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MR. HUGHES' RESERVATIONS. There is a close similarity between the reservations in the league of nations covenant, proposed by Mr. Hughes and the interpretations proposed by Mr. Taft.

Mr. Taft, it will be recalled, declared his willingness, were he a member of the senate, to ratify the peace treaty as it stands, including the league covenant. He proposed his reservations as a matter of expedience—to settle doubts of others which he did not entertain himself.

Mr. Taft, while expressing the conviction that it is not necessary, proposes a reservation denying the right of self-governing colonies and dominions to be represented in the league of nations council at the same time with the mother government, or to have a vote in the settlement of its major controversies.

Mr. Taft is making it clear, it is inferable, does not believe that there is enough doubt concerning that phase of the covenant to make a reservation worth while. At least he makes none.

Mr. Taft suggests that the senate expressly interpret this section to mean that the functioning of the council is advisory only and that each member shall be left free to determine questions of procedure.

The interpretation of section 19 offered by Mr. Hughes is the one that would legally prevail so far as this nation is concerned were the league covenant to be accepted as it stands.

Britain and America to preserve France against German aggression. The existence of a doubt in France as to the adequacy of the league covenant, and particularly of section 10.

There is a wide-spread objection in this country to the tri-party treaty, and it is a proper objection. Yet if France is not to have a guaranty, at least during the next decade, through the league, of armed support against German aggression, adherence by France to the league covenant is not a brilliant hope.

The Pacific coast welcomes the coming of a great American fleet, not in the spirit of jingoism or war-madness, or sudden relief from fear of invasion, but because it is a long-delayed recognition of the maritime importance of this shore of the United States.

The nation is committed to the policy of maintaining a fair-sized and an adequate program in the navy. The Pacific coast, which are an important part of the nation and are helping to pay the bill, have something more than a sentimental interest in this branch of the national defense.

The Atlantic coast has the advantage over us of earlier settlement, of development of a seafaring population, bred by stern necessity, but not in the spirit of avarice or greed.

The peach outlook. The one fruit crop of which the Pacific northwest this year seems to have a plenty is peaches. It has been a decidedly favorable year.

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or Etruscan, his adaptations were so marvelous as to amount to creation. Thomas Minton was another idealist manufacturer. There have been a few others.

The rage for quantity production has been a severe blow to art. Yet it is not yet conclusively proved that they may not be produced by quantity and artistry of design.

The bill now pending in congress, one of the Smith-Bankhead series of educational bills, would authorize the federal board of vocational education to designate, for rehabilitation, their crippled workers, on the familiar principle of matching dollar for dollar such appropriations, within prescribed limits, as may be made by the state legislatures.

Secretary Lansing spoke truth when he said before leaving Paris, "concentration of thought on world peace is weakening now when it is most essential." But what else could he expect, in view of the action of the allies themselves?

The body of a Chinaman was found floating in the river and the incident is dismissed with the surmise of suicide. No doubt, it is said he was a stranger here from Seattle.

The new sheriff of Columbia county, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late sheriff, two years ago, and before that county clerk for two terms as well as deputy clerk for two terms previously.

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Gleanings From State Press. Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian of July 29, 1869. Washington, D. C.—The Herald says Judge Deane and Governor Sharkey are about to go to Long Branch to induce Grant to be cautious about General Ames influencing the Mississippi election by means of his military power.

Next President a Republican. Medford Mail-Tribune. We want that man who has the pro-vote and the labor vote, who is as dear to the farmer as he is to William Jennings Bryan, who is a "man's man" and yet doesn't wear whiskers; who is a ladies' man, but never jasses; who is loved by the people of both sexes, but not out being tiresome; tactful without being spineless; who has a future, but not a past; who has the fire of youth, but with the wisdom of old age; who is distinguished by Wall Street, but has the confidence of men of affairs; who is just the sort of man for the job, who puts principle above party; but never quite much above meat; who is strong in the east, but can carry the west.

Water-Grounds and Puget Sound. WALLA WALLA, Wash., July 27.—(The Editor)—In connection with the very important question of railroad rates, it is suggested that the Interstate Commerce Commission should venture, as a citizen of eastern Washington, to express the conviction that the interests of our section are one with those of the Puget Sound section. But we would wish to see the discussion placed upon broader grounds than "doing anything" for Portland, Seattle or Astoria. This is a larger question than one of benefit to any one city. It is fundamentally a question of the just treatment of the producers and of economic advantage to all parts of the northwest.

Why the Honor Falls. If the razor pulls, don't kick. We saw Kelsey backing down the evergreen berries around his shop, which makes up for a dull razor or two.

One League or the Other. Hillaboro Argus. If Senator Pointner should run for president on a platform against the league of nations, he is more than likely to find a league of states against him in the next electoral college.

Lines on a Box of Roller Plante. Florence West. All this was done for free of cost, and for what purpose? That we might publish it in the west and thereby help to enlighten the people.

Two Bryds. The News and his son enjoyed the distinction of hauling and stacking eight loads of alfalfa the "harvest day" ever experienced in the history of Barney county. The mercury registered 105 in the shade. We've got good stuff in us yet.

Perhaps Tumulty Told Him. Hillaboro Independent. It is not out of place to inquire how the president, after seven months' absence in Europe, is sufficiently in touch with the desires of the people to veto offhand repeal of the absurd daylight saving law.

When Bryan Missed the Chicken. Coquille Sentinel. From Myrtle Point, on Bryan day came a chicken story that had very wide circulation. It seems that the Oregonian picnic was held at the house of a Coquille man and a plate of fried chicken on the table of a Coquille-Norway party was requisitioned, along with a pitcher of cream—while an unsuccessful attempt was made to lift two cakes—all without so much as a "by your leave" or a word of thanks.

Marriage After Divorce. PORTLAND, July 27.—(To the Editor)—Please tell me if it is a law in Oregon or Washington that a person must be married again, if he or she has been divorced. A says yes, B says no. Which is right? A SUBSCRIBER.

It is the law in both states. In Oregon, however, two legislatures—one of them the 1913 session—validated marriages previously contracted in violation of the particular statute when such marriages were otherwise regular. This 1919 law does not validate subsequent marriages of divorced persons who do not await the expiration of six months.

Twilight Song. The mocking bird is singing in the gloaming. And the evening's twilight shadows softly fall; Unto you, beloved, my heart is ever beating— Oh, dear heart, please listen to my call!

Now the sunset's pennants are all gleaming. Through the shreds of billowy clouds that out in the west, White of you, in all your beauty, I am dreaming— Dreaming of the one I love the best.

O'er the eastern hills the harvest moon is shining. Round and full, beautiful golden light is gleaming. All the while for you my heart is pinning— In the summer's drowsy night—a dream.

While the whip-poor-will is sweetly calling, Through the silent night thy form I see; While the lang'rous night-owl's all the world is calling, Come, dear heart, and nestle close to me.

—MERRILL ARTHUR YOTHERS, Medford, Or.