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THE REAL QUESTION.

That "exposure" of the relations between H. Clay Pierce, the oil magnate, and the Constitutionalist leader in Mexico, Carranza, amounts to nothing much. Pierce was trying to protect his own interests with the rebels and to do so pointed out that the Lord Cowdray, or English oil interests, were aligned with Huerta. Everybody knew of the oil war behind the Mexican situation. The alleged lawyer who was supposed to be dealing with Pierce and Carranza was in fact "confiding" both men, pretending to influence he didn't have, reporting as information direct from United States officials things he took out of published material. This lawyer was faking much as Mulhall faked his influence to the Manufacturers' Association in fighting labor bills. Pierce was willing to pay for position with Carranza by attacking Huerta. In all human probability other agents of Pierce were dickering with Huerta against Carranza. It's a way corporationists have. But admitting all the facts, there is nothing in the revelations to show us that this country should go into Mexico in force and wipe things up by eliminating both Huerta and Carranza and re-establishing the oil corporations in power. For that is the purpose of the exposure. It is to stop the negotiations looking especially to dividing up the land of Mexico. It is to show that there is no fight of peons for the land. It is to discredit the revolutionists who fight for liberty and to alienate sympathy here for the rebellion. The scheme will not work. Carranza may be a scientific, a rich man's champion, a conservative. But Villa is the man of the people, a fighter who is really dividing up the land of the great estates as he goes along. The people are with him because he promises to bring them into their own. Carranza has blocked mediation and Huertistas are going over to him as he seems to break from Villa. They seem to want to make him president, to save the haciendas, to eliminate Villa. And plutocracy here furthers the scheme so far as it can by making out Carranza as tarred with the same stick as Huerta, thus discrediting the revolution. If mediation does fail, particularly as it seems destined to fail because the mediators are opposed to land division that will start agrarian revolution in Argentine, Brazil and Chile, then maybe this country will have to go into Mexico and supervise the election of a president and congress that will ratify the land division made by Villa and extend the system constitutionally. The Pierce letters only emphasize the importance of the land monopoly question. To clear-seeing persons the New York Herald and St. Louis Republic exposure of oil maneuvers only strengthens the position of Pres. Wilson, in his interview with Samuel G. Blythe, that the way to permanent peace in Mexico is thru the establishment and enforcement of a system of land for the peon. The oil question in Mexico is a land question and the landed interest generally is doing what Pierce did, trying to abort the revolution. The Pierce exposure strengthens rather than weakens the President's position. It may force intervention, but if so, the intervention will be for the Mexican people, not for the land monopolists. The President has been out played in diplomacy. He went above and without the law in not recognizing

Huerta. But barring that, he's right on the cause of the trouble and dimly sees the way to its cure. He would, as things look now, have to intervene sooner or later, if the land question remained unsettled. The land monopoly makes the Mexican nuisance at our door and the United States, it seems, must abate it. It is a big job and President Wilson must go to it in such fashion that the end shall crown the work. At the worst, the President's fault in the Mexican matter, as I have commented upon it, is a fault of idealism, therefore one to be forgiven. If he has overstepped the law, appealing to a higher law, let him go to the full extent of his idealistic leading and by successful stroke establish, vindicate and justify that higher law. -Reedy's Mirror.

FARMERS DECLARE INDEPENDENCE.

It is indeed encouraging to note that the "Let the eagle scream" notion of celebrating the nation's birth is losing ground and that the day will in the future be given over more and more to a study of what liberty really is and how to obtain it. In these discussions the political freedom which was the goal of our forefathers had in mind when they penned that immortal document "The Declaration of Independence" will give way to economic freedom as the masses of the people come to realize that there can be no real freedom so long as economic bondage continues and thrives.

At a recent farmer's gathering held at Wheaton, in this state, July 4th and participated in by thousands of people from the surrounding counties the following new declaration of independence was unanimously adopted:

"When for progress, it becomes necessary for the people of a great agricultural district to dissolve the bonds that have connected them with unprofitable farming, and to assume among the communities of the earth the station to which the laws of nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes that compel them to the action. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men can succeed, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are good farming, good business and good living. That to secure these rights there must be knowledge, work, friendship and co-operation. That whenever methods are destructive of these rights it is the business of the people to alter or abolish them and to adopt new methods. Prudence, indeed will dictate that methods long approved should not be changed for light and transient causes. But when a long series of unprofitable experiences proves that a land is being impoverished and its people discouraged then it is the right and duty of these people to discard such methods and provide new means for their own advancement."

The underlying and saving principle of this pronouncement is the upholding of the right to discard old, traditional methods and substitute in place thereof new means for advancement. Yes, the notion of eliminating everything that has become a drawback even if it should be hoary with age, is gaining ground rapidly and is a sure sign that we are not standing still. The notion of revering things even after they have ceased to be of virtue to the race simply because they were held sacred by our forefathers must go. The individual must seek his own salvation and discard all preconceived notions that may hinder him in his struggle to a higher plane.

It should therefore become his duty as it were, to take stock of all his good and bad qualities and determine for himself what he must do to make his life a more successful and happy one. This, of course, should be done frequently and the 4th of July, the nation's Independence Day should be one of the days to hold communion with one's self, to find ways and means to improve one's condition, not only in a material way, but also in a mental and spiritual way. It is just as necessary to brush away the cobwebs of superstition which hang in the way of mental emancipation as it is to remove those impediments which prevent us from reaping and enjoying the fruits of our labor. Let us therefore place our minds in a receptive mood, so that they will be open to new ideas and let us not hesitate to adopt these new ideas if we see that they are conducive to our welfare, even tho they should shatter a lot of idols that have been reverently handed down to us from generations past.

Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Anding of Winona will make their home in New Ulm again as Mr. Anding has been re-employed at the Eagle Mill plant. The young people have rented rooms in the Roos house on Broadway and will soon be at home to their friends here. Miss Rosebud Engel went to Winona last week to help her sister in getting ready to move.

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BACK TO THE LAND.

The Henning Proclamation, issued a year ago by a group of persons believing in the holding of land only by those who make use of it to produce, called for a meeting at Federal Hall in Minneapolis on July 3rd of this year and those who had been notified of the gathering-to-be were present, several being present from as far distant points as places in Montana. A. G. Wagner, of Minneapolis, was chosen to continue as Secretary and the body deliberated upon means for spreading the gospel and arousing thinkers to the injustice of the holding of land by absent landlords for merely speculative purposes, or for their own personal aggrandizement. The following announcement was prepared by the Committee of the Whole Assembly for promulgation among those already awake and to those who are beginning to stir in their sleep of indifference to wrong conditions that deprive those willing to work of the chance to do so.

"It is evident that the illusion that land is ownable still holds most of mankind in its grip. There is, however, discernible a dawn of intelligence in that vast numbers of men know that without free access to the land no amelioration of the status of the toilers of the world is possible. Despite this twilight recognition men still hope to secure free access to natural opportunities while still recognizing as valid the institutional hindrances that alone stand between man and his product, and will so continue to stand while any reliance obtains upon such institutional devices.

"The time must come when it will be clear to all intelligent people that no one ever had, or could have, the authority to treat any of the natural resources as subject to ownership.

"Despite the ardent hopes and expectations of many kindly disposed people who think that the baleful effects of "private ownership" of the land is to be overcome or neutralized by its public ownership, the ultimate effect of giving assent and acquiescence to the dogma that land can be owned must be disappointment, disaster and despair.

"So believing, we reaffirm the postulates of the "Henning Proclamation" and invite the participation in our deliberations of all who share the conviction that Occupancy and Use of the Land is the only tenure that free and enlightened people can afford to recognize.

Notice of the time and place of the next Free Land conference will be mailed to all who manifest interest in our movement. For information write to
A. G. Wagner, Provisional Sec.
Henning, Minn.

NEW SCHOOL OFFICERS NEEDED.

At the annual school meeting to be held Saturday, July 18th, two members of the school board will have to be elected in place of A. W. Bingham and Dr. G. F. Reineke whose terms expire. Mr. Bingham who has served the district faithfully and honestly for the past nine years feels that he has a right to retire and has intimated to his friends that he will, under no circumstances, be a candidate for re-election. Since this announcement was made, friends of our public schools have been casting around for a suitable successor to Mr. Bingham and believe they have found one in the person of Adolph G. Meile who has practically acceded to their wishes and agreed to become a candidate for this important office which carries with it no emoluments of any kind except the honor that goes with it and the satisfaction of having done one's duty as well as one might.

The public should take kindly to Mr. Meile's candidacy because there is no other young man in the city of New Ulm who is better qualified or who will give the people better service than Mr. Meile. He is naturally courteous, absolutely on the square, has convictions of his own and what is more does not hesitate to express them. Those are the kind of people needed for public office. That he will do his duty to the best there is in him, the Review can vouch for. This he has abundantly proven on different occasions notably when as secretary of the Executive Committee of the Junior Pioneers he stuck to his post to the last and a very large share of credit for the successful carrying thru of the biggest celebration New Ulm has ever had was due to the untiring efforts of Mr. Meile. And not only is he willing but he is also capable of filling the place properly and we look to see him elected without opposition.

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"No, sah," answered the negro. "I didn't find nothing. Couldn't a dog have found it and eat it up?"—Every-body's.

Cleopatra's Pearl.
Most persons know the story that is told of Cleopatra to illustrate her luxurious habits of living—that she dissolved in her wine a precious pearl. No one seems yet to have questioned what must have been the effect upon the drink, but scientists scoff at the possibility of such solution. The fact is pearls are not soluble in wine. The most powerful vinegar affects them slowly and never entirely dissolves them, for the organic matter remains behind in the shape of a spongy mass that is larger than the original pearl.—New York Press.

Willing to Help Him.
"Why don't you want to let me hold your hand?"
"What good would it do you to hold my hand?"
"It would make me glad and give me courage perhaps to say something that I—I—er—"
"There! Please hold both of my hands."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Famous July 4 Poem

"Concord Hymn," by Ralph Waldo Emerson

BY the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps,
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.



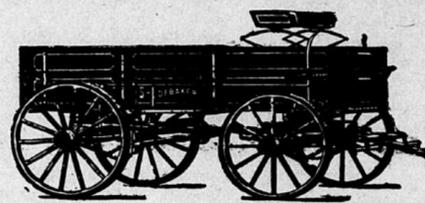
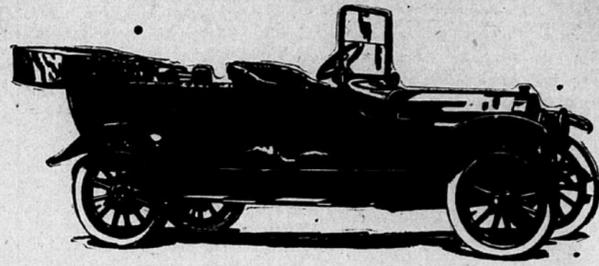
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On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone
That memory may their deed redeem
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

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