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THE IGNORANT PEOPLE? SENATOR BRANDEEGE of Vermont, one of the pillars in the League of Nations, warns the American people that they should have nothing to say about the league covenant and that in considering the treaty the senate should be "unembarrassed" by popular clamor.

Now we have to pay a tax on our butters along with the other luxuries we are supposed to enjoy, but thank goodness soap is still on the free list with the sweaty days of summer in the offing.

MONTANA, TOO. ONE by one the Inland Empire communities are waking up to the fact that they are being forced to pay an unjust toll for having their produce hauled to market.

WHEN DOCTORS DISAGREE. THE railroad question is getting to be almost as unpleasant a predicament as the small boy troubled with a superabundance of green apples and sympathetic relatives.

A BALLOT MEASURE. ON JUNE 3, the date of the special election, the voters in 38 counties of the state will pass upon the issuance of \$5,300,000 of road construction bonds for the building of local roads.

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THE full list of things has passed bringing its wake all sorts of financial disorganization and danger. Outstanding railroad securities amount to the dizzy total of \$17,000,000.

A Great Sculptor. AN EVENT of unusual interest will be the unveiling next Thursday on the campus of the state university at Eugene of a statue which is to commemorate the Oregon pioneer.

probably be an easy matter to recruit the shipyard army back to full strength and efficiency whenever conditions justify.

The full 14 points have not been realized in the peace conference; but that is because the work of reestablishing peace must come first.

Letters from the People. Communications sent to The Journal for publication should be written on only one side of the paper, should not exceed 300 words in length, and must accompany the contributor's name.

The Antidote for "Piracies." NEWBERG, May 16.—To the Editor of The Journal—I have read the article of F. B. Wood entitled "Pirates and Piracies," which hits the nail on the head.

THE TREATY AND THE 14 POINTS. Analysis That Refutes Those Who Deny Accomplishments. From the New York Evening Post.

What of the Shipyards? OREGON shipyards since the war began have produced some 730,000 tons of shipping.

Declares Harden Not a German. PORTLAND, May 13.—The Editor of The Journal—Referring to your editorial today, where you style Maximilian Harden as "one of the greatest living Germans," I am sorry to find that you have done so.

From a Lover of Song Birds. STEVENSON, Wash., May 15.—The Editor of The Journal—I was greatly pleased with the letter of A. O. Yates in yesterday's Journal, as he aptly expresses facts that to me have been a sore point for some time.

Olden Oregon. The Modoc War ended in June, 1872, when Captain Jack and his band, which had held out for several months in the lava beds in the Tule Lake country, were captured.

Curious Bits of Information For the Curious. In Carazsan, a province to the northeast of Tartary, the inhabitants have a peculiar custom.

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economic "enslavement"; above all, that the exclusion of Germany from the league makes a mockery of the league and of all chances of world appeasement.

Only it is to be noticed that the sharpest censure against the treaty falls as a rule against those provisions which are instrumental in bringing about those which depend on future contingencies.

The answer to the question of instant interest seems to rest with the quick action of congress in providing funds for the continuation of the American program.

Cherished, honored, slowly passing to the dim and mystic shore. The distinguishing feature of Mr. Proctor's genius is the faithful visualizing and reproduction of the frontier type.

Among his works were the quadriga for the American pavilion at Paris in 1900, and groups for the Buffalo exposition in 1901.

This Portland isn't in it with our Portland," is the comment on a card to a friend by Jay Stevens, lately in Portland, Maine.

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