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**ANOTHER "OPEN" COVENANT.**

The President is reported to have refused to authorize publication of the text of the treaty with France, on the ground that it was properly to be regarded as confidential until it had been laid before the Senate and that body had itself removed the injunction of secrecy, says Harvey's Weekly. That was, of course, the old-time rule, but we had scarcely expected to find it reeked and upbeaten by the author of that resounding and glittering generality about "open covenants openly arrived at."

Besides the President himself revealed—after donning—the existence of such treaty, and its general purport. With such disclosure already made, why maintain the fiction of secrecy? We should say that the statement which the President himself made about it was one of the strongest possible reasons for making the complete text known, in order that there might be no misapprehensions about it, such as might arise from merely partial knowledge of it.

It seems to us mistaken policy for the President thus to disclose merely selected portions of treaties for publication, while keeping or trying to keep the instruments as a whole profoundly secret. He has done it before, notably in the case of the treaty of peace. He gave out for publication the literal and complete text of one long chapter of that instrument, and insisted that the rest of it should be kept under the seal of secrecy.

Why? Was it because he wanted to conduct a propaganda in favor of the Covenant of the League, that he thus blazoned it to the world in advance of the rest? If courtesy required that this French treaty be held confidential until it was given to the Senate and that body saw fit to publish it, why did it not require a similar treatment of the Covenant?

We are ourselves sufficiently old-fashioned to recognize the desirability, in many cases, of withholding treaties from publicity until they are completely made—which means, of course, ratified by the Senate as well as negotiated by the President. But we trust that it does not require one to be old-fashioned to insist upon the need of consistency and courtesy in the matter.

There are said to be only 22 different and distinct scraps going on in various parts of the world right now. We presume the peace conference devotees are waiting for authority from the senate to set the machinery in motion, to crush those outbursts of human hatred. It will take just about one-half the world to compel the other half to be good. And it will be some fight.

**BOOKS ON VACATION.**

If you were asked to make a guess, what sort of books would you say people are taking with them to the seashore and the mountains? Fiction? Yes, of course. Fiction is always a safe bet, and yet of the more than 1900 books already issued on vacation time (until October 1) at the Pacific Library, only 36 per cent are fiction.

What then is the next most popular subject? Is it religion, or travel or cooking? No, it is home of these. It is fine arts with a circulation of 236 books. Of these, 88 are music scores and books about music.

The remaining vacation circulation is distributed as follows:

Literary	224
History and Travel	206
Useful arts (agriculture, mechanics, cooking, etc.)	115
Biography	104
Philosophy	80
Social science	69
Religion	56
Language study	50

**AN EXPERT PROFESSION.**

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Although the searcher may be perfectly sincere and honest, if he depends upon the official records he is looking "for a needle in a haystack." There are many technicalities which may escape him—there may be many entries which have never been made in the official indexes. Often a lawyer, examining your abstract, has no means of finding these flaws.

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Robert E. Smith, whose thrilling race from San Francisco to Alaska, has eclipsed even the fanciful dreams of Jules Verne and has established a speed record for the Pacific Coast, is a citizen of whom Roseburg may well be proud. Working his way up from an axe handler in a logging camp of the northwest, he has attained one of the most responsible positions on the Pacific Coast while in Roseburg and Douglas County, his character and business integrity entitled him to be numbered among the most desirable and useful citizens of the state.

In spite of the fact that he has taken a position in one of the largest cities of the coast, Mr. Smith still claims Roseburg as his home and never neglects an opportunity to spend a little time in this city if possible.

Born in Minneapolis he came to Oregon when but a young man and went to work in a logging camp. Later he became assistant manager for the Brooks-Scanlan Lumber Company and then came to Roseburg to engage in the timber business but as conditions were not favorable at the time he changed his plans and bought out the Douglas Abstract Company, of which corporation he was president for many years. In 1910 he organized the First Trust and Savings Bank of which Jos. McCall is now cashier. During the recent war he engaged in war work and was State Chairman of one of the most successful Liberty Loan drives put over in the country. Recognizing his ability as a sales man, officials of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District secured his services as director of the war loan organization for the district.

Mr. Smith in his race for Seattle has thrilled the entire country. Starting from San Francisco, he travelled in a motor boat, train, air plane, and automobile, setting a speed record which will probably stand for many years. He carried \$50,000 in Treasury Savings certificates which are to be distributed among the banks of Alaska and which it was necessary for him to place aboard the mail steamer which sailed yesterday evening. The remaining \$250,000 worth of certificates will be placed in the banks of the northwest.

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