of time. This is what he is likely to do, and so prove his own undoing.

If he permits his men to scatter and goes into hiding he loses prestige with the peons, and he would about as soon lose his life as to cease to be a popular hero. On account of this trait, he will probably undertake to assemble an army and give battle to the Americans. He is ignorant, and does not understand the power of the United States, or realize that it can keep all the army necessary to whip him at any time, in the field indefinitely.

His overweening ambition will cause him to get himself at the head of what he considers a respectable army, and undertake to run the Americans out, and in that disposition lies his great, in fact about his only danger.

The job of capturing or disposing of Villa, under existing circumstances is far greater if he chooses to make it so, than it would be to overrun all Mexico, and "push the border along ahead of the army."

Dr. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, has been delving in statistics and discovers that Americans spend their money yearly for things which are not, so-called, necessities. He finds we spend \$2,200,000,000 for intoxicants; \$1,200,000,000 for tobacco; \$800,000,000 for jewelry and plate; \$500,000,000 for automobiles; \$200,000,000 for candies and confections; \$120,000,000 for soft drinks; \$100,000,000 for tea and coffee; \$90,000,000 for millinery; \$80,000,000 for patent medicines, and \$15,000,000 for chewing gum. He does not give the figures on gasoline, probably considering that a necessity since the big sum was spent for autos. The Dr. also classes among the things that are not necessities "church work at home" which he estimates costs \$250,000,000, and foreign missions on which we spend \$12,000,000. Comparing the last item with the booze figures and those for tobacco may account for the statement that, "the heathen rage."

The war news from all sections except around Verdun is conspicuous by its absence. There seems to be little doing, but reports indicate that Russia is preparing a tremendous force to throw into the field so soon as the weather moderates and Spring is fairly underway. The war stories in May and June will probably discount any so far told, as the movements will be on a larger scale, so far as the allies are concerned, then ever before.

It is stated on "high authority" that Rumania will join the allies in May, and that at that time there will be a grand offensive at all the fronts. It is further stated that Rumania is working all her munition plants full time and preparing for the event. As she has half a million soldiers ready for service at a moment's notice her action will have a far reaching effect, and should go a long way toward forcing some kind of peace soon.

The gentlemen in charge of the advertising of "Orange" day either had one slipped over on him or else had an idea the Irish trade wasn't worth catering too—or he would never have selected St. Patrick's day for boosting the orange business.

Strange isn't it how the dignity and glory of official place swell the average American far beyond his normal size once he gets an "important" office, and how small, and low, and mean seem all other earthly things when sized up in comparison to it. Saturday, in Portland, there was a lively tilt between school Director Lockwood and some other members of the board, one of whom was Judge Munly, its president. Lockwood made some charges about favoritism being shown, and Judge Munly took it as it was probably meant, that he was one of those who benefited by said favoritism. This was too much for a gentleman who sported the dignified title of "Judge," and also wore on his crown the insignia of the presidency of the Portland school board. In calm and dispassionate language fitted to his exalted position he squelched Director Lockwood, thus: "You, Mr. Lockwood, were elected to this board as a mere clerk. 'Do you catch wherein Mr. Lockwood was guilty of lese majesty? Think of the gall of him lifting up his voice and expressing an opinion as against that of the president of the mighty board and he 'only a mere clerk.'"

"Swift Water" Bill, famous in early Alaska days, is off on a hunt for a mine in Bolivia, leaving San Francisco on the Colusa, with a few picked men to assist in the search. Chasing the pot of gold at the foot of a rainbow is of a piece with this kind of mining. Every state on the coast has a lost cabin mine or its prototype, and thousands there be who waste time in looking for them.

From the rate of registration to date it seems there will be not more than 200,000 voters registered for the primaries. Up to Saturday night there were 103,890 on the lists and this is far below the normal. Registration closes April 18, so there are, not including Sundays, but 24 more days to get on the rolls before the primaries.

After a pursuit lasting sixteen years, and which led the woman making it all over the United States in an effort to find her husband, Mrs. Gussie Reisfield won out Saturday by finding him in San Francisco living with another woman. Having wasted sixteen years she at once began action for divorce.

The startling statement is made that diamonds are soon to take a big jump in price. This is sad news indeed for the newspaper fraternity whose members were liable to purchase a pint or two each to take on their summer vacation and leave with their friends just as remembrances.

Saturday was the coldest day in New York since the weather bureau was established in 1871, the mercury dropping down to 6.6 above zero, which is about eleven degrees colder than our coldest day during the winter. Gardens doing nicely here in Oregon at the same time.

The San Diego aftermath of the Panama exposition was formally opened Saturday afternoon, Secretary Daniels at Washington pressing the button that started the dollar mill grinding.

Admiral Peary not satisfied with getting into the same class with Doctor Cook as a discoverer of poles now purposes to enter the list with the doughty doctor as a mountain climber.

According to the dispatches Saturday Villa was positively located in six different places more than 100 miles distant from each other. He is sure some fast mover.

Bryan and Roosevelt are apparently in eclipse. Neither has been seen or heard from for some time, a fact greatly appreciated by the entire country.

If you have not arranged about securing flax seed for a few acres at least, better do so at once and avoid the rush.



SCHOOLING

At school I learned a lot that helped me not at all; I conned, till I was hot, cheap maps upon the wall, and learned the names of hills in Lapland and Cathay, to trace the creeks and rills that wander near Bombay. I learned a lot of dates (when finished with the map), when kings and other skates went forth to have a scrap. The midnight oil I burned, and bucked the Rule of Three, and all the things I learned were not worth shucks to me. I learned some Latin roots, but never did they aid to buy a pair of boots, a bucksaw or a spade. I dug a while in Greek, and when I went to work I earned three bones a week, as haberdasher's clerk. They never used to teach the things that really count; the youth who tried to reach the top of learning's mount, would find, in after days, the knowledge he'd acquired obstructed all his ways, and made his wishbone tired.

ASTORIA HAD BAD FIRE
Spontaneous combustion was said to have started the fire. The hotel, a drug store, a book store, an undertaking establishment, and a rooming house were destroyed.
Astoria, Ore., Mar. 29. — A blaze which swept a portion of the business district of Astoria last night caused damage estimated today at \$35,000.



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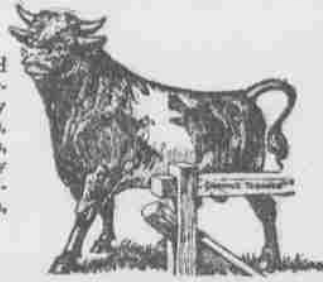
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The Chemawa American, a monthly magazine published in the interests of the Indian training school, states on the title page that it is printed by apprentices at the Salem Indian school, Chemawa, Oregon. Such being the case, Superintendent Wadsworth may justly feel proud of the work done by his apprentices, as the magazine is put up in a neat classy form and the mechanical work equals that of the regulation high class printing houses.

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