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OREGON WEATHER
Fair, gentle northwesterly winds.

RECOGNITION OF SENATE (The Oregonian)

Dallas, Ore., Sept. 14.—(To the Editor)—In The Oregonian you have this to say in criticism of President Wilson's treatment of the United States senate: "Let us sympathize with Senator Johnson and Senator Borah in the exhibition they make of their sore spots to the American people—sore spots inflicted by President [Wilson] in his contemptuous and foolish treatment of the United States senate."

Now, will The Oregonian kindly inform an inquisitive public, which has neither the time nor opportunity to get the information itself, in what manner former presidents treated the United States senate when negotiating important international treaties. Were the members of the United States senate consulted, or any of them appointed as delegates to negotiate such treaties?

This question was answered by The Oregonian in an editorial published February 2, 1919, but as it frequently recurs it is not amiss again to recite some historical incidents.

In 1835 the senate adopted a resolution requesting President Jackson to consider the expediency of opening negotiations authorizing the construction of a canal through the isthmus of Panama. President Jackson complied by sending an agent to Central America, whose report was adverse.

A convention in regard to the Oregon boundary, which had been submitted by the British prime minister, together with a protocol of the proceedings, was sent to the senate by President Polk in 1846 with a request for advice as to what action he should take.

Polk again in 1846 consulted the senate as to entering on peace negotiations with Mexico.

President Buchanan in 1861 asked the senate if it would approve a treaty of arbitration in regard to a disputed point in the Ashburton-Webster treaty.

President Lincoln resubmitted the same question to the senate and asked its advice.

President Grant in 1872 asked for "an expression by the senate of their disposition" in regard to a proposed article which the British government had submitted for the settlement of differences of opinion concerning the treaty of Washington.

President Cleveland, in 1888, was asked by the senate to open negotiations with China for a treaty to regulate immigration, and he replied that such negotiations had been undertaken.

The treaty most nearly analogous to the one pending and concluded in recent years was the peace treaty with Spain in 1898. President McKinley recognized the senate by appointing Senator Cushman K. Davis, Senator William P. Frye and Senator George Gray as three of the five members of the commission.

The Pacific Record Herald, the new paper that has been started at Ashland and will, perhaps, later be moved to Medford, appears to have a special mission in championing the cause of those who do not believe in irrigation for the Rogue river valley.

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The Pacific Herald even goes so strong as to advocate capital punishment for those who launch illegitimate enterprises—for instance those who start forming irrigation districts where they are not necessarily needed. If it is the aim of the Herald to fight irrigation in the Rogue river valley, it will not make a very big hit with the people in Southern Oregon. There are a few spots of sub-irrigated land in this part of the state that do not need irrigation, but such spots are few and far between.

Said President Wilson at San Francisco, in delivering his address on the league of nations: "The men who do not look forward now are of no further service to the country." Wonder if that rule held good back in 1914, when Roosevelt and others were pleading with the president to prepare to defend our rights. At that time Mr. Wilson could not see any great distance ahead and said it was "a war that did not concern us." There were others that could see that it was a menace that would and did concern us.

The Medford Tribune states that the first order for government goods was taken at the Medford postoffice on August 20, but not an ounce has arrived yet, nor can the postmaster learn why. Letters of inquiry to Frisco are not answered. Grants Pass citizens are in the same boat. Possibly the bacon got tangled up in red tape and was strangled. It should be good and "ripe" when it does arrive.

The altitude record has again been broken, this time by Roland Rohlfis. At Mineola, N. Y., he claims to have ascended to an altitude of 34,610 feet above sea level. But such stunts are like going to the North Pole—there's nothing up there when you arrive.

"TIGER" OF FRANCE TOO POPULAR TO REST

La Tranche, Vendea, France, Aug. 26.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Premier Clemenceau arrived here the other day in search of peace and quietness. The premier looked as if he needed rest and there was nothing suggestive of the "Tiger" as he descended from the dusty automobile which had borne him from Paris to the sea. He appeared old and wan and tired and heaved a sigh of relief as he sat on an old wooden bench in the shady garden of the villa Phillipon, wiped the perspiration from his brow and enjoyed the ocean breeze.

The premier does not like public functions and probably the only one of the past few months, excepting those of the retrieval of Alsace-Lorraine, at which he did not appear bored was the Victory Day parade. He has lost none of his good humor, however, and when asked how he had enjoyed the trip from the capital, replied:

"Somewhat tiresome but the country is so beautiful. Yesterday we visited several chateaux on the Loire. I should have enjoyed greatly having a little sleep at Nantes but the crowd, after midnight commenced to acclaim and cheer me under my very window at the Central hotel. What a funny idea."

Trade Acceptances, book of 50, \$1—Courier office.

BURNING MONEY

Life is gay and blithe and sunny since the peace dove hit the breeze; every one is burning money as though it grew on trees. I insist on thrift and saving, but there's none to heed my words; Johnnies say that I am raving, and throw money to the birds. Men are drawing princely wages, and their breasts are filled with mirth, and they jeer foreboding sages who predict a day of dearth; but that day will come as surely as tomorrow's sun will rise; things will then be going poorly with the giddy spend thrift guys. Things won't boom along forever as they're booming now, my friends; and the man who's truly clever saves as ably as he spends. It is patent to the knowing, in expensive times like these, that the kopecks won't be growing always on shrubs and trees. There will come a day of trouble, when this boom is left behind, and the kopeck and the ruble will be mighty hard to find; happy then the lads whose wages have been safely placed in brine, who obeyed the seers and sages, and the saving graft was fine. And how sick will be the mortals who like spendthrifts now behave, who reply with jeers and chortles when we call on them to save!

WALT MASON.

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SAM HILL BUILT HOUSE FOR KING OF BELGIUM

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20.—King Albert of Belgium may yet occupy a beautiful home here built especially for him by Samuel Hill, Seattle railroad man, when, as crown prince of Belgium, Albert planned to visit Seattle during the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition here in 1909.

For ten years the big house has been standing ready to receive its royal guest, for Albert changed his plans and did not come to Seattle during the fair. Now Albert, as king of Belgium, with Queen Elizabeth, is soon to tour the United States. He may come to Seattle.

WOMEN REIGN SUPREME ON DIOMEDE ISLANDS

Juneau, Alaska, Sept. 20.—Here man has little voice in governing affairs on Eskimo inhabited Little Diomed, one of the Diomedes Islands that are cut in two by the international boundary line across the Bering Sea between Alaska and Siberia. Women and children do most of the ruling, according to reports reaching the Alaska territorial bureau of publicity here. Before a man can make a purchase he must get his wife's consent. If a mother is living with a married son or daughter her consent must be obtained. Wealth is estimated in skins and the rich provide for the poor.

Official suicide is provided for. When one of the natives tires of hunting seals and fishing and trapping and desires to end his existence he makes formal application to the governing body for permission to take his life.

"BABE" RUTH RECORDS HIS 27TH HOME RUN

Boston, Sept. 20.—"Babe" Ruth increased his home-run record today to 27, winning for Boston over Chicago. It was "Babe Ruth" day here.

DIREFUL WARNINGS POSTED ON ROADS

From the white painted buildings of Crescent City, Cal., Mrs. V. L. Phillips and child have come to the Hotel Oregon. Crescent City is the southern outlet for Curry county, Oregon, and one of the finest groves of redwoods in California is in Del Norte county, California, between Crescent City and the Oregon line. One tree contains enough material to manufacture sufficient cigar boxes to supply all the tobacco dealers in Oregon for a year. It is the plan of the California highway commission to improve the road from Crescent City to Grants Pass, Ore., at least up to the Oregon line. This is now a stage road and wonderfully scenic, and also wonderfully trying on the drivers of cars. Most of the way a car cannot speed faster than 10 miles an hour, and sometimes a car has to back up and take a second try on the sharp curves. At the worst points on the road someone has painted such signs as "Prepare to meet thy maker" and "Are you saved?"—Oregonian.

UNITED STATES IS AFTER IRISH TRADE

Belfast, Ireland, Sept. 20.—Old Glory was floated from the masthead of a merchantman in Belfast harbor, the other day, the first time in a great many years. She is the Lakeside, bringing a cargo of many things which Belfast wants, and is the first of a line of American ships which will ply fortnightly between New York and Belfast. Her appearance here is taken as proof that Americans are not going to neglect the Irish trade.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 20.—Dance at Murphy.
Sept. 27, Saturday—Josephine County Grange meets with Illinois Valley Grange.
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No Legal Offense.

Perhaps the most notable instance on record of a treaty prematurely disclosed occurred in 1878, when a secret pact with Russia was revealed by Charles Marvin, a minor foreign office official entrusted with the task of making a copy. Marvin sent a summary of the document to the editor of a London evening paper, who published it. The sensation was immense, and Lord Salisbury's attempts to persuade the house of lords that the disclosure was "wholly unworthy of their confidence" was promptly followed by the appearance in the evening paper of the complete text of the treaty from Marvin's wonderfully retentive memory. Marvin was arrested, but the law officers discovered that he had committed no offense known to the law.

Legal Blanks at the Courthouse.

L. HEISLER BALL



Senator L. Heisler Ball, who succeeded former Senator Willard Saulsbury in the present congress. He is a Republican.

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