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HAS THE MYSTERY BEEN SOLVED?

Villa is the great modern mystery just now, and most of the American people are wondering if that mystery has been solved or whether it has simply taken an other form. The Mexicans say he is dead, but he has been killed so many times that his death will not be believed until his body is produced and identified by Americans. A Mexican identification will not be sufficient.

The combination of circumstances is too suspicious. First: Carranza requests the United States to withdraw its troops from Mexico. Second: the United States says it will do so only when Villa is dead or captured. Third: the Mexican government reports, "Villa is dead."

The concatenation of events is too smooth, the sequence too natural to sound exactly straight. Then too, the digging up of the body after burial two weeks is not calculated to make its identification easy, and it follows that the palming off of any dead Mexican is a possibility.

On top of all this is the fact that Carranza has no friendly feeling toward this country and no hesitation about accomplishing his ends by any and all kinds of prevarication. Looked at from this viewpoint it does not seem probable that the big bandit is dead.

On the other hand the rumors of Villa being wounded though denied have been persistent and would not down. This makes it seem probable he was wounded as stated. If he was so wounded it is easily believed that with such surgical aid as was at his command, he passed in his checks and quit banditting.

The truth will be known soon, or else there will be a show down that is far from satisfactory to everyone this side of the Mexican border. If he is dead the Mexican situation no longer exists, and the recall of the army will naturally follow. It is hoped this will prove to be the solution of the mystery, that our troubles along the border and with Mexico have ended, and that peace is in sight for our bandit-infested neighbor.

The commission form of government is not giving entire satisfaction in Portland judging from the Oregonian which recently remarked anent the proposition of Commissioner Daly to establish a municipal lighting plant. It says there is no use submitting the matter to a vote, because the commissioners would pay no attention to what the taxpayers said anyway. It suggests that the commission has not the ability to manage a dog pound and has farmed that job out. It also alludes to the city's wood venture and its loss of a pile of cord wood a mile and a half long, and suggests that if the lighting plant was secured that someone might walk off with the power house. Evidently the big daily is not optimistic over city commission government as exemplified in the Oregon metropolis.

An amusing feature of the political situation is the Oregonian trying to make itself believe that the Ethiopian has changed his skin, the leopard his spots and Colonel Roosevelt his disposition, and qualifications for the office of president, since four years ago. It calls to mind a story of a tramp who asked for something to eat and when the lady of the house brought him a small piece of rather aged pie he tackled it manfully but half-heartedly, Fletcherizing steadily and laboriously on it. "What's the matter with the pie, isn't it good? Or is there not enough of it?" inquired the lady. "Madame," replied the gallant hungry one, "it is good enough what there is of it, and," hesitatingly, "there is enough of it such as it is."

Guy Biddinger, former head of the Burns' Detective Agency and at one time detective-sergeant of the Chicago police department, was arrested Saturday in Chicago in connection with the alleged police graft in that city. He was one of the leading witnesses against Attorney Clarence Darrow who was charged with bribing jurors in the dynamite trials at Los Angeles, and testified that Darrow tried to bribe him. In the light of present conditions his testimony would not have much weight, for if the charges against him are true, if Darrow had attempted to bribe him, he would have succeeded.

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Jolly Topsy, a Holstein cow, has a right to feel just as her name suggests. First because her home is Cleveland, Ohio; and second, because she broke the world's record recently as a milk producer. In the 11 months ending April 15. She yielded 26,748 pounds of milk, beating the record by three pounds. This is an average of a little more than 81 pounds a day. Almost a ton and a quarter a month. Topsy is surely a jolly good cow.

The clean-up in Mexico should be thorough this time --and it should include Carranza, insolent and arrogant, and all his dirty bunch of grafting followers. Mexico will have good government and prosperity only after the United States has cleaned it up and established a protectorate similar to that exercised over Cuba--if it is not deemed advisable at this time to annex a considerable portion of northern part of the country.

Portland has organized a M. E. O. W. club, its members being owners of thoroughbred cats. The society will have "a bench show" or whatever it is where cats take the place of dogs in the display. The ladies may show some thoroughbreds, but when it comes to preparedness, the old fashioned alley cat with no pride of ancestry, have taken the blue ribbon from all of them.

Mr. Roth, who has been elected as head of the industrial department of the Commercial club, makes the assertion that he will devote his best energies to getting the flax industry started here. This is a move for a greater Salem that will amount to something and we one and all can say to the incoming director, "More power to your elbow."

With but a few hours left in which voters can register it is safe to say the registration is far below what it should be. However when you read this don't rush over to the clerk's office, but just let the bets go as they lay. If you have neglected to register so far, the chances are you would also forget to vote anyway, so what's the difference?

Frank LaSara of Passaic, New Jersey, probably regrets following hasty impulse. He saw a woman on the street, was attracted by her beauty and kissed her. He has just begun serving a year's sentence for his act, which most anyone will admit is a big price for one kiss.

According to the astronomers there will be a display of "shooting stars" beginning the evening of April 20 and continuing three nights. They also say the display will not be so generous as it sometimes is but that the bill for the show indicates it will be well worth watching.

And it always rains on the opening day of the ball season in Portland. The consolation for home fans is that if no game is played Portland has at least escaped another defeat.

Rippling Rhymes
By Walt Mason
ADVERTISING

I asked eight dollars and a half for one fine black Polled Angus calf, which price was not too high; I hoofed it west, I hoofed it east, endeavoring to sell the beast, but no one wished to buy. Day after day I toiled along, and bored men with the same old song, "I have a calf for sale; I ask eight bones and fifty cents, for this unequaled critter, gents--who will dig up the 'kale'?" Then said a friend, "Oh, rest your feet, and quit your wearing out the street, and howling by the year; spend fifty cents and advertise your sawed-off cow of pocket size, and buyers will appear." I followed up that same advice, and put my jaded feet on ice; and when the ad appeared, ten customers came to my gate; one bought the calf and paid the freight, the others bucked and reared. And thus, by printing little ads, the wise man gathers in the seeds, and rests his aching corns; a little ad will make more noise than fifty-seven busy boys, all tooting on their horns.



* **TO ABSORB FRECKLES** *
* **AND OTHER BLEMISHES** *

Every spring numerous inquiries are made by girls seeking some reliable recipe for removing freckles. Last year very favorable reports were received from many who had used mercurized wax during the freckling season. The wax seems to possess unusual properties which completely absorb the freckles, with no harmful effect. The complexion improves wonderfully, becoming as soft as a rose petal, and as delicately tinted. Get an ounce of mercurized wax at any drugists, spread a thin layer of it over the entire face every night for a while, washing this off in the morning. For rough, spotty skin, sallowness, blackheads, pimples, and all cutaneous blemishes, this treatment is superior to any other.
Springtime also brings wrinkles to many sensitive skins that are much exposed to winds and changing temperatures. To a half pint which has had an ounce of powdered salicylate, which quickly dissolves. Rub the face in this; the effect on a wrinkled skin is remarkable.

Macleay News Notes
(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Macleay, Ore., April 18.--Macleay is soon to have a new store on the site of the old one which recently burned. It is understood that Mrs. Mercer is building it. The contractors test and some of the materials are on the ground.
There was a Parent-Teachers' meeting Friday evening at the school house. The attendance was small, but all enjoyed the meeting, especially the refreshments afterward.
There will be a special meeting of the Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Harve Taylor's next Thursday, April 20.
The Sunday school superintendent, D. L. McKenzie, is looking forward to good times and plans are under way for a children's day program.
Rev. P. P. Allen, of McMinnville, gave a sermon on "Soul's Conversion" Sunday afternoon.
Misses Marjorie and Wilma Miller, Carl Miller and Jean Byers motored over to Bethel and enjoyed Miss Ala. Matten's hospitality Saturday evening.
Earl Sunberg, from Bethel, was a Macleay visitor Friday evening.
Mr. Fries, of McAlpine district, was a Macleay visitor Sunday afternoon.

DRINK HOT WATER BEFORE BREAKFAST
Says you really feel clean, sweet and fresh inside, and are seldom ill.

If you are accustomed to wake up with a coated tongue, foul breath or a dull, dizzy headache; or, if your meals sour and turn into gas and acids, you have a real surprise awaiting you.
Tomorrow morning, immediately upon arising, drink a glass of hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it. This is intended to first neutralize and then wash out of your stomach, liver, kidneys, and thirty feet of intestines all the indigestible waste, poisons, sour bile and toxins, thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal.
These subject to sick headaches, lachrymation, bilious attacks, constipation, or any form of stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning insular bath. It is said that men and women who try this become enthusiastic and keep it up daily. It is a splendid health measure for it is more important to keep clean and pure on the inside than on the outside, because the skin pores do not absorb impurities into the blood, causing disease, while the bowel pores do.
The principle of bathing inside is not new, as millions of people practice it. Just as hot water and soap cleanses, purify and freshen the skin, so hot water and a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate act on the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Limestone phosphate is an inexpensive white powder and almost tasteless.

FARMERS AND THE CLUB

(Oregon City Enterprise.)
The Salem Commercial club is considering a plan whereby the farmers will be invited to join the organization. It is proposed to make the farmers members of the agricultural department of the club and give them voting power in that department, but not in the general commercial club organization. The farmers cannot take part in the social privileges of the club and the dues received would be used to promote work in the agricultural department.
The plan is one worthy of careful consideration from similar organizations throughout the state. The commercial club of the capital city has seen the necessity of the town uniting with the farmers, has been converted to the gospel of cooperation and organized effort and now is debating taking in all the surrounding country into the scope of the club's membership and work.
There is only one flaw in the Salem Commercial club's scheme of things. The club proposes to interest farmers in its work and, incidentally, to collect fees therefor, yet the club will not give them the full privileges of the club. The farmer cannot take part in the general activity of the club, cannot vote at the general commercial club elections. His place in the Salem Commercial club scheme is in one lone department.
The Salem Commercial club will find upon investigation that the farmers of Oregon are worthy of confidence, that they are, as a body, hard working, self-interested in the matters of public concern and as earnestly devoted to the upbuilding of the state as the business men in town. The farmer is worthy of partnership with the business man in such a body as the Salem Commercial club, but he should be given full membership, with equal duties, burdens and honors.

Polk County Observer: The second important natural gas well has been tapped in Polk county. The newest discovery was made on the Samuel Newman place three miles this side of Anity last week. Workmen have been sinking a well for some time. At a depth of a little more than two hundred feet they tapped the flow of gas that will probably be utilized later for lighting, heating and other purposes. The well is now at a depth of about 250 feet and will be drilled considerably deeper. The flow at present is not large, but those who should know say that it comes from one of a series of gas pockets and when the well is deeper will furnish an unlimited flow. The gas that is escaping from the pipes in the well can be ignited with a match and the owner has great hopes of a heavy supply. If the present well proves insufficient Mr. Newman will drill at other places, because he has reason to be confident that there is a large store of natural gas on his place and he will spare no effort to find it.

Oregon City Enterprise: The coal oil plant which has been located below the falls here for the last two seasons, is now established in the lower Williamson below Portland. The change of location was made so that coals and other fish could be shipped from points on the Columbia, particularly The Dalles, at less expense. The plant now will be run 12 months a year. During the season when eels cannot be secured, the plant will operate on carp and other fish. Mr. Kelly said that he found a steady market for the products.

Drug Clerk Tells How To Cure Indigestion

Recommends to Sufferers the Best Stomach Remedy in Salem Today.
"It is a wonder some of us have stomachs left," remarked a well-known drug clerk recently. "While all drug stores sell a score or more of stomach remedies for which there is a wide demand, most of them are just poison pills which do not do the good that is in the stomach at the time. They have no curative or strengthening effect on the stomach at all, and of course do not reach the cause. So the same people keep on coming here and buying and using them until they are real chronic dyspeptics. When anyone really asks my advice, I swear by and recommend ordinary bisulphated magnesia, which doesn't digest the food at all but just acts as an antacid and sweetens the sour, fermenting contents of the stomach. That stops the pain, heart burn, sour rising, acid, flatulency, fullness, etc. in just a few minutes, and the stomach digests its food without help or trouble, which is the proper way."
"Doctors make mistakes sometimes, too," he continued. "My own aunt had all kinds of trouble with her stomach for years. She bought and used several styles of digestive pills but got worse right along, as naturally she would. Finally she went to a doctor, who nearly scared her to death by telling her she had cancer of the stomach. She came to me with his prescription and told me what he said. I thought it was nonsense, what he said. I thought if I could tell her I sent her to another doctor whom I knew very well and he didn't tell her anything, but just gave her this same thing, bisulphated magnesia. She took it two weeks and never had any more stomach trouble since and that's three years ago. She's my own aunt and I know this for a fact. Yes, a lot of bisulphated magnesia is sold in Salem. All the drugists have it. I suppose, and all you take is a teaspoonful after every meal. It's all right."

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Albany Herald: A number of prospectors and miners went to Gates this morning to go into the Gold Creek district, which is being opened up again. Work in the district was suspended some time ago because of a lack of capital. Smead's funds were recently pooled and work is expected to be in progress through the summer.

Roseburg News: Local farmers are now beginning to bring their shipments of broccoli to the city yesterday, and yesterday the fruit union sent ninety crates of the popular vegetable out to the various cities of the coast and state. W. W. Harvey, of Portland, a representative of the Pacific Fruit and Express company, is in the city and will provide cars for the Tappan Valley Fruit Union in their shipments which begin this week. Mr. Kitchin, president of the union, stated this morning that they would ship between 40 and 50 cars in rapid succession, as Mr. Harvey had arrangements made whereby cars

Medford Mail: The almond groves are in full bloom and the apricot orchards are beginning to show the beauty of their bursting buds. The almonds were in bloom Sunday, about 12 days earlier than last year. The bloom of the apricots is also nearly two weeks earlier than last season. Whether or not the temperature of March will favor this early bloom remains to be seen. Many predict that the early budding season in the orchards of this district will be safely sustained throughout the usual bluster of March weather.

The Dallas Chronicle: Alfred Dillingham of this city originated a unique name plate in the cement steps which lead to the front door of his home on Jefferson street. Agates, which were picked up by Mr. Dillingham on the Newport, Ore., beach, were pressed into the cement before it hardened to form the letters of Mr. Dillingham's name. The agates, which are clear, are now firmly imbedded in the cement and are not harmed by the pressure of the feet of pedestrians.

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