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THE PITTY OF IT.

The Sentinel has never hesitated to say just what it thinks about the league of nations and the treaty of peace with Germany. It believes Wilson made the mistake of his life when he failed to take some of the leading senators into his confidence and name some of them as his advisers when he went to Europe to help formulate that treaty, but principally for the reason it was the thing to do if he hoped to get the treaty ratified.

We do not think the league covenant as adopted was a perfect document. We have no doubt it might have been improved if the President had consulted the members of the foreign relations committee of the senate and leading statesmen like ex-President Taft and Elihu Root in regard to its provisions at the start.

On the other hand, we have no slightest doubt that it would have been vastly better for the world and every nation in it had the treaty and the league as agreed upon at Paris been ratified by our senate without the crossing of a "4" or the dotting of an "i" than to have had them rejected.

The senate spent the better part of a year in picking flaws in these documents and trying to tear them in pieces, not on account of what they contained but in a spirit of wounded pride and offended dignity; and the quarrel between it and the president has caused prologation of ill feeling and bitterness, and the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives and billions of dollars without the slightest benefit to any nation or individual on earth and to the immeasurable damage of American prestige throughout the world.

As submitted to the senate the league plan was good enough to be begin with and not a millionth part of the predicted harm would ever have resulted from it; nor as we see it a millionth part of the harm which has resulted from the refusal to ratify it.

The objections to it have been hair-splitting ones that were not worth considering. Once the league had been ratified and had begun to function, any defects that developed could easily have been corrected, and the men who were assailing it so bitterly would have been utterly discredited.

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THE 4 PER CENT BILL.

Just so sure as the 4 per cent interest bill is passed, just so sure will money begin to flow out of Oregon. And when money begins to flow out of Oregon men who are doing business on borrowed capital will begin to receive notice that their notes will have to be paid when they become due.

And farmers with mortgages on their farms will begin to receive notices that they will have to pay up when the mortgages mature. And home owners whose homes are under mortgage will get similar notices. All along the line, those who are in debt will be notified to pay up.

And the stagnation and business disturbance that would result would throw thousands out of employment. Nor would it be possible to go forward with plans of irrigation or drainage or a hundred other forms of public improvement.

The serious effects of the proposed bill, if adopted, even if so intended, would not fall on the bankers and money lenders. They can take care of themselves. It is easy for them to send their money to be loaned in other states.

The serious effects would fall upon business and industry and workmen and farmers and all employes and public improvements and upon all the economic, commercial and industrial life of the state.

HOW ABOUT THE LAW?

Candidate Cox said in answer to a North Dakota woman's question as to what he would do on prohibition: "My dear lady, I have always voted dry and do not intend to interfere with the eighteenth amendment."

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AMERICAN APPROVES PLAN.

Discussing the situation that has developed between the dairymen of the lower Coquille Valley, most of whom have become members of the Oregon Dairymen's League and the Nestle Food Co. Bandon Condensary, the Western World, of Bandon, says: "If the dairymen see their way clear to maintain an organization and make cheese instead of marketing individually and perhaps sell their product to the condensary, that is their privilege. They have a right to conduct their affairs as they see fit."

The situation is unfortunate to say the least and just at present it looks as if both sides may lose money as a result. As to the eventual outcome all have an equal guess. Regardless of where one's sympathy lies it must be conceded that one of several solutions is possible.

Should the league management prove successful and the dairymen as a whole remain satisfied to continue the organization after a trial, it may become necessary for the condensary to either develop other sources of milk, recognize the league, or shut down their plant. That, of course, is providing they would find it unprofitable to continue operating as at present on the available source of milk outside the league.

Should it be found after a trial in court that the contract between the league and the individual dairyman is not binding there may be a gradual breaking away from the ranks until the condensary has all the milk it can handle, or even a complete disintegration of the league organization may result.

Those are a few of the possible solutions that present themselves. No doubt there are others; in fact something altogether unthought of may develop.

AS THE WORLD SEES IT.

Commenting favorably on the Sentinel's suggestion that the cities of Coos county should get together and build a common water system, the Myrtle Point American says: "Where the best site for an unerring water supply is located, this paper does not pretend to say, but allowing that it is at the Middle Fork canyon less than five miles up the Valley, it should require a conduit of less than forty miles in length to supply North Bend and every town and community between here and North Bend. In fact it would supply every city in the county except Bandon. A pipe line of less than forty miles length would seem to be small undertaking for the purpose contemplated. Many cities have had to pipe water much further than that with less positive assurance of service. There would seem to be no doubt that the water available could fill any sized pipe line required, and those canyon walls could hold millions of barrels of water in reserve. And if the communities should ever require more water and power than the one reservoir could furnish there are other canyons up the river that could also be dammed."

JUPITER NODS.

Even Jupiter sometimes nods. In adjoining columns on the editorial page of the Oregonian this week we noticed two curious errors, one of which got by the writer, the intelligent compositor and the lynx-eyed proof reader, though the other only involved two of this trio, with perhaps a wire expert in addition. The first occurred in an editorial on the Garden of Eden where the Tigris and Euphrates river were turned backward toward the north and made to flow into the Caspian sea, instead of the Persian Gulf. The next occurred in a copy of the resolutions in regard to Candidate Harding, adopted by the Marion Typographical Union and in which they said they were "partially proud of having one of their fellow citizens a candidate for this high office." Just what they really said we are left in doubt, though the word was probably "particularly."

WON'T GO HUNGRY.

Taking all crops together this country, according to the government reports, will produce 5.5 more than the ten-year average. Corn stands three per cent above, oats 112 above, barley 118 above; and potatoes 112 above; while wheat is 15 per cent below; rye 12 per cent below, and buckwheat 9 per cent below. Cotton is 10 per cent above, and rice 26 per cent above. Except for outrageous profiteering somewhere, potatoes, rice and cotton clothing should be obtainable at considerably lower prices next year than have prevailed this year. Indeed, the indications

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LANDS OF THE WEST.

True land!
New land!
With the tang of the salt and the pine;
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And love is long;
Oh, the land of the west, is most
Broad land!
God land.
Aglow with the roses' wine!
Where the hot sands beat
To the heart's white heat;
Oh, the land of the west is mine.

Gleam land!
Stream land!
That the waterfalls enshrine;
Where the glint of the sun
Greets the torrents' run;
Oh, the land of the west is mine!

Star land!
Far land!
Land where the cloud wreaths twine;
With their filmy veils
Over unknown trails;
Oh, the land of the west is mine!

Bright land!
Land that is half divine;
Where the glad soul yearns
Till the day star burns,
And the lamps from the last home
shine!

Mary Althea Woodward in the Oregonian.

That Scalp Bounty.
E. B. Sypher, one of the big ranchers of northern Curry, is opposed to the big bounty given by Curry county for coyote scalps, and he speaks interestingly on the subject. Until recent years Mr. Sypher ran mostly sheep on his range. The first year the coyotes started working on them the band was reduced from 1,400 to less than 1,200. The next year this number was diminished to 400, when Mr. Sypher sold them and went into the cattle business. Much of his range is naturally adapted to sheep and no one is more interested in seeing the coyotes exterminated than he, but he does not believe this can be done by offering a big bounty in Curry when the adjoining counties of Coos, Jackson and Josephine do not do so.

In fact, Mr. Sypher is quite emphatic in the opinion that the big bounty is a drain upon our taxpayers without making any appreciable difference in the number of coyotes. The only way to get results, he says, is for the several counties to make a united drive against the pests.—Port Oxford Tribune.

About Bandon Road.
Regarding the proposed new line for the county road between Bear Creek and Bandon, J. G. Levene has this to say in the Bandon World: "I see an article in last week's paper about the proposed new road east of Bandon and running through the old D. H. Prewett place. The writer says it would avoid most of the sand. That is a grand mistake for there would be a bed of white sand for a half mile or more. Now I will say to the readers of Western World that I am in favor of good roads and want good roads but I don't want the people misled, as I know for I have been over the same route many a time. I have lived in the same neighborhood as the new proposed road is in over 50 years. Now when any one thinks there can be a good road built there for a song and sing it themselves let them jump at it. There would be a half mile or more bridge to build across the bottom from the Bear creek road to the foothill at D. P. Jenkins' place. I hope the people will go over this project and see for themselves."

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