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GET ON WITH THE TREATIES.

That a treaty of any importance will pass the senate without reservations at least proposed is no longer to be hoped. Always jealous of its constitutional power, the senate has become more and more conservative.

ALL THE TRAFFIC WILL BEAR?

That the rates have not been raised beyond the ability of more than a very few of the least benefited users to pay is shown by the determination of the majority to attach reservations. It now gives both the republicans irreconcilable and the democrats an opening to weigh down with reservations the treaties emanating from the Washington conference.

PREPARE FOR PROSPERITY.

If Secretary of Commerce Hoover had the fifteen years' experience of argument on railroad rates which he recently made to the interstate commerce commission, he would have been hooted at the country over as a fool of the railroads.

THE DISAPPOINTED FRENCH.

Disappointment of the French delegates with the results of their mission to the Washington conference can be traced to failure of the treaty government to read correctly the mind of the American people or to sense the atmosphere of the conference.

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tion by the senate of its co-ordinate power in making compact with other nations, they will have no patience with attempts by either irreconcilable republicans or democrats to deprive the treaties of their force by reservations.

They know there was no danger that the United States or France would try to seize any territory in the Pacific islands, so all that they gain is a promise not to do that which we intend never to do.

A FARMING PROGRAMME.

Professor Andrew Boss of Massachusetts Agricultural College urges farmers to adopt a strategy of their own while they are waiting for relief through national and local legislative channels.

Every successive attempt to frame a "farm programme" only emphasizes the highly individual nature of the farmer's problems.

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aves that wages and supplies will "follow in the train" of the increased cost of living, and that efficiency and volume of traffic will increase, and he feels that railroads will devote all these savings to "relief in rates on primary commodities."

When a man in Mr. Hoover's position talks in that strain and when his opinions are attentively received by the public, the fact speaks a state of the public mind toward the railroads which their owners would be wise to cultivate and preserve.

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The Listening Post.

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Those Who Come and Go.

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Burroughs Nature Club.

Can You Answer These Questions? 1. Why do canaries wear out? 2. What makes a bird dog gushy and how can it be cured?

Answers to Previous Questions. 1. What do peacocks eat? Do they keep their tails all the year round? 2. Are bats as good insect catchers as toads?

TELEPHONE ORDER CRITICISED. "One More Dagger in Heart of Public Confidence," Says Writer. PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(To the Editor.)—At last the oracle has spoken.

Whipping his revolver out, he leveled it square upon the burglar, giving the drop for his dramatic quick, but the blamed old firebrand snapped and the burglar's life was saved.

"Rheumatism appears to be prevalent along the coast this year," reports John E. Kelly of Carson, Wash. At the springs there are more cases of rheumatism this year than ever.

"Business conditions are coming back at Reedsport and Gardiner, down on the coast," says Carl Shoemaker, Reedsport. "The weather returned from Winchester and other points at the mouth of the Umpqua yesterday."

Before checking out of the Hotel Oregon for his home in Los Angeles, George D. Johnson decided to help fellow Oregonians by donating a homestead to the assessed valuation of \$10,000 or such amount as lawmak-

"In a short time I expect to announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator for Yamhill county," said W. T. Vinson of McMinnville, who is in the city yesterday with his partner, Walter L. Toomey Jr. Mr. Vinson has served several terms in the senate and has been its presiding officer.

Formerly in the banking business at Astoria, Wash., M. Gordon is now a resident of Astoria and a member of the water board. Mr. Gordon says that about 11 miles of new water pipe are to be laid by the sea, to replace lines which were installed many years ago.

A. E. Reames of Medford, attorney and angler, is at the Hotel Portland. Reames is one of the crowd which has been flocking to the hotel for a fishing place, from money won on a presidential election in 1916.

More Truth Than Poetry.

When Willie kicks his sister's shins And breaks her playthings up, And irritates with furtive pins The inoffensive pup, And hides his brother's rubber ball And, like a snout, Shoots building blocks around the hall; His complex is at fault.

So do not scold him when he seeks In secret no and then To locate the baby's cheeks With mother's fountain pen. Or on the rosewood chifferoir To carve his little name. He means no harm, the precious dear— His complex is to blame.

Over-supplied. No wonder they won't let the ex-crowder prince go back to Germany. They've got too many marks there now.

Dark Prospect. "Wouldn't it be dreadful if the Geneva conference should be broken up by an unforeseen caddy shortage?"

In for It Now. The train and the caddy's with the same feelings experienced by a freeman at the beginning of the hating season.

Lavender. My memory of you I've laid away— I'd would place a treasured, perfect gem. With a golden casket there to stay Far from the cold, appraising eyes of men.

In Other Days. Twenty-five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of February 24, 1897. For the statement that the recent amalgamation of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and O. R. & N. companies is the first step toward organization of a gigantic railway trust.

Rev. William J. Arnold, who has been pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has resigned to take a pastorate at Riverside, Cal.

John P. Cordray yesterday emphatically denied that Mr. Heilig may take over the cashing business. He stated that Mr. Cordray now holds a lease.

O. A. Bowen, ex-treasurer of the state of Washington, is registered at the Imperial.

Formation of Radium. (1) Does science claim that helium is the final product of the disintegration of radium? A. Yes, it is. (2) From what and how do the Germans manufacture synthetic drugs? (3) Recent physicians assume that radium is simply one of the stages in the disintegration of the uranium atom. The atomic weight of uranium is 238.5, that of radium about 226, that of helium 3.94. Radium would then be uranium after the latter had lost three helium atoms. The further disintegration of radium through four additional transformations has been traced. It has been conjectured that the fifth and final one is lead. If we subtract 3.94 from 238.5, we obtain 234.5, which is very close to the accepted value for lead, namely 207. The authority for the foregoing is "Elements of Electricity" by Robert A. Millikan and E. S. Bishop. (2) The term "synthetic drugs" embraces all drugs which are made by putting together the elements, obtainable from various sources, of which they are composed. It includes a variety of substances. More than 4000 drugs are derived from coal tar alone.