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THE GREATER AIM.

The Gulf Coast Exposition has not been inaugurated to benefit Corpus Christi to the exclusion of other cities in South Texas. On the contrary, it is meant to reflect the agricultural and commercial greatness of the whole of South Texas, and to promote friendship and understanding that will inspire men to broader undertakings.

Provincial ideas that have bound us must be severed and forgotten if we are to succeed as Florida and California have succeeded, subordinating everything to co-operative effort. We have the soil and the climate, and a citizenship willing in its expenditure of labor; but we have been somewhat narrow in our sympathies and admissions, just a little jealous of the other fellow.

This must not be.

It cannot be if we are to make 1916 count more than all the years that have gone before; and 1916 promises to be a great year, rich in opportunity. The country was never in finer physical condition; the tide of Eastern gold will inevitably flow toward legitimate investments, no matter how many millions seek reckless profits in powder and shot.

The Gulf Coast Exposition is a hand-shaking between friends. It represents a field for notes and comparisons, for a closer understanding. If we have fought in the dark, measuring the merit of our neighbors skimply, we must profit by this opportunity to undo a past wrong, to make a new compact of peace and progress. It is necessary that we do this, for the year is ripe for united effort. If Corpus Christi does not suit the homeseeker, Kingsville may, or Rockport, or Brownsville, or some other place in the "Valley."

This winter's fair is a beginning. If it gains popularity through an achievement larger than mere exhibits—however meritorious they may be—it will endure, and will increase in size and advertising power, spreading the fame of this section to remote corners. It is in this sense particularly that we are interested, being aware of a need for freer social and industrial comprehension.

The Diamond Loop meeting, alone, will justify all expenditures. This sin of provincialism is built upon barriers. Rails are not enough. We must be bound together by that greatest of all democratic agencies, the automobile. If we see one another more frequently, and have a better chance to talk things over, we will come to the realization of our wonderful opportunity as a group of co-operative engineers.

Let us make the most of each day of the four. We owe it to ourselves in the most selfish way to do so.

Noise betrays no oftener than silence.

Capital punishment: being elected to Congress.

The announcement that Jess Willard is to meet Moran in New York fills us with awe. Both of those boys are swift as toads and, if anything, cleverer.

Headline: "Garrison argues defense at bankers' banquet." Waste of energy. Bankers know all about defense. They just smile languidly, blow a few rings of delicious smoke out of their clear-Havana insides, and say, "Sorry, but we've been compelled to discontinue making loans owing to the poor condition of the narwhal crop in Alaska."

The English are kicking the sawdust out of the Ottomans.

Yes, but this salt atmosphere is no excuse for getting pickled.

Guess it's time to send a note to Mr. Edison about his dry batteries.

After having its legs shot out from under it, Montenegro has laid down its arms.

Rudyard Kipling has congratulated the Russians. Now we suppose they'll become more offensive.

A firm advertises that it can remove the kink from hair. If it guarantees its dope for weather, we want four bottles.

Cyclone Davis is wearing a collar. Cyclone is to be congratulated. We only sympathize deeply with the collar.

Dallas has gotten 103.77 for a bond issue. No matter what its police department may be, that city is 3.77 above par.

"So many have eyes who do not see."—Atchison Globe. "Pirtatics have."—Denton Record-Chronicle. And needles.

If he is really in a serious condition, we hope that Emperor William won't be required to die as many times as the Crown Prince.

If the machine gun squad wants to practice on something that will endear it to the community, it will bang away at shacks on the waterfront.

Three or four men are killed in a submarine and we raise a mighty howl. Thousands of little children meet slow death in the cotton mills and we merely shake our heads sadly over the miseries that afflict civilization.

CORPUSCLES

A Suggestion.

A huge gas well flowing 20,000,000 cubic feet every twenty-four hours has been brought in near Corpus Christi. Perhaps one of Uncle Sam's bright young experts can evolve a plan for using the geiser as a coast defense in time of war.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Not in C. C.

There is talk of holding a mass meeting in Corpus Christi to take steps to prevent the waste of gas. The first thing people know a howl about muzzling the press will go up.—Brownsville Sentinel.

They Work It Out.

Corpus Christi has put the stimax on the fee system. A charge of 50 cents for the prisoner and each officer accompanying the prisoner is made when taking city prisoners to the calaboose. Now, when those officials can get a law passed so they can collect the money whether the prisoners are able to pay or not there will be a lot more riding done.—Sherman Democrat.

Yes: the Rockpile.

Corpus Christi ord. provides that all enforced riders in the hoodlum chariot must pay 50cts. each per ride; those who get too wobbly to walk are in the middle of a right bad fix.—Hop Blackman, "Sunday Sandwich," Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

We Bet On Colquitt.

Corpus Christi has a new gas well that is flowing 20,000,000 feet a day. That is some gas, almost as much as the average candidate will emit during the campaign.—Palestine Herald.

He's Here, By Gum.

The editor of the Commercial has an urgent invitation from Col. J. J. Nix, manager of the famous Nueces Hotel, of Corpus Christi, to come to the opening of the Gulf Coast Exposition. The Nueces Hotel is one of the best hotels in the United States and Corpus Christi is one of the best towns in the south and Manager Nix knows how to treat his guests and as the Exposition promises to be great we do not see how we can afford not to go to Corpus Christi.—Lee J. Renaudo, in Georgetown Commercial.

Going Some.

The Taft party which is vacationing on the big ranch near Gregory, performed a miracle. It slipped into Corpus Christi, remained five hours and escaped without the real estate agents discovering their presence. Some stunt.—Brownsville Sentinel.

Texas Press

Post-Bellum Complications.

"When the great war is over," says Hudson Maxim, "whichever side wins, there will be sure to arise between the winners and ourselves serious complications to be adjusted." Mr. Maxim would not have been far wrong if he had said complications would arise with all the belligerents, winners and losers.

If the war goes to the finish, by which we mean the final exhaustion of one side, the terms of peace wil likely be of such character that all Europe will be held together into such an alliance as may best suit the purposes of the victors.

The complications, therefore, will affect all.

The exhaustion which all the nations will suffer most greatly accentuate our future relations, because the economic adjustments that will be imperative will affect us almost as much as the belligerents.

It is almost certain that Europe is going to expect far more consideration from this country than the political and commercial interests of America will be disposed to give.

Europe will want far more capital than our bankers are willing to lend, she will need raw materials on better terms than we shall be willing to grant and she will want an easier access to our markets than she is apt to get.

Not only that, we have yet to see what Europe is going to think of the Pan-American policy which has come into being since the beginning of the war.

On all these questions, the belligerents will be united.

In view of the certainty that these complications will arise and that there is no possibility of avoiding them, the question of being prepared to meet all emergencies in a manner consistent with national dignity and security becomes one of paramount importance.—Houston Post.

A Dangerous Precedent.

It appears that Chicago has established a rather dangerous precedent which may cause serious trouble to ambitious politicians and public officials in jurisdictions where it is likely to be followed. The Philadelphia Record says: "When subjected to some psychological tests of a kind intended to reveal the mental alertness of school children, the Mayor of Chicago who has cherished Presidential ambitions was found to have the mentality of a boy of 10. The City Clerk was not over 10, and the Fire Marshal was under 5. Under this test all the officials examined were classified as feebleminded."

The Record expresses a desire to see the system tried in Philadelphia, as it has in mind one or two very prominent personages who would undoubtedly rank below Chicago's Fire Marshal. It appears that Chicago has started something which should be stopped before it gets beyond control.—Austin American.

The Submarine.

"Today I would say without hesitation that the submarine has not replaced the battleship as the principal factor in war at sea. Taking it in its existing stage of development, a submersible vessel is useful for certain purposes only. It can not be called seagoing or sea-keeping. It is not fast, and it is extremely vulnerable. Already devices for its destruction are multiplying: the aeroplane or dirigible can see it well below the surface, the net, the mine field, the destroyer are all being used to oppose it, and a new type of armed patrol-boat is being built for the purpose of watching the sea's surface for signs of the mechanical whale that must come up. Submarine signals, also, although now in the infancy of development will doubtless soon be able to detect the presence of moving submarines and give accurately their direction and distance.

"It would be, of course, not unreasonable to suppose that, while the weapons for the destruction of underwater craft are being perfected, the improvement of the submarine itself will continue. Without doubt its size will increase, its engines, both surface and sub-surface, gain in horse power and resulting speed, its radius of action grow and its seaworthiness improve. I have said nothing of the discomfort of the officers and men on the present day vessel, nor of the well known fact that the propelling and operating mechanism is in such an experimental stage that frequent accidents occur, these are the evils of any new apparatus—witness the automobile of fifteen years ago. But the time is not far distant when the "habitability" and safety from mishaps will make submarines as dependable as any other high-powered, complicated vessel of war. Two deterring factors will probably always be present in its development: the inability to see under water and the necessity of coming to the surface at short intervals.

"It has taken its place, not as the sole weapon in naval offense and defense, but as an adjunct to other weapons. That it is useful for coast defense for commerce destroying, for scouting purposes, and as part of the protection to and attacking power of a battleship fleet is established."—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt in the North American Review.

OTHER VIEWS

Parallel in Career of Lamars.

"There was a striking similarity in the careers of the late Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar and his distinguished relative, the late Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar, who preceded the former on the United States supreme bench by about fifteen years," remarked H. H. Friend, a lawyer of Greenville, Ohio, at the Shoreham. Mr. Friend was secretary to Lucius Q. C. Lamar for the five years he served on the supreme court.

"Both Lamars were born in Georgia," continued Mr. Friend. "Their relationship I do not know, but I think they were distant cousins. Both were democrats, of course. The striking coincidence in their life as justices was that each served five years on the bench almost to a day, and both took their places on the supreme bench in January and also died in that month.

"L. Q. C. Lamar before he went on the supreme bench was a United States senator from Mississippi. He was appointed a justice of the highest court on January 16, 1888, and died on January 23, 1893. Joseph Rucker Lamar took the oath of office on January 3, 1911, and died January 2, 1916. The Lamars were of French Huguenot stock and came of a distinguished family. I never knew a man who had a finer mind than L. Q. C. Lamar. He was a brilliant lawyer and had a wonderful memory. Mississippi certainly never had an abler representative in the senate nor the supreme court a sounder justice, in my opinion."—Washington Post.

For a Better Patriotism.

Our patriotism has been a good deal like that diffuse and conventional type of religion which is chiefly utilized for the opening of public meetings and for facing death, but in the interval between ceremony and crisis receives scant attention indeed. Patriotism in its cruder forms, complicated with racial and religious antipathies, is of course at bottom responsible for the present war. Without the collected hypocrisy of a traditional high-flown-and-die patriotism there could be no world war, raging despite as it does to human nature, is not the cure for war. The internationalism of the future can be, after all, only the patriotism of today, somewhat refined and operating in a higher order of necessities. The best preparation for that time, the Year Two of humanity, is the transformation of patriotism into an instrument suited to the work of the twentieth century.—The New Republic.

AUSTIN, Jan. 18.—Tax receipts from the five commissioners counties in the State for December, 1915, showed an increase of $6417 over receipts in December, 1914.

The tax payments of unorganized counties are made direct to the comptroller's department, $464 being received in December 1915, as compared to $241 for the same month in 1914.

The five unorganized counties are Culberson, Crane, Hudspeth and Loving.

TRULY GOOD

If I could read my title clear, to mansions in the skies, I would not get too cheeky here, or shy at sinful guys. Too many good men seem to wear a halo o'er the brow, and to their every act declare, "I'm holier than thou." Too many have no patience with the goat who goes astray, with Jones or Robinson or Smith, who jumps the narrow way. They have for each a stern rebuke, from love and kindness free, while Matthew, Mark, and John and Luke are preaching charity. They have the frozen face for all whose sins have brought distress, while that wood scout, Apostle Paul, is boosting gentleness. Since they have won their diadem, at heaven's counter coat, it surely cuts no ice with them, if other souls are lost. "We have secured our harps and crowns," their actions seem to say, "and we'll exchange our hand-me-downs for snowy robes some day. The pathway to the golden gates lies plain before all men; we have no patience with the skates who stray, and stray again!" And yet it may be that the boys whose feet have wandered wide will corral all the choicest joys that heaven can provide.

OPENING OF THE GULF COAST EXPOSITION

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ctacles of the wonderful attractions offered in Kleberg county.

Thursday Woodman Day.

Thursday is to be Woodman of the World Day at the Exposition with several thousand South Texas members of the fraternity attending. The following program for the day has been announced by Deputy J. [illegible] Miller:

Thursday morning at 8.30, registering of members at Woodman of the World headquarters, Woodmen Hall, corner Lawrence and Water streets.

At 10 o'clock meeting called to order by J. C. Miller, address of welcome in behalf of the City of Corpus Christi by Hon. Ray Miller, mayor.

Response to address of welcome by Mayor Roberts of Rockport.

Grand Parade.

The Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle, about 1000 will start from the Woodmen headquarters at 10.30 a. m. The parade will be formed on Lawrence and Water streets and continue up Chaparral street to Peden street and down Mesquite to Lawrence street and turn up to Chaparral street to Woodmen Hall.

Afternoon.

1.30 o'clock called to order by J. C. Miller. Address of welcome in behalf of the City of Corpus Christi by Prof. W. Metzger. Address of welcome for Woodmen Circle, Woodmen Circle by Mrs. Ella Christopher. Response by Mrs. A. H. Cyphers of Alice.

Address on Woodcraft by Hon. J. Lee Rountree of Georgetown, Texas.

Address Woodmen Circle, Mrs. Belle Powell of Houston, Texas.

Organization of Woodmen of the World and Woodmen Circle according to.

Auto drive over the city for visiting Woodmen.

Woodman Circle Entertain.

From 8 to 12 the Woodmen Circle will entertain and confer degrees for Woodmen Circle only.

Thursday Night.

Meeting called to order by General Commander M. Manger. Report of membership, [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] by A. J. Haley, Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Participation of the [illegible] Chapter, Woodmen Circle, Alpine, Texas, and Alpine.

The report of the [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

SUES GLENN CURTISS FOR FIVE MILLIONS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Five million dollars damages was sought here today by Augustus M. Herring, president of Glenn H. Curtiss, aviator, in the [illegible] of [illegible].

Herring claims that Curtiss [illegible] his patent rights.

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JOE J. NIX
Manager

Visitors to the Exposition

We cordially invite you to visit our new store, corner of Chaparral and Schatzel Sts., opposite the Corpus Christi National Bank.

The first floor is devoted to Dress Goods, Silks, Hosiery, Notions, Laces, Embroideries, Perfumes, Men's Clothing, Furnishings and Hats.

The Shoe Department is located across the entire east end of the building, being very conveniently arranged.

Offices are on the Mezzanine floor, together with a rest room for the convenience of our lady patrons, where a writing table is equipped with all requisites.

Our Ready-to-Wear Department occupies the front half of the second floor and compares favorably with any department of its kind in the country.

House Furnishings, Linens, Trunks, Rugs, Art and Boys' Department are located in the rear of the Ready-to-Wear Department.

The third floor is devoted entirely to reserve stock and wholesale department.

The upper floors are reached by electric elevators.

Our store is equipped with all modern conveniences and no pain or expense have been spared to make it an ideal shopping place.

We feel assured of your approval and patronage after a visit to our quarters.

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