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BRAGGARTS ALL.
You're feeling old today, you say?
What nonsense, friend, to brag that way?
How brass and bold To cry, "I'M OLD!"
Even though your score Be eighty-four,
What's eighty-four or ninety-three,
When measured by eternity;
Or even by those blithe young kids
The stanch Egyptian Pyramids,
Some paltry thousand years in view
Still young, though old compared to you?
Stop bragging, friend! Confess the truth,
And while ye may enjoy your youth,
E'en though your score Is eighty-four,
Or ninety-three,
According as the case may be,
—John Kendrick Bang in Chicago News.

In his letter today Dr. Withycombe declares he is friendly to the single item veto proposal but Harmony vs. reiterates his statement that he believes the road to economy lies in the legislature and governor working in harmony. In that view Dr. Withycombe is sincere and the theory would be good if it would only work. The trouble with such a plan is that it overlooks human nature.

The average legislator desires to represent his own district and places his own pet bills or appropriations above almost everything else. This leads to logrolling and to the making of appropriations on the basis of "you help me and I'll help you." The system is all wrong and should be placed under the ban. But unfortunately it is not forbidden. On the contrary logrolling is very generally practiced and the only effective check consists in the governor's veto.

In contrast with the attitude of Dr. Withycombe, Dr. Smith takes the view that the governor should be a check on the legislature. He should not be too "harmonious" but should be ready with the veto ax to chop off every needless appropriation, whether the legislators like it or not.

Those who above everything else desire harmony between the legislature and the governor may consistently support Dr. Withycombe. Those who wish a governor who will keep himself untangled and ready to safeguard the interests of the taxpayers with his veto powers will not fail to see the force of the position taken by Dr. Smith.

As to whether or not it should be necessary to call another special election to vote further

The Water water bonds opinions Indebtedness. will differ. As the commission can raise at least \$25,000 without an election it should not be difficult for the board to get along, taking care of the remaining deficit out of the receipts. After the gravity system is in use we will be exempt from further pumping charges and will have approximately \$15,000 in interest to pay annually out of \$30,000 receipts. The operating costs under the new system will not be heavy and the water board should therefore have a very comfortable balance each year under the new system. It will be a sufficient profit, if affairs are properly handled, to absolutely preclude any necessity for an increase in water rentals. As to the further voting of bonds it is not of vital consequence which course the council takes and if another election is held the people will doubtless vote the bonds as desired, even though there may be some doubt as to the necessity for that step. It is simply a question as to which of two courses shall be followed with reference to handling the indebtedness. The chief objection to the voting of further bonds is that under the charter as it stands such bonds must be allowed to run for at least 20 years before they

can be redeemed. However, it is suggested in some quarters that the provision in the charter be changed and perhaps that can be done with good results.

From the Hindus who strenuously object to being deported from Vancouver, Canada has just had a first class in The Hindus. stance of the danger that would result from unrestricted Asiatic immigration, Canada's problem regarding the Hindus is in many ways similar to the problem that confronted this state and other Pacific coast states 20 years ago or more when Chinese exclusion was a live issue. It is also interesting to note that the Canadians are following our example and rigidly insist upon exclusion.

It will be a sad day for this coast if ever this policy is changed. Let down the bars to oriental immigration and we will become beset with a horde of immigrants of another race, thus driving our own labor out of employment and producing here a race problem difficult to handle.

On the final overthrow and flight of Huerta from Mexico the New York World congratulates The President's President Wilson as Triumph.

The president's Mexican policy, concerning which there have been many misgivings, has triumphed. The dictator has resigned. A constitutional government is to be established. There will eventually be peace at home and peace with the United States.

When Gen. Huerta on the 18th of February, 1913, telegraphed to President Taft, "I have overthrown this government and the forces are with me," he had no thought of the man who in two weeks was to be president of the United States or of the forces that that man would array against the Mexican usurpation.

One week after Mr. Wilson's inauguration he gave due warning to Gen. Huerta and all other Latin-American chieftains who gain office by intrigue and assassination when he said: "We can have no sympathy with those who seize the power of government to advance their own personal interests and ambitions." Huerta laughed at this avowal, and not a few citizens of the United States pronounced it visionary and fantastic.

Yet the new American doctrine that usurpation is not to be recognized in this hemisphere has been established in the one country where its success seemed most doubtful. Against Huerta's airy assumption Wilson arrayed adamant conscience. In opposition to the tyrant's armed forces Wilson marshalled the forces of liberty and justice.

It has taken some hard fighting in Mexico to overthrow the man who overthrew the government, but moral courage of a higher order has been needed to enable the administration at Washington to hold true to its principles. The triumph is ours as well as Mexico's. The honor of victories won in the realm of morals is no less than that of battles gained on bloody fields.

Thanks to Woodrow Wilson, a great country and an oppressed people are upon the threshold of a new epoch.

BY THE SCISSORS

THE MEXICAN FLAG

The flag of Mexico is the mate of the Italian tri-color, though the green of Italy is paler than that of Mexico. The three colors are green white and red. On the white in the Mexican flag is the seal of Mexico. It shows an eagle on a brush or branch of nopal—a common cactus—holding a serpent in his beak. The interpretation, says The Christian Science Monitor, is sometimes given that this is the serpent of despotism but the legend of the seal goes further back than the despotism of the Spaniards. The story is that during the time of the Aztecs the people were looking for a place to found their city. They came to the borders of Lake Texcoco, and there they halted. They saw before them an immense golden eagle—eagle on a cactus—on a cactus with a serpent in its talons and its wings spread to the rising sun. Fortwith they laid there the foundation of the great city, Tenochtitlan, which is the City of Mexico of today. The date set for this, of course conjectured, is about 1325.

At first built with reeds and rushes or piles in the edge of the lake, the rude Indian huts were in time replaced by a huge city of stone, massive and with something of the engineering and artistic skill which the ancient monuments of Egypt display. Mexico City today stands in the midst of streets that run outside the walls along the very causeways where the streets entered Tenochtitlan of old. The Aztec temple was a pyramid 100 feet high, with 114 steps from the ground to a broad esplanade on which 25 horsemen could ride in tourney. From the top of this temple Cortez looked down on the beautiful land which he was to dominate. A causeway led from Lake Texcoco to Lake Texcoco and over this the Spaniards came. The old

city was intersected, with canals, like Venice and these canals have today become streets of the City of Mexico. The empire of the Montezumas is supposed to have been founded about 1480, and the earliest records of the Indian race in Mexico point to the kingdom of the Toltecs. In 1440, Mexico City was for two hundred years after the Spanish conquest. In 1519, the metropolis of European civilization in the new world, and by the end of the eighteenth century there were 125,000 people there, including Spaniards and mixed descendants of the Indians and Spaniards. The population of Mexico City in 1903 was 344,721.

RED ROSES.

(From the San Francisco Star.)
O rose of June, with your red cheeks glowing,
What is the secret that's past our knowing—
How can such color come out of the cloud
Even tho' kissed by the sunlight of God
How can you hold such a muscadine air,
Giving it freely for mortals to share?
Why are you crimson, fold upon fold,
When the clouds are blue and the sun is gold?
Where is your soul when the bleak winds blow
And dead leaves alone are the graces you show?
How can a dewdrop tell, I wonder,
Just what cover a rose is under?
And a zephyr know what songs and sighs
Shall win the sleeper to wake and rise?
Why do you grow in a tangled place
Where never a mortal may see your face,
Or a loving hand your leaves caress,
Or the voice of rapture your being bless?
Why on a mission from heart to heart
Do you droop and wither and fall apart?
O roses that brighten the summer land,
Your secret we shall never understand
Till infinite aid to our sight be given,
And then—are there roses like these
—in heaven?

NOT A MAN IN SIGHT.

(From the New York Times.)
With the election of 1912 nearly two years in the rear, the republican party is still without a man. The names of Borah, Hadley, Cummins and La Follette have struck no fire. None of them stand out from the others as, for instance, Mr. Whitman at present seems to from the other candidates for governor in this state. Nobody looks like Moses. There is no discussion of the nomination, as there usually is at about this distance of time from the year in which it is to be made—except when the possibility of nominating Roosevelt himself as the candidate of both republicans and progressives is mentioned. If such a union should prove practicable, the little booms of Borah and the rest would wither. If it does not, the republican party will continue to drift along with a job lot of untimely candidates still hunting for a man, unless the election of 1914 should produce a man for it.

PRETTY HARD TO MISS.

"I oversaw and overheard this delightful little thing in an alley running north from Payne avenues yesterday," says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer:
"Two boys were fighting. One was a very fat boy and the other was very skinny. The thin one had a backer, however, who seemed to be very wise to all the technicalities of the manly art of self-defense."
"Hit him in the solar plexus, kid," shouted the second. "Hit him in the solar plexus, an' you'll put th' big tub out!"
"Where's his solar plexus at?" panted the thin one.
"Aw, hit him anywhere—you can't miss it!" answered the backer.

Argentina is taking a general census.
New York's population is now estimated at 5,444,980.

FROM THE PEOPLE

CLAIMS MISREPRESENTATION.

Dr. Withycombe Gives Detailed Report of Speech at Albany, Corvallis, Ore., July 20, 1914.
Editor of the East Oregonian—Your editorial comments upon my recent address at Albany are based upon misrepresentation. I shall esteem it a favor if you will kindly publish the exact words spoken upon the veto, as taken by an expert stenographer, which are as follows:
"In Brownsville my honorable opponent stated that in the last twelve years, under a democratic governor with a republican legislature, there were two hundred bills vetoed, saving the state one million dollars, or over. But, my friends, there is something peculiar about that. Despite that condition our taxes have gradually increased under that kind of administration. I believe in the veto, the single item veto, and if the next legislature decides to submit it to the people for a constitutional amendment it will receive my hearty approval. Anything that we can do we should do to make our government better and sounder and more economical. We must work in harmony with our legislature and not at cross purposes. There has been a tendency for the legislature to put the governor in a hole and the governor to put the legislature in the hole. We want them both to work together in money. When we do that we will solve this question of appropriations. We will get down to a good, sound, sane basis. There will be no log rolling or jokers in bills."
All I desire is fair play in this campaign.
Very truly yours,
JAMES WITHYCOMBE.



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