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REQUESTING HIS VIEWS

MR. HUGHES has made no reply to the questions addressed to him by 37 prominent American writers the day after his speech of acceptance was published.

Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance was an attack upon President Wilson. All his speeches are attacks upon President Wilson.

But the questions have been asked, and they are fair, and the 37 writers and the country at large are entitled to an answer. Mr. Hughes has the floor.

The Journal has reprinted the statement and questions of the writers several times, because they are questions, the answers to which are essential to the voter in arriving at impartial conclusions as to whether Mr. Hughes' plan or President Wilson's plan most appeals to the voter's judgment and preferences.

As the Detroit News says, they are fair questions, and the 37 writers and the American people are entitled to an answer. It is an answer that nobody but Mr. Hughes can make.

To the Honorable Charles E. Hughes: The professional writers who sign this letter have small interest in the present state of affairs in democracy.

Without intent to offend, we feel justified in charging that in no single public utterance have you filed a bona fide bill of particulars, nor have you offered a single constructive suggestion.

What we desire to know, what it is fair that the electorate should know, are the details of your disagreement with President Wilson.

1—Would you have filed instant protest against the invasion of Belgium and backed up that protest with the United States navy?

2—It is an affront to the honor of the United States that you should have been a part of the Lusitania tragedy.

3—Would you have urged upon congress an embargo on the shipment of munitions to the allies?

4—Would you urge universal compulsory military service?

THE SEARCH FOR SYMPATHETIC LISTENERS CONTINUES

Close relations between the United States and South America, have led to an increase in the news facilities which the United Press, serving The Journal, maintains on that continent.

The through leased wire of the United Press service between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts has been so perfected that the other day a business query from the New York to the San Francisco office was answered within four minutes.

In The Journal's scheme of news gathering, a great program is being worked out. It is approximating that perfection to which newspaper readers in the enlightened Twentieth century are entitled.

Day by day, the improvements are reflected in the pages of the paper. They may be so gradual that they are unnoticed by general readers, but they are there just the same.

The end is not yet. The goal is still to be reached. But the progress is steady and the patrons of the paper are daily receiving more and more for their confidence in and support of The Journal.

THE NATION'S CAPITAL CITY AND ITS UPKEEP

IN THE second article of the serial on the national capital, The Journal's Washington correspondent sketches the state of affairs under the regime of the "half and half" plan of providing "veteran" housing.

2—BOSS SHEPHERD—THE ORGANIC ACT WASHINGTON, AUG. 15.—(WASH. JOURNAL.)—Controversies concerning taxation and local government in the District of Columbia, which have been rampant during the present session of congress, all run back to a discussion of what is known as the organic act and the "half and half" plan of taxation, which came into being at the same time.

3—The organic act is nothing more than an act of congress passed in 1878, which changed the government of the district from the territorial to the present commission form.

4—Other senators regard the organic act with less reverence. Senator Works tried to overturn the whole system by an amendment to the annual appropriation bill, and he occupied the floor for the better part of two days presenting his argument.

5—Whenever the business men of a community join for the accomplishment of a given purpose and push forward towards their chosen goal, earnestness, in proportion to their earnestness, comes to them.

6—Back of the adoption of the organic act a word should be said as to why it met with favor. Under the territorial form of government just preceding the moving spirit was "Boss" Shepherd, concerning whom divided opinions are still entertained.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Communications sent to The Journal for publication in this department should be written on only one side of the paper. Should not be longer than 100 words, and should be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

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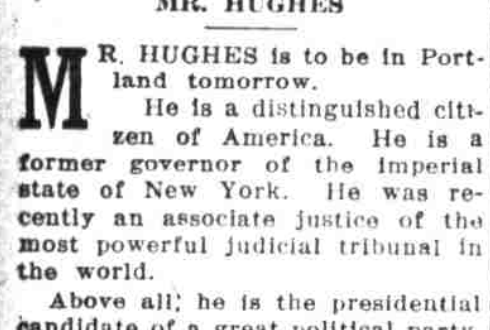
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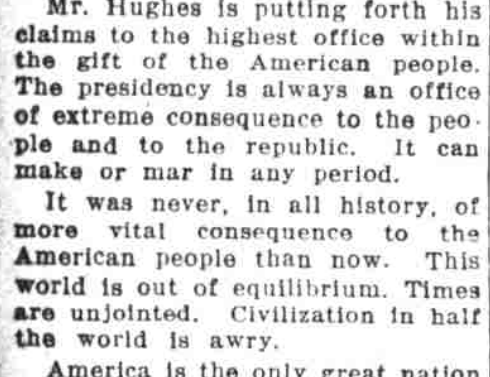
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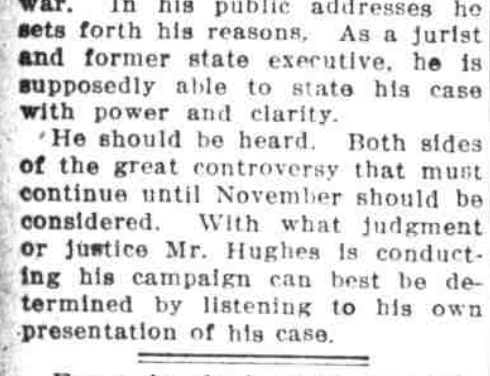
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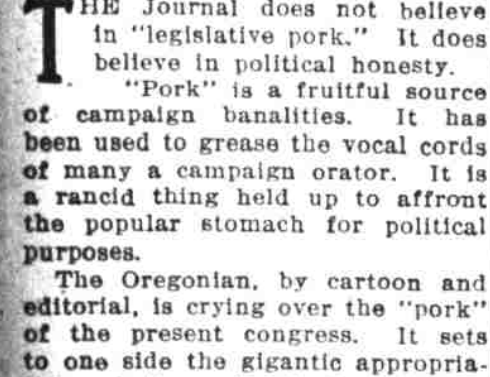
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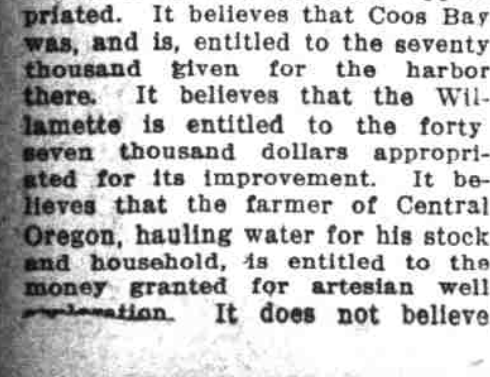
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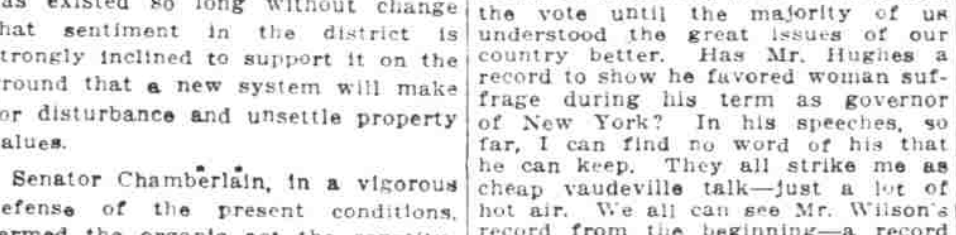
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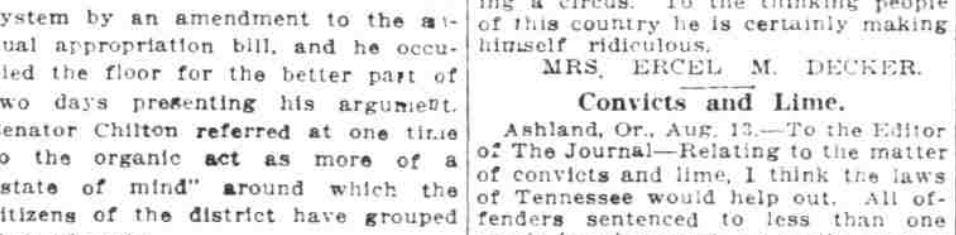
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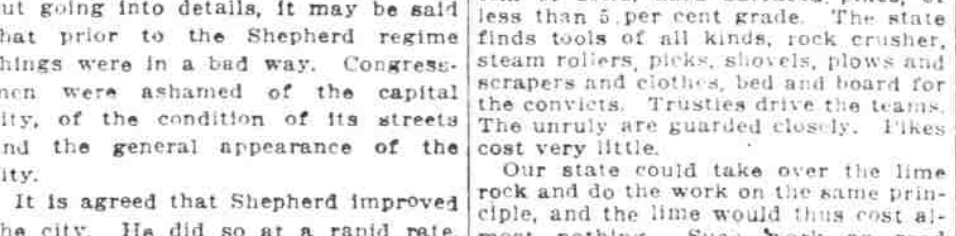
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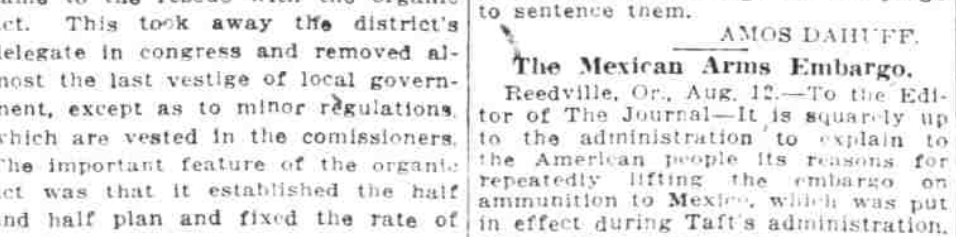
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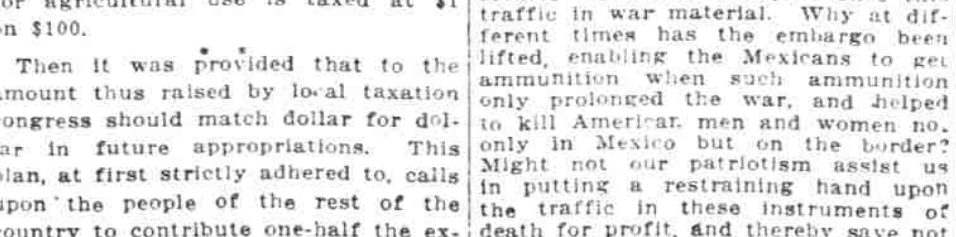
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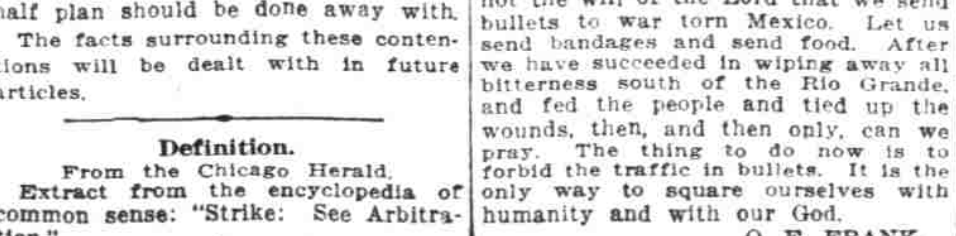
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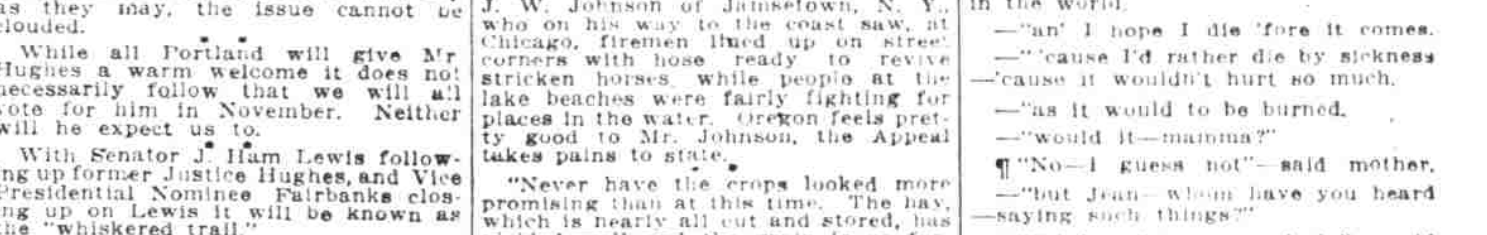
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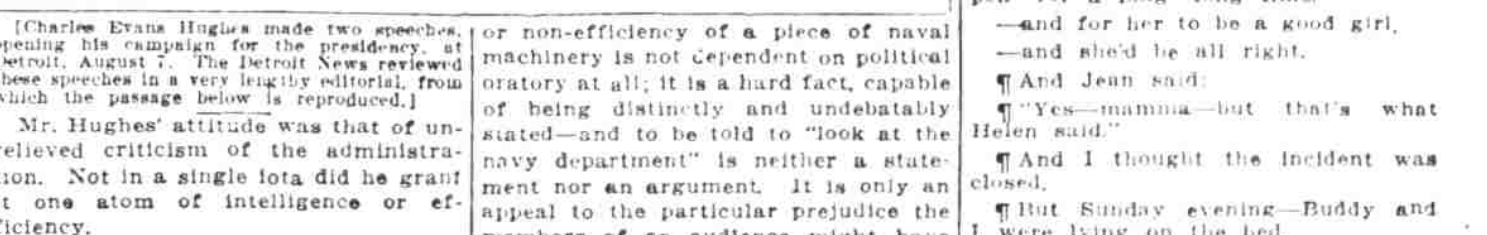
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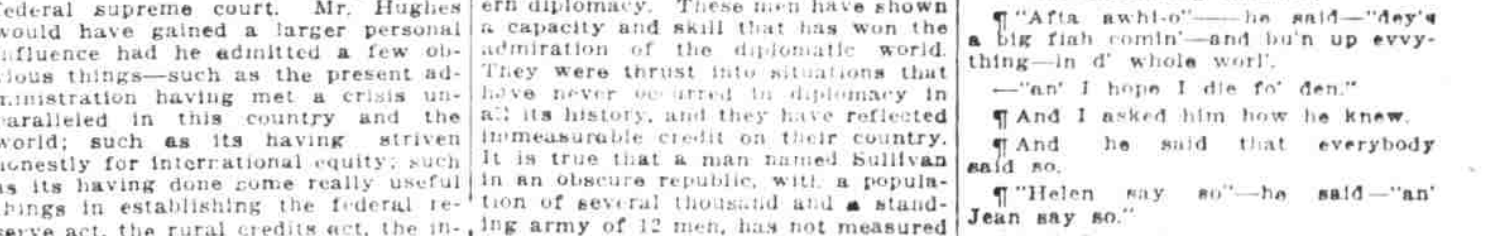
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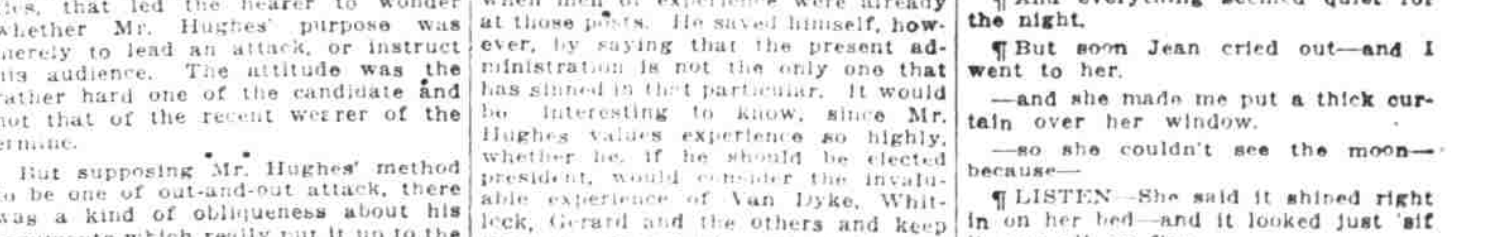
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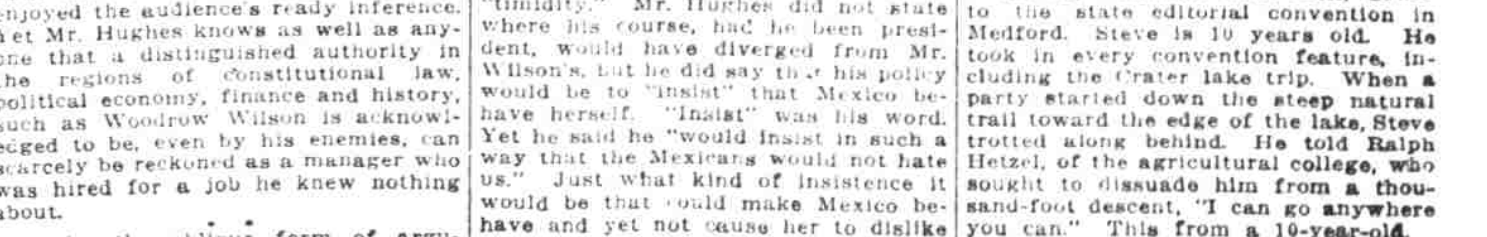
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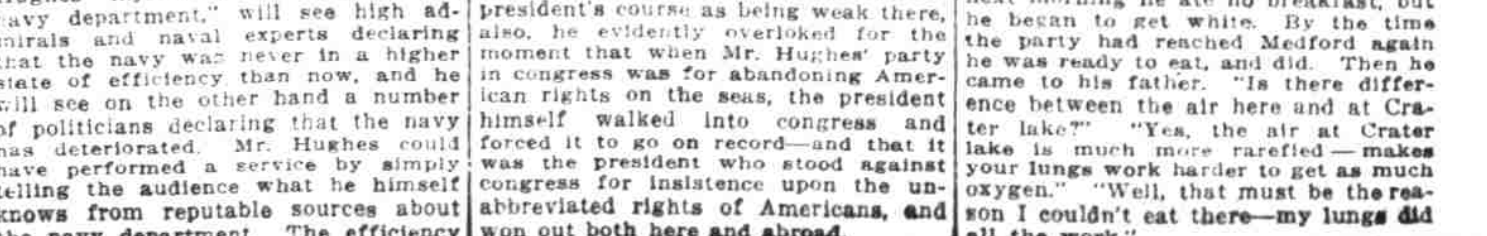
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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

SMALL CHANGE: If there is anyone who doesn't like the Oregon climate he has the privilege of seeking another.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS: Prosperity quotations, from Baker Democrat: "With every carpenter busy, Baker is making grand strides in building improvements."

MR. HUGHES' SPEECHES: or non-efficiency of a piece of naval machinery is not dependent on political oratory at all; it is a hard fact, capable of being distinctly and undeniably stated.

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The Once Over

OUT AT OAK GROVE—where I live—there's a persistent rumor that the world is coming to an end.

"Mamma—do you know—she said—the world is coming to an end!"

"But mamma hadn't heard of it, and asked for particulars."

"Well—said Jean—telling her little daughter not to worry."

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