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raiders off the coast of Brazil caused the war rates on beligerent merchant ships in the South American trade to stand firmly at 3 per cent.

In other words even with the increased danger the war risk insurance amounts to but one and a half per cent to English and French ports. If wheat were worth \$1 per bushel the war insurance would be but a cent and a half per bushel. Therefore it may be seen the war insurance is almost insignificant in connection with the price of wheat.

The astonishing difference between Liverpool and Oregon prices is not due to war danger but to extortionate shipping charges.

BRYAN FOR WILSON

THOSE anti-Wilson politicians and editors who have been drawing great comfort from the thought Bryan might fight Wilson for reelection are in line for bitter disappointment.

Returning from a visit with Bryan at his home in Florida, State Chairman Thompson of Nebraska says Bryan is in favor of the president's renomination and may be a member of the solid Wilson delegation from Nebraska.

The statement is undoubtedly authorized and will put a quietus on the theory that Bryan is intending to be the Roosevelt of the present administration. He is going to continue in the role of Bryan and it will be remembered by some that the Bryan influence was very valuable to the Wilson cohorts at Baltimore.

In the February issue of The Commoner, Bryan makes the following explanation of his relations with the president:

For the benefit of those who seem unable to understand disagreements as to principle, I venture to bring down to date the personal relations between the president and myself. The letters that passed between us at the time of my resignation ought to be accepted by friends of both as sufficient proof that there were no personal differences between us at that time. No personal differences have arisen since. The president is doing his duty as he sees it. Acting under the responsibility of a citizen and under a sense of obligation to those who have trusted me I am doing my duty as I see it. I am opposing the plan to increase the appropriations for the army and navy, just as I would expect the president to do if our positions were reversed and he looked upon the subject as I do.

There is certainly nothing in that statement to indicate personal warfare against the president. The statement is corroborative of the declaration by the Nebraska state chairman.

A successful harvester plant in Pendleton will be so valuable from a community standpoint that the remainder of the fund needed for the Blewett company should be easily obtained.

Thus far candidates seem thicker than the voters judging from the looks of the registration books.

Naturally some congressmen did not want to stand up and be counted, but they had to take their medicine.

If passenger coaches are not all needed for freight business the Round-up this fall will be well attended.

Keep your eye on Pendleton.



"THE SERPENT" WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

WITH THEDA BARA, PASTIME TODAY.



A SCENE FROM "NEW YORK" (PATHE) TOMORROW AND SATURDAY AT TEMPLE

Mr. Root's Curious Blunder

(From the New York World.)
Has Elihu Root ever read The Hague convention of 1907 "respecting the rights and duties of neutral powers and persons in case of war on land?"

We are impelled to raise this question by the extraordinary statement made by Mr. Root in his war speech before the republican state convention.

"The invasion of Belgium was a breach of contract with us for the maintenance of a law of nations which was the protection of our peace, and the interest which sustained the contract justified an objection to its breach."

Mr. Root was secretary of state when this convention was framed and he was the most eminent member of the senate committee on foreign relations when the German troops invaded Belgium. We have already discussed his strange silence, extending over a period of one year and six months and thirteen days, during which he never referred to the invasion of Belgium. We are now compelled to believe that he never read the convention that he describes as a contract.

The Hague declaration that "the territory of neutral powers is inviolable" was never a contract. It contained no provisions for its enforcement. When the United States ratified that convention it merely gave its word not to invade the territory of neutrals, but it assumed no responsibility in the way of preventing less conscientious nations from invading the territory of neutrals. And of all the governments that ratified the convention, not one has ever protested against the invasion of Belgium or interpreted that invasion as a breach of contract.

The convention about which Mr. Root waxes so eloquent does not exist in relation to this war. It nullified itself by the terms of Article 23, which provide that—

"The provisions of the present convention do not apply except as between contracting parties, and then only if all the belligerents are parties to the convention."

Serbia never ratified the convention, nor did Great Britain, of the countries that have since come into the war, neither Italy nor Turkey nor Bulgaria ever ratified it. The convention that Mr. Root describes as a contract is neither a contract nor a convention. It is nothing if the United States were forced into the war we should not be obligated to respect any of its provisions. It does not "apply."

Mr. Root is a very able international lawyer. It is unthinkable that he should have deliberately sought to deceive the country about the meaning of this convention, or that for the paltry purpose of making partisan capital he should have undertaken to besmirch the honor of his own country. The obvious explanation is that he never read the convention, or if he read it he had forgotten its provisions. Evidently he carelessly accepted Theodore Roosevelt's magazine articles as statements of fact, a blunder which might be natural enough to George W. Perkins but which can hardly be excused in Elihu Root.

The kind of legal advice that Mr. Root gives to the American people in interpreting this Hague convention is not the kind of advice that Mr. Root gives to his corporation clients. Oh—

erwise he could never have earned a commanding reputation at the bar. Yet should not a great lawyer who is seeking the presidency be as exact and scrupulous in his statements of law as a great lawyer who is seeking merely a fee?



John Barrymore, the famous comedian in "The Min from Mexico," at Alti today only.

THIS MAY ENTERTAIN

UP TO THE MINUTE.

"I'm sorry, mum, but I've got to leave you. I've taken another place."
"Another place? Why, Mary, is it a matter of money?"
"No, mum, the new folks are going to pay me just the same wages as you."
"Are they offering you easier work?"
"No, mum, the work is just about the same."
"Then why are you leaving us for them?"
"Well, you see, mum, they have a 1916 model auto, and we servants can't afford to get behind the times any more than other folks."

LONG WAY DOWN TO Z.

Mr. Capron and his wife struggled valiantly to teach their little daughter Edith to repeat the letter "Z." As they might, the little girl refused to pronounce the first letter of the alphabet, and after several vain efforts Mr. Capron retired from the strange discommoded.

Mrs. Capron called the child to her and in an affectionate manner asked:
"Edith, dear, tell mother why you won't learn to say 'z'."
"Well, mother," explained Edith, "it's just because as soon as I say 'z' you and father will want me to say 'b.'"

DIPLOMACY.

"Yassuh! Brinde trump sho' floozed me, and floozed me plenty. He knocked me down and drug me around, and beat and mauled me twell my tongue hung out."
"What yo'-all gwine to do 'bout it, huh?"
"Do? What kin I do. De gentleman done d'stroy de whole incident."—Kansas City Star.

SENSITIVE.

"Evidently that young man I met at your party does not know who I am," remarked Mr. Cumrox to his wife.
"What makes you think so?"
"If he appreciated the extent of my financial influence he would have laughed at my jokes instead of my grammar."—Washington Star.

HUNTING A RECIPE.

"Seems to me these recipe books are totally out of date."
"How now, wifey?"
"I'm looking for something on how to make a political campaign."

SOMETHING LACKING.

"Her husband has a million dollars still she finds something lacking."
"What on earth?"
"He hasn't any poor relations to snub."

No Nerve Pig.

"Deacon (on way to church, to young fishermen under bridge)—Little boys, don't you know this is the day of rest?"
"We ain't tired, mister."—Life.

ORPHEUM
TODAY AND FRIDAY
"UNDINE"
Greater than Neptune's Daughter
Children 5c Adults 15c

People in Monroe Street Seeking New Apportionment

MORE EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT WANTED OF COSTS OF IMPROVEMENT THERE.

Protesting against the distribution of the costs of the Monroe street improvement as made by the city engineer, property owners in the district last evening, through their attorney, J. Roy Raley, appealed to the council to make a new and what they considered a more equitable apportionment.

In their opinion, they state, the improvement of the street north of Washington should be borne wholly by property owners north of Washington and that three-fourths of the cost south of Washington should be assessed to the property owners south of Washington and one-fourth to the property owners north of Washington. The protest was referred to the street committee. It was signed by Thomas Thompson, R. Alexander, Charles Irenlich, George Hartman and others.

Asks for Damages.

Herman Peters last night presented a claim of \$1500 to the council for damages to his property on West Webb street alleged to have been caused by high waters during the freshets of April and December, 1915, through the faulty construction of the Tutuilla bridge. The claim was referred to the city attorney.

Fire Escape Ordinance.

The fire committee last evening introduced an ordinance to provide for fire escapes on hotels, lodging houses, schools and certain other public buildings, prescribing the kind of fire escapes necessary and making other provisions for protection of life from fire. The ordinance was referred to the ordinance committee for a week.

Prince on Probation.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Prince Mikhsnoff's action for separation from his wife, Mrs. Almee Crocker, has been withdrawn attorneys announced. The princess announced he is on a year's probation.

To Try to Settle Strike.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Secretary of Labor Wilson will appoint a committee of three to leave Seattle this week to attempt to settle the strike in the government Alaska railroad at Anchorage.

PROGRESS IS BLOCKED.

(By Dr. E. R. Haslop, Pendleton, Oreg.)
Conservatism, indifference and ignorant prejudice, each and all, stand against progress. How then can a man prove the merits of his silence if he is confronted by the above?
A big mentality is always liberal.
Osteopathy is based on common sense.—Adv.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE DECIDED IN CITY

MILLER AND AJAX WILL MEET ON MARCH 15 IN PENDLETON LAST OF MONTH.

The world's middleweight wrestling championship will be decided in this city during the latter part of this month when Walter Miller of St. Paul, holder of the Police Gazette belt and conqueror of Eddie O'Connell of Portland Tuesday evening, meets Tony Ajax of Los Angeles, undisputed middleweight champion of the Pacific coast. The announcement of the scheduled bout was made over the telephone today by L. K. Harlan of Heppner, who is promoting the fight. The exact date has not been fixed but Harlan is figuring on March 25. The match will be staged in the Oregon theater. According to the promoter the two men will wrestle at 158 pounds ringside and the winner will not only take all of the receipts but will win a thousand dollar side bet.

The most important wrestling match in the northwest in years was that in Portland Tuesday night when Eddie O'Connell met defeat for the first time in the Rose City, losing two falls to Miller in an hour and 35

minutes. However, Ajax has also defeated O'Connell, having turned the trick in Condon twice in 19 minutes. He also threw Ben Jackson of Dayton, who will be remembered as the grappler who met Zybenco in this city, in 11 minutes recently and has defeated practically every other middle-weight and light heavyweight on the coast.

Ajax intends making Pendleton his training quarters and, in order to show Pendleton fans his mettle, will go on for a bout in this city on St. Patrick's day with Ted Thye.

Promoter Harlan declares he is making a big guarantee to stage the match in this city and is relying upon Pendleton's sporting instincts to break even.

Japanese interests are endeavoring to have the Japanese steamship line Nippon Yusen Kaisha include New Zealand ports in its itinerary which, it is said, would greatly benefit Japanese trade in New Zealand.

FEAR IS FELT FOR MILTON ORCHARDS BECAUSE OF STORM

ANOTHER SNOW STORM SWEEPS DISTRICT; COLD WIND ADDS TO DANGER.

(East Oregonian Special.)
MILTON, Ore., March 2.—Milton is being treated to another snow storm today, the ground is covered and still falling with a cold west wind blowing. If this weather keeps up long the fruit trees will suffer more damage.

The Athena high school debating team will meet the Milton high team tonight to debate the question, "Resolved that the U. S. should prepare for war."

Wm. Anderson and wife have returned from Seattle where they attended the funeral of W. H. Poults, brother of Mrs. Anderson.

J. E. Davis expects to leave in a few days for Forest Depot, Va., to visit his son, N. A. Davis.

Ross Maloney and wife of Walla Walla, visited in Milton Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Baker of Juntura, Ia., is visiting her parents in Milton.

Miss Minnie Hampton of Genesee, Ia., who has been attending school here this winter, has returned home on account of illness.

Rev. Arthur Thorman of Milton is holding meetings in Walla Walla this week.

T. A. Williams and J. E. Ottiger are in Portland this week attending the Lumbermen's convention.

Lawrence Pinkerton and wife of Athena are spending the week in Milton with relatives.

Mrs. Jas. Frazier and Mrs. S. A. Miller have returned from Dayton, Wash., where they were called by the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Samuel.

John Sewell of Whitman College, visited his parents in Milton last Sunday.

Miss Edith Lettier spent Saturday and Sunday in Pendleton with friends.

C. W. Crawford is moving in to his new home recently brought by Robt. Yancil.



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COME ON IN MISS SPRINGTIME
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I.
Come on in, Miss Springtime!
Been waitin' fer you long;
Since Winter's been a-stormin' 'round
We need a softer song.
There's not a wind that blows but knows
We've waited for you long!
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II.
Come on in, Miss Springtime!
We love your coming so!
We weary for a pathway
To where the roses grow;
Just hide, beneath your blossoms,
Gray winter's hills of snow!
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III.
A welcome to Miss Springtime
From every hill and plain!
Read the sweet dreams of violets
That never dream in vain!
We're wearying to see once more
The roses in the rain!
—Frank L. Stanton.
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DON'T MAKE SUCH A BLUNDER

THE Columbia river is open to free navigation from this region to Portland. By use of the river freight rates may be greatly reduced—in some instances cut in half. It appears necessary that Portland make use of the river in order to save its grain business.

If they wish Umatilla county farmers themselves may combine and use the river to reduce freight rates.

All these things of course are conditioned on there being a hard surface road connecting the main portion of the county with the river.

Under the circumstances what a blunder it would be to bond this county for good roads and yet provide for no complete road to the Columbia.

MOURNFUL YET TRUTHFUL

THE Kansas public service commission has disapproved of a \$51,000,000 issue of securities by the Oriental Railroad on the ground it represents too much water and the railroad has asked the courts for a mandamus compelling approval. It is the contention of the railroad that the commission is not authorized to decide whether or not securities are watered.

Editorially discussing the above matter the St. Louis Post-Dispatch remarks as follows: "A utility commission without the power to squeeze out water is not an especially useful body."

The mournful thing about that statement is its truthfulness and the further fact it applies in Oregon as well as Missouri.

WAR INSURANCE AND WHEAT

LOCAL farmers will be interested in the facts with reference to ocean war insurance brought to light by the submarine controversy. News stories from New York tell of a slight advance in rates because of Germany's intention to sink armed merchantmen.

Here is a paragraph from the announcement:

"The war risk quotation on vessels destined for English and French ports also stiffened and ranged from 1 to 1 1/2 per cent. The highest rate quoted in recent weeks on this business was 1 1/4 per cent. The reported presence of German