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## TELLS ABOUT MEXICO

The following letter which was received recently by W. S. Waite, of Loup City, from a friend and former business associate, regarding the murder of his brother, William H. Waite, and the disposal of his assassins and the general condition of affairs in Mexico will undoubtedly be of considerable interest to the readers of The Northwestern who were acquainted with the murdered man.

"Conditions in the country are worse in some ways than when we left last June, although there is not much fighting going on just now in this part. The financial condition is simply awful, and no prospects of immediate settlement.

"Am banking on Roosevelt becoming our next president, predicted more than two years ago that he would be 'it' next, and I hope that I was not mistaken. The U. S. has reached a point where she needs a real man at the helm, for there will be some real work for us to do during the next few years unless extraordinarily good judgment is used, certainly much better than Wilson has demonstrated that he is capable of.

"With Roosevelt at the head, we would not have had war with Mexico as we are absolutely certain now to have sooner or later, no matter who is elected. The 'poor down trodden peon' would have been far better off than he is today. Many thousand lives of Mexicans and Americans would have been saved, and untold millions of dollars worth of property also saved. With all this mess caused by the meddling and interference of Wilson, he still has the effrontery to state publicly that the U. S. has not interfered in Mexico, and will not. The man evidently believes the average American is an idiot, which he would be if he believed such rank falsehood.

"I do not remember whether or not I told you that the men we felt certain were implicated in the murder of your brother had all been killed. I think that I did, but gave no details, which I now can do. It seems rather remarkable the way they were put out, and in a way confirms my suspicions of their having done the other.

"The three, Caciono Hernandez, the old mozo of mine, Gomez and Molina had been allied with different gangs, including the regular army, but later were with a gang of rather more pronounced bandits than usual. It

seems that Dario Reyes, Dr. Halls man at la Guadalupe, had been compelled to pay two hundred pesos to the leader of this gang. Dario was a brother-in-law to Cristobal Aguirre, the Tizamar butcher, and these two were, I felt certain, the instigators of the other three in the other and I also think that these were the ones who supplied the money to buy off the judge when we had Caciono in jail. Once they were into it they simply had to get Caciono out of jail or he would have exposed them.

"Now to come to the final turn. The leader of this gang heard or suspected that Cristobal and Dario had hired these other three to kill him. He went or sent some men to Cristobal's house asking for him. When Cristobal came out, they simply accused him of trying to have the leader put out of the way and shot him down. Dario took prisoner and started for their headquarters, but left him hanging to a limb on the road to Acayucan, some distance out from San Juan. The other two were with a portion of the gang which made its headquarters at Tizamar; these were Caciono and Gomez. They were tied up to a post over night, and during the night a fandango was given before them to celebrate the coming event. Next morning a portion of the gang mounted their horses, and drove these two before them along the road to the river. The mounted ones had a good time riding against the victims, who, of course had, their hands tied behind them, knocking them down, trampling them with the horses, etc., and when they reached the river threw them in as they were tied. The other one, Molina, had his head split open with a machete at Rives Station (now called Burro), where the trains used to stop for supper coming down from Cordova. My bookkeeper here saw him there on the station platform and knew who it was. All of this took place within a couple of weeks. The man, who has been on my place all through, is a relative of the leader of the gang, and my bookkeeper was there and at Buenavista all along, so I feel certain that the above is about as accurate as anything one can get in the way of information in Mexico these days. To tell you the truth, I am glad, on my own account, as well as your brother's, that they have met their ends. If I had ever come within their reach they would probably have made

UNITED WE STAND. . . . . BY BART.



an attempt to get even with me. These are rather sordid details to put into a letter, but I felt that you would be interested to know how this came about and was carried out, and why it only served to confirm my previous suspicions of them. So far as the sordidness is concerned, it is nothing to us down here. We are so accustomed to such things and even worse, that we expect almost anything.

"A very large percentage of the 'patriots' so called, of this country are of the above class, some a little better, some a little worse, and a small percentage of comparatively decent men. But these last are weak in the upper story or they would not be in the gang; weak or crooked and out for what they can steal quietly. You can see why the blood of all we Americans and other foreigners and educated, decent Mexicans boils when we think of Wilson's so-called Mexican policy which has made all this possible.

"As soon as the U. S. puts this country in order, we can expect to be able to do something with our properties, but not before, within any reasonable length of time.

"During fights some time ago, practically all of Achotal and Juanita were burned, including the stations, and now the government is attempting to clean up and is reconcentrating the people in the towns, and has burned all of Tizamar, los Quemados, Aguacatillo, and several other villages. The people's houses on my place were burned, and all of the wire stolen from that little place of mine beyond Tizamar. Ramon Diaz got permission for my man to remain on El Progreso, also for about a half dozen of the Tizamar families to go there.

"Have written him to see if he can get a family or two to go onto your place, and hope that in this way we can hold things from going back too much, until we can do something. I



HORACE F. ERWIN  
Trombone Soloist at Tabernacle Meetings, Beginning March 19.

have a fine plan for working the places, if we ever get the chance.

"In my above reference to the 'patriots,' I failed to mention that it is only a very small percentage of the total population which has taken part in all this 'mess', but they have gained the upper hand the decent element is unarmed, disorganized and scared. The Mexicans are not really a fighting people nor a trouble seeking people. The country is cursed with a lot of unprincipled demagogues and such an immense amount of ignorance that they find easy traveling. The common people have such a wonderful knack of believing the wrong fellow and consequently arriving at wrong conclusions. It is a shame to think of all the trouble they have been led into by these agitators. The agitator can of course promise them anything and everything, just as Madero and Carranza and all the rest have been doing. An honest man can't offer so much, consequently in their ignorance they follow the wrong man."

**THE CHURCHES.**  
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## VIEWS OF ROAD BOSS

Loup City, Neb., March 11.—Editor of the Northwestern: In your paper of March 2nd, was an article on people and the road problem, which I think was pretty good and seemed to have been written solely with the view of making better roads, which we surely need in this county, and which will take a long time and lots of money to make them good. In the first place, for making good roads we should not be afraid to offer all possible assistance we can to the official who has that part of the county business to look after. While it is true that we pay taxes for the making and maintenance of roads, it is the duty of every citizen to do his part to help boost the work along. In the meantime we will have to admit that we have not got as good material for making solid roads for all kinds of weather; namely, gravel and small rocks, as some countries have; but, in the absence of this material, we must make the best we can from what we have to work with. Now, when we get our roads graded so we can use the road drag on them after each rain and oftener if necessary to keep them smooth and little ruts filled, the maintaining of them will be cheap compared with what it costs to make them, as the small grader and drag will be the most necessary tools to use.

Some people may think that I am a crank on dragging the roads but my experience teaches me that I can give the people more satisfaction and pleasure in riding over such roads than the same amount of money spent in any other way. I have two pieces of road in my district, one on each mail route that have had nothing done to them since last fall until the other day I went over them with the drag and found them in good condition with exceptions of little low places where water could not cross the road and so had to settle there. One of these pieces of road was dragged four times last summer and the other was graded lightly and dragged five times with two harrowings with a common harrow, also.

Let us all cooperate and work together with one end in view—that of better roads, and please bear in mind the nearer you travel to the center of a road the easier it is to maintain that road with the drag. The time is not very far distant when, in my opinion, a law will be

passed making it more compulsory on the road overseer to drag the roads than at present. If anyone is doubtful as to the difference between a road that is dragged and one that is not let him ask the mail man, who travels the road nearly every week day during the year, and if he does not favor dragged roads it would not change my opinion in that respect, as I have pieces of road that cannot be dragged satisfactorily and there is considerable more trouble to keep them in shape, and I will venture to say the parties who travel them are dissatisfied.

Hoping these few remarks will be a boost for dragging the roads when they need it, and then more dragging.

Yours respectfully  
C. S. MORRISON,  
Overseer District No. 12.

### INJURED BY EXPLOSION.

A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Conger since the dynamite explosion two weeks ago at Maplewood, a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri, tells of the narrow escape of Mrs. Conger's sister, Mrs. Richard Jordan and her two children. Mrs. Jordan had been sitting at the window rocking her year old baby. When it fell asleep she arose and laid it down on the bed and at that instant the explosion came, blowing in every window in the house and all the pictures from the walls. The letter states that if Mrs. Jordan had not moved when she did probably the baby would have been killed as the in-rush of glass and window frames were so great; as it was, the baby was cut over the eye and Mrs. Jordan was cut on the arm by flying glass. A little four year old girl was uninjured but badly frightened.

When Mr. Jordan arrived from his work done in St. Louis, he was also very much frightened to see houses destroyed and other damage done so near to his home. But they are more than thankful that the injuries were no worse. Not a house within three blocks of the explosion could be occupied that night, making over two hundred people homeless.

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