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**THE SPRING THAT COMES TO FLANDERS.**

The spring that comes to Flanders  
Goes by on silent feet,  
Leat they should wake, remembering  
How once the spring was sweet.

And streams that flow in Flanders  
Past poppy-field and hill  
Are silver streams and shining,  
But thoughtful streams and still.

The wind that blows in Flanders  
Across the listening air,  
Is gentle with the grasses  
That bend above them there—  
And rain that falls in Flanders  
Is tender as a prayer.  
—David Morton in Good House-keeping.

**RESERVATIONS OR NO?**

COMES now Charles E. Hughes, jurist, statesman and unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United States with more reservations to propose for the league of nations covenant. Mr. Hughes feels able to come through after the opening made by his portly friend William Howard Taft.

Mr. Hughes' proposals sound very well at first hearing but in fact are either covered by the provisions of the treaty or constitute a reservation which would likely undo the work of the peace conference which drew up the document. America's Monroe Doctrine never was given up nor was it the intent to relinquish it by entering the league but, on the other hand, America's influence in maintaining that policy was extended to other nations.

Mr. Hughes mentions in his proposals a possible sacrifice of sovereignty and tradition. The United States, by her assis-

tance on the side of the allied cause, broke a tradition and once that gap across the Atlantic was bridged, new tradition was established. America can no longer sit back on the west side of the Atlantic and maintain the same sovereignty and hallow the same traditions it did in 1914 and before.

Whether the proposals are made, as Senator Hale suggests "to safeguard the interests of the country" or to safeguard interests of a certain group of opponents, remains to be seen. It is sufficient to suggest that reservations proposed by Mr. Taft, Mr. Hughes and many others yet to be heard from, were considered by America's corps of treaty builders in Paris and the best possible result obtained.

Mr. Hughes is right when he says that the league is only a starter and that it must have chance to develop. The administration does not present the document as a panacea for all international ills. It has prescribed a promising remedy after a diagnosis of the case close up. Mr. Hughes can hardly prescribe any better than the advertising specialist in the next county could by mail.

**MUSIC AND MONEY**

CONSIDERABLE stir was occasioned two months ago by the resignation of one Pendleton band leader because he claimed he had never received a cent of pay. A second bandmaster is beginning to wonder where his monthly stipend, now two months due, is coming from. A candidate for the position is due to try out tonight. Will he want the job if two predecessors have given it up after vainly waiting for their compensation? Back in April, nearly four

months ago, the commercial association promised to raise funds sufficient to pay the leader \$100 a month and the men \$2 each for the 'weekly concerts. Funds so far allotted to the band included that raised by the carnival in June and from the Fourth of July committee during the two day's celebration. They have been promised the surplus in the Fourth of July fund, when it is ready for distribution.

The band funds were promised from subscriptions among merchants. The committee appointed has left the merchants unsolicited so far. The band boys are patient and have faith in the commercial association and they have fulfilled every engagement regular or special, asked of them. In justice to the band boys and their hard working leaders, they should have their season's pay to look forward to in tangible form.

**RACE RIOTS**

RACE riots, which have broken out in both the nation's capital and in Chicago, indicate that the negro problem is not yet entirely settled. On the contrary, it appears that dissension among the blacks is being fomented by some sinister agency to accomplish ends not yet clear.

Segregation of the blacks from the whites may be the basis of the trouble, although doubtless something deeper is responsible. Negroes, swelled with pride over some of the feats of their race in the recent war, may have acquired an idea in the east that they should be placed on an absolute equality with the whites. If so, their methods of exhibiting this equality have not met with favor among whites.

Other reasons, however, are more than likely the cause of the fracas. The negroes are doubtless being guided by a "higher up" influence which will be ferreted out. The sooner the root of the trouble is found and a truce effected with the blacks, the better it will be for the nation.

Every crop report says in substance "better than we expected." Let's hope that the county will show that condition when the last wheat is threshed and sacked.

All Eastern Oregon is glad to see M. O. Bennett back on the job. Mr. Bennett is the type of man who goes after a

job right and the progress on highway work in this section of the state this year is a monument to his unceasing efforts in spite of his own broken health.

If the government investigation of the packers' trust goes through right and the surplus food stocks of the army are allowed to go on the market, the average man may again be able to sit down to a meal and say grace as though he meant it.

**28 YEARS AGO**

(From the East Oregonian, July 19, 1891.)

J. F. Robinson has gone to Meacham for a few days' outing.

Mrs. George Losh left on Tuesday for Meacham to remain in the mountains until snow flies.

Final proof was made by the following parties Monday before U. S. Commissioner Pease: Jesse Moore of Echo, homestead proof and proof to purchase railroad land; James L. McCulloch of Echo, and David Caldwell of Pendleton, homestead proof; Eva C. Wallman, proof to purchase railroad lands.

Superintendent O'Brien of the Washington division of the Union Pacific, is in the city.

**Hardly Now.**

The two well dressed women called on a father hard up neighbor.

One of the women commented on her hostess' dress, making the poor little woman blush.

When the call was over and the two friends were outside one said crossly:

"Why did you call that thing Mrs. Blank had on a 'creation'? It wasn't new, to say the least!"

"I know. That's why I called it a creation. It was about as old as that."

**The Difference.**

"I cannot understand, sir," said a young man, who had been paying some attention to a young lady, "why you should permit your daughter to sue me for breach of promise. You remember that you were bitterly opposed to our engagement because I wasn't good enough and would disgrace the family."

"Young man," said the commercial father, "that was sentiment. This is business."

**Only Redeeming Feature.**

"Do you mean to say," said Wemy's, "that you have never discovered a redeeming feature in a habitual criminal?"

"Yes, I did once," admitted Briggs.

"Ah, I knew it!" cried Wemy's, triumphantly. "No one is all bad. What was it? Love of home? Kindness to animals? Love of children?"

"No," came the uncompromising reply. "It was a pawn ticket."

**Lack of Romance.**

Wellesley was bewailing the lack of romance in the average girl of today.

"It's sickening," he growled. "A feller can pour out his soul all the blessed night on a violin and she won't trouble to look out of the window. But give three tons on a motor horn any afternoon and she's outside in a jiffy."

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