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Niagara Fails is a beautiful summer resort. And safe also from insurrectos.

Come on, merry May, you have pouted long enough. Cheer up and be yourself for a while.

'Mr. Bryan does not object to criticism," exclaims a friend. Why should he? It has made

There is a bally good bit o' news-Johnny Bull, you know, is going to bring his pole team over again for another brush with us.

The people of the United States are not clamoring as much today for legislation as they are for a chance to do business -Chairman Underwood. Mr. Underwood said something then.

An exchange presents "three views" (photographic) of Charles S. Mellen. Wall street has a fourth, which it is not photographing just now.

Let all patriots note that once more former President Taft sounds the rallying cry for all good Americans to support their president in the crists.

Five days is an awfully short time for a governor to decide whether to let so-called friends shove him from one political race track

It can't be so bad when thousands of dollars are spent to debauch and corrupt our public officials without landing a catch in the net worth naving.

Told you so-base ball is the antidote for war. Notice the game between Americans and Mexicans at Vera Cruz, in which, of course, the Americans won?

Our reform democratic sheriff is to have competition for renomination within his own party. That \$50,000 jail-feeding graft is altogether too tempting.

Congress has appropriated \$150,000 for an embassy house in Mexico City. Plans and specifications doubtless will call for bulletproof armorplate construction.

Colonel Maher pronounces himself in rebellion to the "royal family" of Nebraska democracy, whose guiding spirits are "King William" and "Prince Charley." Let the people rule.

Omaha should make the most of its location on the Lincoln Highway. No transcontinental auto tourist should be permitted to go through without taking a good report of our city away with him.

Winston Spencer Churchill, first ford of the admiralty, has looped the loop six times in a monoplane, but Premie- Asquith has shot the chutes in a suffragette speed-race more times

It's certainly a mighty mean trick for Senator Walsh to disprove the claim of Mr. Bryan that the free tolls clause was smuggled into the Baltimore platform by exposing the secrets of the resolutions committee room,



South Fifteenth atreet property owners are protesting against the proposed new grade requiring a cut of fourteen and a half feet at the intersection of Castellar. The committee appointed to wait on the council consists of L. H. Case, F. W. Felton, John Stewart and H. S. Gray.

A harp soloist playing in the rotundas of the large hotels is picking up considerable change. J. W. Bestty, representing Reed, Jones & Co., has

returned from the west and will be in town two or three weeks The paving on Fifteenth street, between Douglas

and Dodge, was finished and teams allowed to drive Assistant General Manager Kimball of the Union

Pacific, and party, left for Chicago. General Manager Clark will follow. Mr. and Mrs J. M. Pates are mourning the loss

of their youngest daughter, Gladys, who succumbed to an attack of measles. C. L. Hall has just returned from a trip to Denver. Pushlo and other western places, where he wont to organize a mining company to operate properties

owned by himself, George A. Josslyn of this city and myer capitalists. Irvine's orchestra has gone into the Musical union, and the combination under the management of Julius

The Home Circle club gave a pleasant party at Masonic hall in compliment to its retiring president. W. H. Nelson, who is leaving for California.

Huerta Sees the Writing On the Wall.

The information that Huerta is ready to eliminate himself, if need be, to restore peace through mediation is readily believable. Eilmination of Huerta is the logic of events; it is the writing on the wall, which he must see as plainly as anyone, the manner and time of his going being the only points left open. He seems willing to resign, and make way for someone else, in exchange for assurance that he be succeeded by a provisional government satisfactory to the contending forces as paving the way to a choice of a permanent president by constitutional election.

This solution would impose responsibilities upon the United States, and make it desirable, if not necessary, to secure acquiescence of the Carranzaists, but it would be a peaceful way out, or at least the way out that offers a fair promise of peace. Of course, so far as Huerta is concerned, it may be that he is merely trying to anticipate the inevitable, and to save what he can out of the wreck looming up in front of him. Denying him any patriotic impulse, and crediting him with only selfish motives, his selfelimination would, without question, be a great help toward the re-establishment of peaceful order, and to that extent should be encouraged.

May Day Revival. What's not devoured by Time's devouring hand? Where's Troy and where's the May-pole in the

Some of our public schools have had their May-day festivals this year on the school grounds-though a little after the first day of the month-and they have proved sources of much interest and pleasure to parents and pupils alike. One of the playgrounds was handsomely occupied by mothers, even fathers, happHy looking on while their boys and girls went through their exercises. The experiment seems to have been entirely successful. Why not make it permanent and general among the schools of the city? Surely there is time and place in the busy routine of the youngsters' lives for this little diversion. It is worth something to our school days as well as other days to vary the program with as many such features and frolics entirely too much toward the severity of getting everything done in a day. Time with us is devouring too many of our May-days. They go out of our lives only to leave a void that should not be there.

#### Personnel of the Envoys.

The three Huerta envoys now enroute to Niagara Falls are said to represent the best thought and character of Mexico. So far as their personnel is concerned, it tends to strengthen the hope of mediation. They are heralded as men of the highest ability, profoundly learned in international law and even accomplished in scholarship and social culture. Best of all, they are acceptable to both federals and constitutionalists, the allies or partisans of no individual or faction.

"We have only the honor of our country and the cause of peace at heart," one remarked to an American newspaper reporter.

And that seems to be the common view. All of which is most gratifying to the hope and prospect of a peaceful readjustment. With the entire board of mediation composed of men, of marked abilities and characters, we should be able to indulge at least the belief that mediation will be fairly tested before abandoned for a more drastic abitrament. Former President Taft but voices an all too prevalent feeling in the apprehension for the success of the present peaceful undertaking. For, after all, the thing attempted is not merely the settlement of a dispute between two warring factions in Mexico, or between one of them and the United States, but the pacification of all the many Mexican elements and the restoration of peaceful relations between the composite nation and ours. That is a task which, to say the least, certainly demands the best men of the country.

#### The Interstate Aspect.

Governor Ammons lays stress on the interstate aspect to the Colorado mining war situation in appealing to the president for the retention of federal troops in the troubled zone. As the governor points out, many of the coal companies are owned by men and interests in other states; the labor organization involved has its national headquarters in the cast and other interstate elements are present, making it rather unfair to charge it all up to a Colorado probwithin the boundaries of that state.

But the president's reminder in face of all this, that Colorado would not consent "to forego its sovereignty or throw itself entirely on the federal government, or that it has a constitutional right to do so when it is within the power of the legislature to take effective action," isbard to get around. The legislature is still in session. . It was convened to deal with this situation, the federal troops being sent in only temporarily, or until the state could get its affairs in hand. Even admitting the gravity, it is sure to embarrass the good name of the state to press the demand for an indefinite presence of the federal troops, so long as it appears to outsiders, and to the president, himself, that the state has not exhausted its own powers.

In the meantime, those who have been contending with us for some established means of abolishing and prohibiting the strike as an instrument in labor disputes have here a commanding object lesson.

The Lincoln Journal calls attention to the fact that twenty years ago W. J. Bryan wrote a letter declining re-nomination to congress, in which he said: "I do not expect to be a candidate for any office, but shall return to private life with far more interest in public affairs than I had when I entered congress." Just like the other little Willie, "you can't sometimes most always tell."

A scientist tells the women to go shead with their gum-chewing; that it is beneficial in a dozen different ways. There is a scientist after our own heart. Nothing like being on the winning side, you know, . en the women are going to chew their gum, anyway.

The fact that a young American has been under a murder charge awaiting trial in Italy for more than a year, is a reminder that the law's delays are not entirely peculiar to the United States.

## Spotlights on Villa

Some Friendly Pictures of Mexico's Rebel Leader.

A Great Leader of Men.

The roster of high crimes charged against Francisco Villa, fighting leader of the constitutionalist forces in Mexico, printed in this column last week, is pronounced by competent observers to have been considerably overdrawn. It was read into the Congressional Record by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and credited to the Boston Transcript, though the greater part of it originated with a Mexican correspondent of a London paper. No one pretends to contradict the charge of terrible crimes committed in the war, for such crimes are characteristic in Mexico. Congressman Kent of California, who knows Mexico and Mexicans, well throws a different light on Villa and the reason why he wages a ruthless war. have had much experience in Mexico," Mr. Kent told the house of representatives. 'I have spent months in the back country and can claim to have a knowledge of and a sympathy with the common everyday people, whom we vaguely know and often despise as peons. I have been associated with some of the rich men, the plutocrats, the nickel-plated aristocrats, and a more useless gang of crooks I never met. These folk are in no sense an artistocracy -they never heard that 'noblesse oblige'-they have no regard whatever for their own common people. They despise them more than we do, look down upon them more than we do; but they understand their methods of thought better than we do, are more prone to superficial politeness, and therefore they are more popular with the common people than we are." Then this about Villa:

"Now, between us and a general war in Mexico there seems to be but one thing, and that is the fact that there is one man in Mexico, one strong man-Villa, bandit to be sure, a child of ignorant Indian parentage, who began an outlaw career because he was robbed, insulted and abused, started out on the hypothesis that he must make war against Mexican society in accordance with the only code he knew, and that code justified barbarous methods. With the little education he had he proved himself to be a great leader of men. That man has been continually growing, not alone in power but in knowledge of what the civilized world demands of him and in the knowledge of the needs of his country. The testimony I have received from private sources is that he is a brave man who keeps his word. He has, in a crucial time, had the courage of his convictions, and the enlightenment, almost alone among his people, to beas we can, wisely. The tendency of our day is lieve our protestations of disinterestedness, and seems to possess such a marvelous power of leadership as to hold the people in leash.

A Superb Animal,"

Gregory Mason, Mexican correspondent of the Outlook, says of Villa:

Physically Villa is a superb animal. It's bullet shaped head is set closely on a pair of heavy shoulders, which are not, however, out of proportion with the rest of his anatomy, for he is built like a heavyweight wrestler. He is dark for a Mexican, and of a smooth darkness that makes the talk oaa strain of negro blood seem not improbable. His most distinguishing features are his cruel mouth, which can smile most unctuously, and his eyes, bloodshot, protruding, and plercing. A reporter who saw them blazing at Torreon describes them as "the eyes of a man who will some day go crazy." They have a certain intelligence or craftiness, but they are not eyes to inspire trust.

They tell me a lot of stories about Villa. While some are probably talse, like some of the sarries they tell about Lincoln. Ifke the Lincoln stories they give you a pretty good impression of the man. It is said that he killed his best man at his wedding-that is, the original ceremony performed before he was fanous; that he robbed a poor prospector who befriended him, and that when a friend, in congratulating him upon a victory, compared him with Napoleon, the rebel chief asked "Quiet es este gran hombre?" "Who is this great man" Like all uneducated Mexicans, he had the most profound ignorance of the United States until his contact with the educated people of his race, following his sudden rise to prominence, forced knowledge upon him. He once got into an argument with an American over the relative size of Mexico and the United States.

"I know El Paso is not the largest town in the nited States," said Villa. "I have heard there is United States," said Villa. a larger place called Chicago. But look at this"and here he took a map of Mexico drawn on a large scale and placed it over a small scale map of the United States, which it more than covered.

"Aha!" he shouted, triumphantly, "You see by your own maps that your country is smaller than

It is sto Villa's credit that he taught himself to read during his stay in a federal prison and that he admits his ignorance, having several times put it forward as a reason why Carranza, an educated man, and not he, blunt suldier, should be president of Mexico in the event of the complete triumph of constitutionalism. Yet those who know him best say that he is inordinately ambitious, and that months ago, with only a handful of tattered horsemen in his command, he was planning to be president, or at least governor of Chihuahua.

Another side of Ville is thus sketched by N. C. Adossides in the American Review of Reviews Villa is, above all his allotted virtues and deficiencies. man of superb courage and tenacity and at rare intervals he can be even kind and chivalrous. During his bandit day he went one afternoon with a few of lem, even though the scene of conflict is entirely his fathful followers to a ranch near the town of

This ranch was owned by a Mr. Gunther, a Belgian and a naturalized American citizen, who had married a Mexican woman renowned for her beauty and spirit. Mr. Gunther raised the finest racing horses in Mexico and these were the object of Villa's visit. Arrived at the ranch he was informed that the owner was away, whereupon he instructed a servant to announce him to Mrz. Gunther. She decided to receive the famous outlaw, but under the protection of the American flag. The Stars and Stripes were holsted in the court yard and the hostess appeared. Villa, unabashed by the formality of his reception, asked permission to visit the stables, coolly urging that his own horses were old and worn out and that it would be necessary to replace them. Mrs. Gunther refused to grant permission, reminding him that he husband was not there to authorize such a proceeding.

"Very well," was the amiable assent, "but would you not allow me to smoke a cigarette and look into your beautiful eyes?"

She pointed to the American flag, and while the bandit's sentimental gaze was so distracted she covered him with her pistol. "But why?" he queried; you are my countrywoman!

"But an American citizen," was the calm retort. The daring rover gallantly removed his sombrero, bowed and departed, promising that he would never under any circumstances attack the Guither property, And he kept his promise.

### People and Events

People who look upon "13" as a hoodoo number are reminded that a St. Louis couple married on May 13, 1801, happily celebrated the sixty-third anniversary of the event.

Judge Kersten of Chicago sent to fail for four months one Lawyer Hille, who made false statements to the court, thereby securing the release of notorious crook awaiting trial.

Commissioner of Corrections Davis of New York. who recently visited Omaha, received a sharp calldown this week for prohibiting caliers on Police Inspector Becker in the Tombs prison. Miss Davis' order was revoked by the higher-ups. Sixteen years ago Barney Decker of Danby, Vt.,

thrust a hard pine splinter into his hand, but humediately removed it, as he supposed, and had no trouble with it. Recently a doctor found and removed a half inch more which had not been taken out the first time.



SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.-To the Editor of The Bee: Nebraskans wherever they may be carry with them their loyalty to their home state, and their interest in everything that pertains to its welfare and advancement; so Nebraskans everywhere, who are awake to the possibilities involved, are keenly anxious to see Nebraska represented in a fitting manner as to her building and the exhibit of her great resources and productiveness when the world sets forth its progress and its products at the Panama-Pacific Interna-

tional exposition. We Nebraskans on the coast, who see at closer range the vast scope of the exposition, the widespread interest manifested by all civilized nations, indicating an unprecedented attendance, and the great increase in appropriations made for representation over those at any previous exposition, are particularly concerned that their friends at home should realize the supreme importance of putting Nebraska's representation in every way on a plane worthy of her dignity and of the high standing of her citizenship.

If you realize fully the immense importance this project is to the state, we think your pen will be tipped with fire to inspire in your communities an intense and ardent determination to do their share toward its success.

If you so desire, I will be glad to send you some literature on the exposition, giving in a condensed form the work already accomplished and the future plans. Yours for Nebraska.

KATHERINE HUGHES. Secretary Nebraska Society of California.

Church Cliques and Politics. NORTH LOUP, Neb., May 18.-To the Editor of The Bee: If I mistake not, there is now an organized movement at Lincoln, secretly backed by a powerful church clique, by which to cripple or control the republican party, and to nominate candidates discordant to the public. Their chief aim is to nominate candidates for governor and railway commissioner. The people should immediately look into this matter.

The spectacle witnessed for the last month in our normal schools in shifting a professor from Dan to Beeshebs, and from Lincoln to Kearney indicates the existence of a powerful church clique organized to control republican nominations. They have no political sentiments, except to absolutely dominate by brute force and trickery. Two months ago that clique was exposed to the public. Since that time their agents have been secretly at work to manipulate republican polities. Many of their emissaries, no doubt, are adherents of the democrats, but that part of the machine is hidden in darkness away from public view.

There are three important problems before the people: First, the making of a new constitution. Second, the revision of the common schools, and third, the improvement of some of our best water power sites. These problems are so important that any person should see that Standard Oil and the Book trust must be secretly at work to control the republican party and thereby control all legislation affecting those subjects. Democratic policies, if they have any, have proven a failure, and the people see it, and will again support the republicans if the nominees are right.

Suppose those men succeed and nominate a ticket, and a farce is made of of law revision and the new constitution-and in addition, the water powers of the state are allowed to fall into the control of Standard OH. After this is accomplished if you see Standard Oll endowing a certain ecclesiastical university of the state, what will you think of it? The action of the normal board discloses the fact that the movement has no relation to party politics. They have masked the whole proposition with republicanism, but back in the dark is the real Tammany tiger. If republicanism can be crossed up in that way, there is a certain democrat who may stand a chance for the governorship. This same movement is designed to send a state officer to congress by way of trade.

Three state papers of wide circulation, having shades of politics from yellow journalism to the built moose down to Tammany, are also employed to say nice things of all candidates and suggestions coming from the new movement. A barrel of salt will help some. If the men involved are so conscientious as they have formerly professed, why have they abandoned prohibition in order to reorganize the republican party? The indication is that a "broad-and-busy" platform, as Mr. Harrison used to say, is necessary to hold all of them. How can all those shades of journalism inculcate prohibition? Such is nothing less than a bad case of political transfusion. To attend the primary election will not be a WALTER JOHNSON.

Calhoun's Greatness.

BRUSH, Colo., May 13.-To the Editor of The Bee: Your correspondent "Der Helde's" characterization of John C. Calhoun, is one of the intemperate and erroaeous criticisms which, though it may "tickle the groundlings," is likely to make the judicious grieve." I am inclined to think that if "Der Heide" should read the life of Calhoun in "The American Statesman series," he would have reason to modify his intemperate judgment of the great South Carolinian whose whole political life, from his speech in the House of Representatives on the resolution justifying the war of 1812 to the hour of his death, illustrated, as have few other lives of public mendevotion-pure, lofty and unselfish devotion-to principle. It was in the speech advocating the war of 1812 that Mr. Calnoun employed the phrase with which captious critics later sought to confound him, viz: "The world may understand that the honor of this nation is not yet sunk." While it is true that later he was of the theory that ours was not at that time "a nation," but was "a confederacy," yet impartial critics agree that the word, "nation." employed by Mr. Calhoun in 1812 was suggested by the arder of youth, and by the impulse of the occasion rather than by the cool and discriminating analytical power that characterized his later speeches

and writings. "Mr. Calhoun was "a man of light and leading," a type of statesman sadly needed in these later days of ours a public official who realized that the representative of the people should serve them, not only with fidelity, but also with intelligence. He was the sort of man that the late Senator Hoar of Massachusetts had in mind when he wrote: "The man who has not the courage to realst public opinion when it is wrong cannot be trusted to reflect public opinion when it is right." - As representativo, as senator, as secretary of state, and as vice president. Mr. Cal-

hoon was truly a great statesman, a great patriot, a great man. If any evidence were needed, it might be found in the words of the one most competent to form an opinion on that subject. it was Daniel Webster who, in speaking of "Der Helde's" "unscrupulous politician" said: "Nothing mean or low on sordid ever came near the heart or the

head of Mr. Calhoun. It seems to me "Der Heide" should be more prudent in the use of his superiative vituperation when he writes of subtects and of men that he apparently knows so little of. I have read a number of his letters in The Bee, and I seldom lay them aside that I do not feel the trenchant force of this sentence of Carlyle's: "A man has no right to an opinion. He should know."

INNOMINATO.

### Around the Cities

Cleveland has 132,793 Germans, the largest foreign strain in its melting pot. Scattle is preparing to vote an amendment to its charter, providing for a city

Pittsburgh has \$6,474,880.61 to its credit in banks, of which sum \$1,695,598.94 are unappropriated.

Atlantic City last year paid \$2,512,208.55 for city government; this year the cost will be \$258,000 greater.

There has recently been opened in Swatow a Chinese department store on the style generally found in America.

JOLLIES FROM JUDGE. Flim-What's your business? Flam-Contractor. Flim-What line? Flam-Debts.

Stella-Isn't it awful to think of the number of tuberculosis cattle? Bella-I don't believe it. I never met one that was too sick to chars me.

Bill—I saw a woman hung yesterday. Tom—Where? Bill—Around her lover's neck.

Knicker—Something queer about Jonus, Bocker—Yes; he is the only man who can't explain the high cost of living.

Consoling Friend-Cheer up, old chap!
At best the only difference between poetry and poverty is a v.
Despondent Poet-Yes, I know. The o(we) is just the same in both of them.

"Hogan." propounded Schmidt, "if a hen unt a half laidt an egg unt a half at day, how long vouldt it dake a hen to lay half an egg?"

"A hin," promptly responded Pat. "wud scorn to short-change her owner be layin' half an egg. An' nobody but a tightfist wud iver think av such a thing."

The time I've lost in suing.
In 'wooing and beshrewing;
The fate that stays
In law's delays
Has been my life's undoing.
Though friends and neighbors sought me,
I scorned the tips they taught me.
I took my torts
To torpid courts,
And fees are all they've brought me.

I saw a sight this morning
That made my fancy fly
Back o'er the years, in visions
Of bliesful days gone by.
Twas but a tiny symbol,
But, oh, how it did grip!
A bow of gaudy ribbon
Tied on a buggy whip,



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