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us in asserting the right of a nation to decide who shall live in its territory, hold its land and become its citizens. They will desire to protect themselves from the consequences of some precedent that might be set in a separate agreement with this country as to which they would not be consulted, but which would affect any arrangement they might seek to make by being bound to accept of a separate agreement.

Then Mr. Hughes may be expected to insist that all questions in the far east shall be open to consideration and decision, and that no prior, separate or secret agreement shall limit the action of the conference. He may thus secure a settlement that will be final. We have had enough settlements which have simply been the opening chapters of new disputes.

WHERE A CONTRACT IS A CONTRACT. Des Moines, Iowa, is strong for the principle that "a contract is a contract." Years ago, when a street railway company of that city offered a franchise, it contracted to transport passengers for five cents each. Like all other traction companies, the Des Moines corporation found that the world war had brought about conditions that prohibited such a business.

THE SECOND PEACE CONFERENCE. Virtual agreement on November 11 as the date for meeting of the disarmament conference establishes that date more firmly as memorable in world history. After November 11 three years ago, when the conference was held which fell far short of making peace. The work of peace-making is now to be taken up again with the hope of being able to settle the purposes preliminary to it must be agreement on all controversies which still cause nations to maintain great armies and navies.

There are entanglements left over from the Paris conference which must be cleared up before the nations can be expected to disarm or to agree on the extent of disarmament. The Silesian imbroglio, in which Britain leans to the side of Germany, while France supported Belgium, and the United States, Poland, must be removed before Europe will disarm. The war in Turkey, wherein Britain inclines to the side of France and Italy favor the Turkey must end by final pacification and enforcement of a treaty before the near east will calm down.

Interest of the United States in far eastern affairs is as great as that of any other nation, and it is to take the lead in adjustment, Japan's acceptance of the invitation is qualified with the condition that questions already settled or which concern only relations between Japan and Siberia—in fact it might be construed to exclude Japanese immigration to the United States.

At Doorn, in Holland, there is an odd old duffer who lives in daily fear of death by assassination. If he were dead and quit of his memories he would be far happier. But he clings to life with a tenacity that one would not expect of a tyrant who dealt death so casually in everyday life.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY. In the world over-estimated the worth and grandeur of this man, took a hint at his own error and fed the conceit that flamed into a madman's fury. If it could have looked behind the scenes, when the Kaiser was getting ready for war, he would have laughed boisterously at the diseased ego of the Prussian monarch.

LESSENS FROM TELEPHONE. The patient followers of the telephone rate rehearing will learn something, which, conceivably, he will be sorry he did not know before. It is not a new contention that the hearing will be a capture of the rate to each subscriber increased with expansion of the business.

THE FUEL BILL OF THE AVERAGE FAMILY runs over a hundred dollars a year. Time was when it was half that. Wood never will be cheaper, nor will the price of other materials useful in both peace and war.

thority and to doing things as they always had been done. The people created the state and the government, which they now pay with direct taxes, no longer with indirect taxes levied upon the people.

LET HENRY DO IT. The Harding administration had scarcely become warm in its seat when the ghost of Muscle Shoals rose up to plague it. Rather than give up the plant, the Harding administration made it stalk through the capitol for fifteen years, and it spoils the sleep of Secretary of War Weeks.

It is another interesting sidelight that the public in the end pays the expenses incurred by both sides in a hearing of this kind. Laws regulating public utilities invariably impose upon them the duty of compiling and filing complicated reports, and of participating in the hearing of these reports.

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The Listening Post.

INTERESTED crowds gathered in front of a novelty store window yesterday to watch two boys spinning the top. A large sign informed them that this was an exhibition of "America's roulette."

It was an educational exhibition, the youngsters giving a splendid example of the proper way to gamble. Possibly some of the spectators were not fully on to the game, judging by their interest, but they could not fail to absorb the correct manner in which to wager and the method of playing with red, blue and white chips.

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J. R. Locharty of The Dalles is at the Perkins. He is in a stock of furniture for his firm.

Those Who Come and Go.

Recently in prominent magazines there have been articles describing the pinnacles in Capadocia and referring to them as natural wonders.

Having purchased a controlling interest in the First National bank at Medford, B. E. Harder is in Portland on business. Mr. Harder, of Baker, has been returning around the country for about a year looking for a bank to work in.

Speaking of names, buyers' week has brought many people with unusual names to Portland. Among the names are those of the First National at Medford was a name that was not circulating clearing house certificates.

Por 18 years Judge Childs of Crescent City, Cal., has been on the bench. The judge, who is at the Imperial, is in the city looking after the interests of some of the heirs of the late Mary Keefe.

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In 1846 Dan Durbin arrived in Oregon and liked the place. In 1848 his son Perry arrived, but Perry moved to California and was succeeded by a son of Perry and grandson of Dan.

Henrietta Foley surprised her friends and her husband by being married in La Grande Wednesday to Dr. Lee Bouvy. The honeymooners arrived at the Imperial hotel yesterday.

To study the school system in the United States, three Japanese educationists arrived in Portland yesterday and registered at the Multnomah.

Among the out-of-town visitors this week in Portland was a man accompanied by J. L. Hammock of Boats. Brogan is on the John Day highway.

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Burroughs Nature Club.

Can You Answer These Questions? 1. How many birds were the potato bug originated?

Answers to Previous Questions. Please name a bird common on marshy places or in the ground. The blackbird family, but it has a great deal of white about it, and a dirty yellow cap. It sings beautifully, usually on the wing.

2. In a tadpole a fish? No, a tadpole is not an immature stage of a creature belonging to the class called amphibians, including frogs, toads, salamanders, etc.

Return to Customs of 180 Years Ago. Will Care Divorce Evil. PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(To the Editor.)—All upholders of social stability and moral values will applaud your excellent editorial on divorce.

Second—No artificial limitation of the size of families, or so-called "voluntary" control, is the only way to prevent a "woman's charter of freedom." This practice gives a dangerous precedent to women's management.

Fourth—Confine the legitimate economic education of the young to the making of a favorable marriage connection, to a stage career, and to domestic service.

Los Angeles Buyer Admires Portland and Offers Acrostic. PORTLAND, Aug. 4.—(To the Editor.)—Considering that I arrived on Monday the 29th, I am very grateful of the opportunity to address the splendid gathering of the Portland night anglers.

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More Truth Than Poetry.

LOVELY WOMAN. When lovely woman's trailing garments, Which, some years back, she always picked up insensate varmints.

When lovely woman's skirts were lifted By swift lengthening degrees, Until the wanton breezes drifted Unchecked around her dimpled knees.

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Contradiction.

Only one youth! And yet it colors all Our after-days, though brief its little span.

Throughout the years in paths that I love best; And thoughts are life! The happenings that touch us like a breeze in its unrest.

That touch us like a breeze in its unrest. Extraneous trifles, all; they are not real; But these are what we live by; them is brought To birth our very effort; their appeal.

Is stronger than the petty wear and fret, Stronger than all the circumstances, We live in thoughts that finally begot The greatest and the least of things in life.

Only one youth! And yet it colors all Our after-days, though brief its little span. The richer age of knowledge that may call— The ache of achievement known to man— These may afford a later level plain Wherefrom to view the victorias of the world.

May form a memory-basis calm and sane, That overlooks the years of sweat and toil; Yet shall our youth, mischievous, hopeful, gay, Mail proof across the chasm of the years, Recalling all the joys we've laid away.

And moistening our eyes with futile tears, 'Tis well we know but one youth's magic dawn, Have but one hour beside that brimming fountain, Else vainly, recalling what was gone, Would make all after-days of no account!

Washington—Information received at the internal revenue bureau shows that grain distillation in California will meet the demand for alcohol.

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