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THE PEACE TREATY

PRESIDENT TAFT warned his audience at the Baltimore peace conference to express their hopes with moderation, and realize the difficulties to be overcome in framing the Anglo-American treaty.

The actual drafting of the treaty is a work of immense difficulty. It is very hard to reduce national sentiment to the formal and exact terms of a state paper.

To Secretary Knox it falls to prepare and submit definite propositions to Ambassador Bryce, who will in turn offer counter propositions or modifications.

Diplomacy has on the shelves of its libraries innumerable examples of arbitration agreements in past history. Not one of them can be taken as a precedent for this new departure in relations between governments and nations.

Three possibilities are before the negotiators. The Hague tribunal already exists. If necessary that might be strengthened by the addition of other jurists trained in international law.

Or, a new court might be established, constituted from the supreme court judges of the two countries. Or, a third suggestion has been offered. That the negotiators in each difficulty should settle between themselves what arbitrators should be selected.

To the ordinary observer it occurs that either the first or second proposition is preferable to the third. This last seems specially adapted to add a possible fresh cause of difference at the moment of adjustment of that on which arbitration is sought.

James Eads Howe of St. Louis is one whom the bitter cry of the poverty stricken unemployed in the big cities reached to such purpose that he has given himself, body, soul, and spirit, to their relief.

ly alleged against this great part of the submerged tenth. It may stand against individuals, he disputes it as against the class.

Admitting that labor exchanges and municipal employment offices serve to help many of the unemployed, he charges that the skilled worker is aided, but rarely the unskilled.

This man belongs to the John the Baptist type. He has gone into the wilderness, where clothes and food mean very little to him, and he is a "voice of one crying."

A BROAD VIEW OF RECLAMATION THE MAN OR men who take up a reclamation project see in it a money-making engine.

These ideas are the text of a paper recently read by Fred H. Newell, director of the reclamation service before the congress of technology in Boston.

It is doubtful if any other living man could, within a few months, have regenerated New Jersey into a progressive commonwealth.

With equal ease he brought the legislature to his way of thinking in large matters of legislation. The strong personality and dominant brain of this single man were looked to for leadership, and he led.

It is wholly unlikely that such a man will long remain politically imprisoned by "the interests" in San Francisco. San Francisco "interests" may be sagacious, but they will have to go some to beat the New Jersey variety.

IN OREGON ITS opponents claim the initiative and referendum is too much used and in Oklahoma they claim it is too little used.

In New Jersey a boy tickled a bulldog's ear to see what would happen, and had to go to a hospital to have his wounds cauterized.

and a lot of them are now screaming their heads off because Rushlight was nominated for mayor.

In Washington the president visited a wild west show and evinced but little enthusiasm over it, having so many times seen congress in session.

OUR WALTER MY NAME is Walter Lafferty, and I want all my friends to call me by that name henceforth.

It is the only name that sounds good to me, and is the only one that makes me feel at home.

By the way, the next time our congressman makes a lightning change, why not try the name of Wellington for a week or two.

IT SHOULD PASS THERE IS NO publicity for Portland so good as those who have come and seen.

A splendid way to bring visitors to Portland is to make it a convention city. All that is needed to make it a great convention city is to have an adequate place in which to hold conventions.

THE FIRE HABIT THE TIME to stop a fire is before it starts. A cigarette carelessly thrown away caused the recent fire at Bangor with its loss of millions.

lighted matches or cigarette, and presently has another fire. Over insurance is permitted, there is laxity in official circumspection, building requirements are but half baked, and the work of burning and destruction goes merrily on.

Letters From the People The Recent Election. Portland, Or., May 13, 1911.—To the Editor of The Journal.—For the last few days I have read with avidity the newspaper discussion of the results of the recent primary election, and the efforts to induce voters to seek the office of mayor as an independent candidate.

It is the only name that sounds good to me, and is the only one that makes me feel at home. I have always signed my name as 'A. W. Lafferty,' and in order that new acquaintances may know the first name that I go by, I now carry it on my letterheads as 'A. W. (Walter) Lafferty.'

Why is it that Colonel Roosevelt can utter axioms and make them sound like fate spilling through a megaphone, while the average man's pronouncement concerning alleged dynamites.

SEVEN CLASSIC MYTHS The Golden Fleece. One of the most interesting of the ancient Greek traditions is that of the Golden Fleece.

Next Week—Seven Romantic Americans. There was a giant, according to Mr. Grimm, whose voice carried a hundred leagues, and that was considered quite a feat.

At the Village Inn. Where silver's not silver and China is stone. Where wine and beefsteak is bone.

Mr. Taft Unamerican. Portland, May 10.—To the Editor of The Journal.—Liberty is the keystone of the American spirit, that which binds us together and makes us prosperous.

Why He Kissed Her. Daniel J. Shern, who practices law when he isn't guiding the house of representatives, was reminded of a story when he read the verdict in the breach of promise case against young Walling in New York.

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Doom for Whites in Tropics

The white races can never acclimatize themselves permanently in the tropics, and the indigenous colored races will always remain in possession of their part of the globe.

The mixed races, which might otherwise act as pioneers for the development of tropical countries by whites, also show a deficiency in vitality.

Professor Pehlinger says that for colonization purposes by white races only North Africa, north Asia, Australia, the temperate zones of South America, and small upland regions are available.

Tanglefoot By Miles Overholt The female tarantula, too, we are told, is a morbid vixen when angry and cross.

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