

men killed in battle in the whole four years. They start a revolution to steal horses in the spring; another to steal frijoles and agadenta in the fall and kill and rob peaceable people in the interim. They have not half the courage or principle that old Sitting Bull had and still have raised hades at home for four years and kept our border in a ferment for three years.

James Whitcomb Riley

NOT a great poet in the sense of Homer's or Virgil's or Milton's or Shakespeare's poetry but a most winsome one for the warmth of his heart gave a glow to his song, the buoyancy of his race gave his measures a perpetual spring like the tilting and the rhythm of the feet of a dancing girl.

His brain was acute, but the heart that steadied the brain and shone out with a translucent mellowness through his writings was bigger than the brain. The man's faculties were all in accord; there was no intellectual dross in his soul, so all that he wrote was clean and his self-respect asserted itself to make what he wrote as high as it was clean.

Indiana will miss him sorely. He was a schoolmaster to heighten the people's ideas of the beautiful; to make them abhor all that was rude and coarse. His grave makes a sacred spot in their soil and they and their children should keep it always dressed in flowers.

School Military Training

THE matter of military training for boys in our higher graded schools, in the high schools, colleges and the university of the state should be brought into the campaign this year and into the legislature next winter, for the first essential of a state's defense must always be the men behind the guns. All else can be promptly supplied, but the trained soldier cannot be supplied to order.

There are other reasons. This whole country is filled with people who have no conception of the sacredness of citizenship in this great Republic, or the duties that attach to it. Again, the one thing needed in American homes more than any other one thing is discipline. The American boy is naturally precocious and wants to have his own way and often needs to be taught the necessity of promptness, precision and in the right place obedience. Again his sense of honor and the need of truthfulness are essential to make a real man.

Again our schools contain millions of children of foreign-born parents, many of whom are still obsessed with a belief that the country they were glad to get away from because of the handicaps suffered there is really the greatest of countries and they never impress upon their children the duty of reverence for free institutions or for the flag that is their symbol.

Such boys especially need military training in the schools to impress upon them the duties of citizenship. Aside from all that all boys need the training to make them manly, self-respectful, and to fit them for contact in business with their fellow men. All voters should read what Massachusetts and New York are doing and determine that Utah shall be third in the real preparation of its youth for their duties both in peace and in war.

American Interests in Mexico

IN the Commoner we find the following:
"On another page will be found an editorial entitled 'Enchanting Values,' which recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune. It states with unblushing candor the creed of 'dollar diplomacy.' Exploiters are to go into undeveloped countries, buy up property at a price which takes all risks and uncertainties into consideration, and then the government is asked to step in and make the investment profitable. The farmer's boys and the laborer's boys are to furnish the blood and the taxpayers are to furnish the money, and the ex-

plorers are to reap the profits. This is 'patriotism' as the Tribune interprets it, and this is why 'PREPAREDNESS' is supposed to be necessary."
"W. J. BRYAN."

We cannot find the article, referred to above, from the Chicago paper, but the foregoing needs a moment's attention. Americans in Mexico went there under the invitation of President Diaz. Coupled with the invitation was the admission that Mexico had not within herself the elements of progress and the invitation to the strong men by the outside world was accompanied by a promise of full protection to life and property. The invitation was accepted by enough Americans, and other foreigners to transform Mexico in twenty-five years under the order established and maintained by Diaz.

When the strength of Diaz was breaking under the friction of the years, a rebellion was sprung four years ago, that has been followed by successive rebellions since. There was no call upon President Wilson to make good the values of American's property, but there was a call upon him to see that Americans in Mexico should be protected. He answered that call by advising them to give up all they had and get out of that country. We suspect that every American farmer's boy when he read that, felt his cheeks tingle and that he asked, 'What kind of a government have we any way?' And with thousands of them the story of how England sent an army division into the depths of Abyssinia to punish a barbarous king who had dared to insult an English citizen, and at the thought they felt their cheeks tingle again.

For no reason at all President Wilson sent our Atlantic fleet to Vera Cruz causing some eighteen American sailors to be killed and with a great dramatic display called upon Congress to endorse his act.

The outrages went on until, the greasers believed that the United States would not fight under any provocation and so a band penetrated into our country to kill the people and loot the town, and then a column of soldiers was finally sent into Mexico, and we learned that the president was finally aroused to the fighting point.

But the passing of a few notes between our state department and a bandit chief quieted the president's wrath. Meanwhile, the Democratic convention met and renominated the president and now we are told that all danger of a war has passed. But why are the farmer's boys and laborer's sons kept down there on the hot sands by tens of thousands? Is the president preparing to get mad again if his prospects for re-election became cloudy the last of September or in the first days of August?

Meanwhile, the peace policy of the president and his skill in managing affairs in Mexico are being widely proclaimed by his party friends. We suppose all this is uttered with the mental reservation, provided he does not get mad again.

When the horse ran down the hill and threw the old lady out, her friends picked her up and asked her what her sensation was when the horse started to run away. She replied: "I put all my trust in Divine Providence until the breeching broke and then I did not know what in hell would happen!"

We are informed that the grape yield about St. George, promises this year to be wonderful in quantity and marvelous in quality. And this, too, when our prohib friends are confident of sweeping the state. Dixie wine and prohibition both in excess! We are told, however, that a special advantage attaches to Dixie wine, two in fact: First a man does not know he is getting drunk when he drinks it; and second, that when he does get good and full, he wants neither food nor drink for three days.

SMOKE FROM THE WEEKLY PIPE

These are anxious days for some gentlemen who having lived unknown for a long time, are wondering if they will wake up famous the morning after the next primaries.

The Butchers' and Grocers' Association desires us to state that there has been no market reduction in the prices of beef, milk or chickens, since the devastating efforts of last Monday's tidal wave have been fully realized.

If the Mexican crisis is passed and all is serene, why keep the soldiers toiling down there in the sun? No one can be in danger—save a few settlers on the frontier, and according to Secretary Lane the killing of a few settlers is nothing to go to war about.

Before the weather man precipitates another shower like that of last Monday he should read the ordinance that prohibits keeping cows in the city.

If the prophet is right who says the European war will close September 7th, what will our politicians do who are counting upon the war's lasting until after election? Another Villa raid will be all that can save them.

It is a lasting pity that the saints who raised the flag on Ensign Peak in 1847 did not preserve that flag. It would be worth many times its weight in gold today.

The newsboy on the corner called:
"Telegram! Evening Telegram! Big hold-up!"
And some passers-by laughed.

Of course the Lincoln Highway is a magnificent piece of road construction—prospective though it be in many places. But when public spirited citizens of southern California want to help themselves and Utah by establishing a route between San Bernardino and Salt Lake to be known as the Arrowhead Trail, it would seem that they ought to receive royal and not half-hearted support.

Harper J. Dininny, city attorney whose vicissitudes at the head of the legal department have been many and varied, has been rewarded. His salary has been increased to \$3,600, which is the same amount that is paid to the commissioner of finance under whose jurisdiction the attorney falls.

Utah's share of the national good roads appropriation of \$5,000,000 aggregates nearly \$57,000 to which the state must add a like amount. That ought to help a little in the development of highways, especially when Uncle Sam has assured us of an increasing sum each year for the next four years.

Dancing Master Frank McCormick may open a school for the light fantastic in the county jail. He was unceremoniously taken to the Corless domicile a few days ago after a hearing before Judge E. A. Rogers. McCormick is bail-less. Spectators were excluded during the preliminary hearing.

The Rotarians are coming to Salt Lake in 1918 is the good word brought from the east by the energetic committee of the local club which attended the annual convention in Cincinnati. Incidentally the gentlemen who went to Garry Herman's town did a world of most excellent advertising for Salt Lake, including two full page advertisements in the southern Ohio capital newspapers and those ads cost real money, too.