

Let's Move Ahead a Notch This Campaign

BY THE EDITOR:
I wound up yesterday's article with the promise that I would offer a Forward Looking idea today.
Here it is: Let us fight this campaign out on a new battlefield. Let us forget petty politics, personalities and mud-slinging. Let's drop the old stuff that's been the source of our municipal squabbles every year or so since Heck was a pup. In the talk of the street, let's take the bunk out of our politics. Let's sanely elect two commissioners for once simply and solely because they are THE TWO BEST MEN

IN THE FIELD.
Today we refuse to stand for a lot of crude work in city affairs that ten years ago was considered merely shady if not quite proper.
Ten years hence we will refuse to pass through the frenzied wire-pulling, gumshoeing orgies that up to the present we have dreaded but borne with. Why not begin making the change right now?
We citizen have shuddered over or exulted over some candidate's fancied affiliation with some church or some lodge or some business institution, but have failed

in too many cases to pay any attention to the man himself or his ideas or to his capability.
We all were thinking more about politics than about good government.
Why not begin IN THIS CAMPAIGN acting as if the city's business really was our business?
Why not choose two capable men — the biggest best men among the candidates — and do it by the use of our reasoning faculties?
It has been our custom to try to arrive at such a result by means of a brain-storm in-

duced by a whole series of passionate charges and counter charges, innuendoes and plain falsehoods.
Let's move off that battle ground and THINK this thing out.
The Times pledges itself to help you all it can along that line, by bringing you the needful information on which to base your thinking.
This paper intends to serve as a public forum in which the ideas and views of every candidate shall have an honest hearing.
While, as we said before, we no doubt

will champion the cause of certain candidates who seem to us most closely to fit the needs of the offices, we shall at the same time gladly furnish our readers all the news available about where the others stand.
And by "news" we mean news, not slander nor chaff, but legitimate information on which to base a choice for a vote.
The Times believes in Tacoma and its future. We perceive very clearly that the next few years are going to be years of growth and expansion and progress.
We want to see men in the commission-

ers' chairs who are capable of guiding the city to the best advantage through such a period.
Tacoma is sick and tired of .22-caliber men in .45-caliber jobs.
Tacoma is weary of seeing these men, after election, begin squabbling among themselves like a bunch of quarrelsome children over some peanut idea instead of devoting themselves to the city's business.
Let's eliminate the .22-calibre candidates.
Tomorrow: OWEN WOODS.

YOUR LAST CHANCE
You will be disbarred as a Tacoma citizen unless you get your name on the registration books today. Books open this evening.

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WEATHER
Tacoma and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday.
Washington: Same, except showers extreme northwest portion, light frost east portion.

CONGRESS TURNS ON WILSON

Let U. S. Take Over Mexico for Mexico's Own Good, Says Paine

(Editor's Note: The following powerful article on the Mexican situation, with at least nineteenth of which we agree, is from the pen of Robert F. Paine. Or, we should say "Super Pen," as that is the title with which Everybody's Magazine has just tagged him. Paine is a veteran and honored editor in the Scripps syndicate. Everybody's reports that his daily audience is 5,000,000 persons. This includes the circulation of The Tacoma Times, in which many of his articles appear, most of them not under his signature.)



BY R. F. PAINE.

Resolutions like that of Senator Fall appear to be rather hysterical, but it seems almost impossible for anyone to consider Mexican matters without indulging in hysterics in some degree.

We will invade Mexico but we don't want to acquire anything, roars Fall.

And, in the next breath, he calls for 500,000 volunteers as backing for the regular army.

To put me in the fashion, will the editor of The Times kindly permit me to throw a particular fit of my own? (We will.—Editor.)

If there ever were a burden that the white man was justified in taking upon himself, it is Mexico. When Mexicans are not in a state of anarchy and war, they are in a state of slavery.

In war, the common people of Mexico are robbed and slaughtered by a Villa, a Zapata, or any other scoundrel who can control a band of cut-throats.

In peace, they are robbed, oppressed and often executed without reason by the families of a Diaz, a Huerta, or a Terrazas.

They are without hope of self-government, and incapable of it, even were they permitted to try it.

An agricultural people, they are looted of their products by all factions during war and are at the mercy of the "big" families' price lists during peace times, and the present condition is that no man puts in a crop with any assurance that he'll harvest it.

Financially, the Mexicans are a nation of bankrupts, defaulters and paupers, under the thumb of Wall street.

Eugenically, it is largely a nation of mongrels, with ancestral references of the very worst.

Spread peace all over Mexico today, and the national character, as defined by the great masses, still points straight at degradation and dissolution. With these farms ruined and worthless, its finances and factories controlled by greedy foreigners, its religion persecuted, its only hope of government, outright tyranny by a class, Mexico is a dying nation.

It is the strongest candidate on earth for place on the list of white men's burdens.

If the present invasion of Mexico, authorized by President Wilson, who could govern Mexico, and maybe "authorized" by De Facto Carranza, who can't govern Mexico, finally results in annexation of Mexico to the United States, it will be a perfect godsend to the people of Mexico.

"Native pride" (Mex.) is the great obstacle to this, it is said.

It is the sentiment upon which the actual rulers and looters of Mexico rely to enable them to hold on to what they've got and to get more, but it is highly probable that the common people of Mexico will enthusiastically turn out and fight and die for a government, de facto, constitutional, hereditary or what-not, under which they are hopeless, poor and miserable.

However, "native pride" often goeth before a fall.

Note the recent case of the Philippines. We purchased those Filipinos, body, soul and breeches, and didn't hesitate to lick such notions as "native pride" and self-government out of them, because, being dead ones, nationally, like the Mexicans, they were properly the white man's burden.

Summon Von Hinderburg

LONDON, March 14.—German reinforcements arrived near Verdun today while the Teuton guns continued to smash the French trenches.
It is reported the Swiss frontier has been closed to insure the secrecy of troop movements. French aviators observed great bodies of German reinforcements on the march.
Von Mackensen is commanding the attack and the kaiser has summoned Von Hinderburg to assist him, Swiss reports said.
It is believed the Germans will drive simultaneously against Goose Hill and Deadman's Hill, striking also at forts Devaux and Detavennes.
The Paris correspondent of the Mail declared the lull in infantry fighting is due partly to a redistribution of the German forces and partly to a need of artillery preparation.
He said the 2nd and 22nd divisions, which bore the brunt of the fighting at Bethincourt and Goose Hill, were severely handled and need a rest.

TWO GIRLS RETURN TO TELL OF BADGER GAME



Miss Dottie Coats, at left, and Lillian Peterson.

SEATTLE, March 14.—Deputy Sheriff McGilivray has telegraphed Sheriff Hodge that he will leave San Francisco today for Seattle with Miss Lillian Peterson and Dottie Coats, arrested there in connection with the elaborate "badger game," with which a blackmail syndicate is alleged to have robbed rich Seattle men of large sums of money.
Both are young and exceptionally pretty.
We want them principally as witnesses against the highpriced in the blackmail game," said Prosecutor Lundin.
Miss Coats and Miss Peterson both protested their innocence.
Miss Isabel Clayburg is still fighting extradition at Los Angeles.

Doll Up, Folks; Who's Going to Capture the Flossy Silk Stockings?

By Edgar C. Wheeler
He's flashed out in a high silk hat, a new frock coat and a green cravat.
Look! A stunner, in a three-yard bustle; she's all ready for the Dress Up tussle.
It's going to be some tussle, too, tomorrow afternoon when three perfectly impartial judges will scour the streets of Tacoma for the best dressed man, the best dressed woman, the best dressed boy and the best dressed girl. Not to mention the baby.
It was all arranged at a meeting today of the Dress Up committee of the Commercial club retail merchants' bureau, called by Chairman Huffer of the Peoples Store.
Parade Hour Changed.
The committee decided to have the grand auto parade start at 2 o'clock, instead of at noon, as had been previously announced. Johnson's band will lead the big show.
The parade will be directed by W. W. Wing of the American Automobile Co., and Woodburn McDonald, advertising manager of the Tacoma Times, with the co-operation of all auto dealers.
Just glance over this list of Dress Up Week prizes announced:
For the dealers with the best showing of autos—a box of cigars.
For best looking private auto—an inner tube furnished by the American Automobile Co.
The Prizes.
Best dressed woman—silk umbrella, Peoples Store.
Best dressed man—\$1.50 necktie, Bradley & Chastain.
Best dressed boy—fine shirt, Rhodes Brothers.
Best dressed girl—silk hair ribbon, Rhodes Brothers.
Most becoming woman's hat—pair kid gloves, Stone & Fisher.
Most stylish woman's coat—pair of silk hose, Stone & Fisher.

INFANT TAKES POISON

Mistaking antiseptic tablets for candy, Miles Erickson, age 2, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Erickson, 1250 Alsworth avenue, swallowed several of the pellets this morning and almost died as a result.
The child's mother came upon him as he was crunching down his fourth piece of "candy." With a scream of terror, Mrs. Erickson seized the baby and gave it a quick emetic. Then she called an ambulance and took the boy to Tacoma General hospital.
Dr. L. L. Love worked over the child for several hours before he announced that his life was safe. The physician declared that Mrs. Erickson had saved her baby by the quick application of an emetic.
Although suffering intense pain the baby was this afternoon reported out of danger.
TODAY'S CLEARINGS
Clearings\$534,262.20
Balances118,358.27
Transactions1,406,296.43 south.

Agreement With Carranza Causes Sharp Criticism

TACOMA Public Library
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—With the American troops preparing to enter Mexico, President Wilson today is threatened with a congressional revolt against the Mexican policy.
Outbursts of criticism are believed to be imminent in the senate where the reciprocity agreement with Carranza is disliked. An explosion is also expected in the house.
The White House is indignant about the Mexican war talk. The administration is considering drastic actions to stop the intervention agitation.
Fear Bandit Raids.
The principal protest in congress is based on the fact that the president failed to discuss the situation with congress before consulting Carranza.
Considering that many of the Carranzistas are semi-organized bandits, some of them former followers of Villa, the opponents of the scheme fear the agreement will result in forays against American soil by outlaws masquerading as Carranzistas.
The state department admits no written agreement exists between Carranza and this country concerning reciprocity. The opponents declare Wilson has overstepped his powers.
Criticism Army.
Delay in starting the expedition threatened to provoke criticism aimed at the army. Transportation facilities and the lack of ammunition were criticized. Administration officials insist that diplomacy hadn't impeded mobilization. The state department is again considering warning all Americans to leave Mexico.
WILL CO-OPERATE
SAN ANTONIO, March 14.—The full co-operation of Carranza in hunting Villa seemed assured today.
The American consulate announced that 5,000 Carranzistas were marching toward the border to aid the American troops in their search for the bandit leader.
It is understood that Gen. Obregon is in command of the constitutionalists.
All points along the border reported today that danger of Carranzista resistance had passed. Gen. Pesquiera said that the administration agreement with Carranza had allayed the anti-American sentiment in Mexico.
Cavalry predominates the camp. Thousands of horses are tethered in rows. The neighing of the horses and the braying of the army mules and donkeys, carting munitions, the frequent bugle calls and the clatter of hoofs keep the camp in an uproar.
MEXICO CITY, March 14.—The danger of a break between Mexico and the United States is passed.
Inspired articles in today's newspapers said "No official statement has been issued, but Washington dispatches declared that the U. S. has conceded the justice of Carranza's demands in accepting his informant note."
Gen. Aguilar will handle further American negotiations.
It is believed Carranza will resign the provisional presidency, appointing Aguilar in his stead. Then Carranza will run for president of Mexico.
WITHDRAWS TROOPS
DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 14.—Agua Prieta was practically deserted today by Carranza soldiers. Gen Calles ordered the garrison to Nacoari, 70 miles south.

SAVOY WALLS GOING!

Threatening to collapse at any moment, the south wall of the five-story Savoy theater building, 7th and Broadway, bulged out two feet this afternoon and dropped several tons of bricks into the yard of Mrs. Belle Gibson's rooming house.
Occupants of rooms in the frame house, which stands within 15 feet of the wall, seized what possessions they could gather together and rushed wildly into the streets.
Two women rushed out with their babies, not taking time to save any personal effects.
There is momentary danger that the entire shell will fall.
The rooming house will be crushed if the larger building falls.
Police were making arrangements this afternoon to attempt to save some of the possessions.
The Savoy, long vacant, burned three summers ago, leaving brick walls, filled with iron debris. The building has been condemned, but the owners, living in Philadelphia, have refused to tear it down.
Unless the high walls collapse today, the city will be confronted by the necessity of dynamiting the building.
The Universal Motor Co.'s building abuts the Savoy on the north. It would also probably be crushed, should the larger structure collapse.
TURNING OUT FEW SWISS WATCHES
BERNE, March 14.—The Swiss watch industry is practically at a standstill due to the lack of metal importations from France.
MANCHESTER GAINS
MANCHESTER, March 14.—Manchester's trade during 1915 beat all records by \$135,000,000.

÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, did you ever notice nature has so arranged it that a man can neither put himself on the back nor kick himself?
To be and not to buzz, that's the question!
New York may have larger bank deposits than Tacoma, but we doubt it.
BUSINESS MAN'S DICTIONARY Promptly: Day after tomorrow, next week, next month.
In the press of business: Golf. At our earliest convenience: When we happen to think of it. Soon: Any time in the future. Recently: Any time in the past. Many of our customers: One. Our prompt attention: "Let George do it!"
Now we begin to understand. G. Washington and coljob both had red hair—once.
Well, then where can those de ginks live?
Why is it that when women dress up they always dress down?
SAFETY PINS
Safety pins are bad for very young children when swallowed.
open.
As a matter of fact they are not to be recommended as food even when closed, for one of the peculiarities of safety pins is that they are likely to open up at any time, no matter how embarrassing or painful the process may be for the swallower or wearer.
When a safety pin decides to unclasp it either stabs someone or lets something drop.
In the first case the result is painful, in the second it may result in a total loss of personal dignity.
We've swallowed all those recipes on "How to care for baby from its birth," that we learned at Rhodes Bros., but will some ma or pa please tell us how to care for a baby, aged 18 years, who knows she knows more than father knows?
THINGS THEY MISSED
Lord Nelson never heard of Josephus Daniels.
The Good Samaritan never stopped at a Hotel de Gink.
Ben Franklin never talked things over with Col. Huser.
Cinderella never wore white spats.
Nero never bought any fire insurance of Opie.
Remember, tonight is your last chance.
Register today.