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THE REVISED LEAGUE COVENANT. The amended covenant of the league of nations is a conclusive demonstration of the usefulness, even the imperative necessity, of constructive criticism.

As amended, the covenant proves that its critics were its best friends. It was formerly ill-arranged and appeared to be a hodge-podge of various provisions.

It will still be objected that there are risks of being involved in wars and complications over other nations' affairs, and of foreign interference in our affairs.

THE MARVEL OF WIRELESS. Marvellously multiplied with cumulative rapidity in the field of invention, as we are once more reminded by the announcement that preparations are being made to equip the steamship George Washington with telephone facilities.

The idea of the telephone was conceived as long ago as 1824 but reached the actual working stage of development in 1876, when Dr. Alexander Graham Bell perfected a practical instrument.

The momentous feature of the latest development is the perfection of double conversation. Anyone who uses the telephone will understand how utterly unsatisfactory a one-way talk would be.

The new system is another of the many inventions which were hastened to perfection by the exigencies of the war.

The music of a phonograph was transmitted from Washington to Dartmouth on the Isthmus of Panama, in 1915. This antedated

transmission of the human voice by some weeks, but events have moved so rapidly that the whole world is developing the new phase of wireless.

WHAT WILL ITALY DO? The international flurry over Italy raises everywhere the question as to what Italy will do. It may be answered by asking the counter-question: To what Italy can do.

Italy stands to lose either way, so far as Plume is concerned. If it stays out of the society of nations, it will lose, undoubtedly, both Plume and the protection of the league otherwise more vital to Italy than to any other first-voiced power.

BURLESON AND HIS WHIP. The postmaster-general is mild-mannered, but his reply to Senator Gompers, as becomes a subordinate officer of an administration having for its head a president who has a most tender attachment for the leader of the forces of organized labor in America.

But he seeks to shift the issue to the "selfish publishers" who he says have been grafting the government out of \$72,000,000 annually through low postal rates.

Burleson is at war with everybody, employer and employe, capitalist and laborer, because he has wrecked the postal system, and involved the telephone and telegraph service in a chaos of operative confusion and financial demoralization.

NO DIFFERENCE! A correspondent the other day asked The Oregonian to make a forecast of the political issues of 1920.

The citizen or newspaper that thinks, or says whether it thinks or not, that there is no real distinction between parties, and therefore implies that parties are of similar while, is performing a poor service to its public.

COXEY AGAIN. The daily feature on this page entitled "In Other Days," in which events of fifty and twenty-five years ago are briefly related, now contains frequent references to Coxe's army of unemployed.

The proposal this week revives the non-interest bearing bond issue, but couples it with a nationalization of the initiative and referendum. The glowing promise in behalf of the direct legislation amendment is that it will permit speedy submission of an anti-prohibition amendment.

until it found expression in principle by a political party. It is sufficient to ask the question: What is the development of the new phase of wireless may be said to have moved with scientific exactness to the common goal.

AN EMERGENCY IN EDUCATION. The plea of a body with a formidable name, the National Education Association Commission on the Emergency in Education, for a complete readjustment of the educational system such as will make the profession of teaching more attractive, derives additional force from the fact that more than 100,000 teachers in the United States are under the age of 23.

Finally, it may be said that the home of political reaction and political incompetency in America is in the south. The democratic party is controlled there. The republican party, with its efforts to change the nature of progressive ideas and constructive policies, is far more faithful and efficient in carrying them out.

JUSTICE TO THE MOUNTAINS. Mr. Wall, whose letter in The Oregonian yesterday spoke so feelingly of the mountain people, writes upon a letterhead carrying as its main inscription "Justice to the Mountain Committee."

It is as a committee of one on justice to the mountain that The Oregonian also speaks and enthuses. Not much justice is shown mountains as a rule. One of their common uses is to confer commercial or historical distinction upon minor places or unimportant men.

Coincidental with the assertion by employers that the price of the loaf never will be less than the demand of bakers for more pay and fewer hours, is the news that the master bakers could not have intended it that way.

This Victory "drive" must become a drive in earnest. Let the women alone; they are doing well and very many have buttons; but get after the men, get after the men, get after the men.

As the treaty will be in French, the German delegates will find use for the knowledge of that language which they acquired while preparing for that trip to Paris which was never made.

Probably every father in the land has told of the smart things done by his son, but the man fined \$50 for his cache of "hoose" exposed by his 3-year-old has the only thriller.

Uncle Sam is becoming the greatest junkman in the world. Anytime from a shipyard to a railroad spike is in his line.

the United States. A short time before his death, Lubin, who possessed a genius for organization, made a strong plea to Italians to "adopt American methods."

HEART, LIFE AND SPIRIT OF THE LOYAL Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen was Spencer Best, who has left Portland and is now on his way to San Francisco.

Instead of following the devious ways of politics and trying to feel the pulse of the public mind, he would have been a rancher. Once upon a time Mr. McNelis, who is a very large and very tall man, was a city councilman in Portland.

John M. Bentley, of Pendleton, is at the Perkins. He is an old-timer up Umatta way and is a democrat of democrats. He has been United States marshal and sheriff and chief of police in various parts of the state.

Grass Valley people were thick in local hotels yesterday. Five different parties from that section were at the Hotel Oregon.

Recently arrived from Honolulu, O. I. Schon, marine engineer, is at the Perkins. He comes here for the shipping board.

Accompanying a shipment of livestock, Frank Owens of Waco is in town and is registered at the Perkins.

Price Recob, an agent of the Indian department, is at the Imperial from Tacoma.

James H. Nichols and Dr. Craig Peterson of Baker are at the Benson together.

Home again. Breezes blowing to the land. Waves a-ripping on the sand. Bring the ship across the bar. From the castled land afar.

Those Who Come and Go.

Heart, life and spirit of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen was Spencer Best, who has left Portland and is now on his way to San Francisco.

With my soup and fish scenery, I'm ready to tackle New York, announced Captain Smith—he is too busy to give his initials, and anyway everyone else is ready to tackle New York.

You should see the big irrigation project they are building six miles east of Prineville, says Miss Nora Dobbs of the Imperial office staff.

To attend the meeting of the Macca-bees, the following are registered at the Hotel Portland: Mrs. Edgington Smith, Sadie Jones, Albina McClinton and Charles Schott, of Albany and Mary E. Bier of Corvallis.

Once upon a time William E. Schimpff was a member of the Clatsop county delegation in the legislature, but of recent years he has not bothered with the political game.

A. J. Partan and Frans Niemi of Astoria are at the bunkhouse. They are here to defend themselves against charges of trying to cause mutiny in the army and navy of the United States.

Although he likes to come to Portland to shoot with the Portland Gun club, M. A. Richard of Corvallis missed out last Sunday. By the time he got to town it was too late for shooting clay pigeons, even in this extended daylight.

"I traveled day and night to get here to testify in court and on arrival found that the case has been continued," said R. N. Stanfield, sheep king, as he headed east for the night train back to Eastern Oregon.

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The Country Town.

There is a winding road that leads to a little country town. Where the hum of commerce never breeds a discontented frown.

While the sun is bright and the garden nest a housewife cuts the weeds; The butcher weighs a slice of steak and slowly wraps it round.

The early windows are a field that the early files defile; The old lady curtains have been there for a long time, and they are still there.

Far better to live for a dozen years where the tides beat full and free, Than to spend three score or even four where the non-combatants be;

DETROIT, Mich., April 24.—(To the Editor.)—At the time Senator Lodge introduced a resolution in the United States Senate calling for an investigation of the Eagle boats built for the navy by the Ford Motor company, the serious charges which were made received wide publicity.

Later the sub-committee on naval affairs of the senate held a series of hearings at which witnesses produced by Senator Lodge pressed their charges of trying to cause mutiny in the army and navy of the United States.

The findings follow: 1. No charge against the government or the Ford company is sustained by the evidence. 2. The Eagle boats were essential to the navy.

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WISCONSIN LAW WORTH COPYING. AGES AND HOURS OF CHILDREN ARE REGULATED IN STREET TRADES. SALEM, Or., April 27.—(To the Editor.)—The special session of the Wisconsin legislature in 1915 passed an important law regulating the street trades.

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In Other Days.

Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian, April 29, 1869. The United States senate has passed a bill providing for "lighthouses on the coast of Oregon" and the house is expected to approve the bill.

Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian, April 29, 1894. The crisis in affairs of Portland's anti-work army was reached at 6:30 o'clock last night, when the whole outfit, after a ride of 120 miles on a stolen train, was captured by two troops of United States cavalry at Arlington and quickly started back for this city under military escort.

Plans for possible reopening of the Port of Astoria, Oregon, will be put through or finally dropped tomorrow. The decision depends on whether or not the depositors demand liquidation at this time.

With the assistance of Police Officer Collins, Special Traffic Agent G. W. Johnson yesterday arrested Hawkins, son, Henry Cox, Ernest Newcomb and Charles Main upon a charge of attempting to smuggle Chinese from the steamer Island.

B. M. Siles, first mate of the Portland Lloyd, which was arrested in port yesterday, was arrested yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Sibley on a complaint charging inhuman treatment of sailors while on the voyage around the Horn.

COMMITTEE TO KNOCK KNOCKERS. Writer Proposes Organization to Further Co-operative Spirit. PORTLAND, April 28.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian has reported that land arched nearly two years' absence as a captain with the United States army, there are apparent improvements in the spirit of the Oregonian.

Red-bloody representative men, to whom can be referred the cases of those "yellow grouchies" who persist in their old-fashioned and antiquated ways, unless they believe that it will directly bring money to their pockets.

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