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If Gerard really sees peace his telescope must be a wonder.

The British might call their naval budget a sinking fund.

When an irresistible Roosevelt met an immovable Hughes!

The Old Guard is always prepared—Especially for the worst.

This must be that mean temperature we hear so much about.

Now that Banker Riggs is "not guilty," we trust he won't do it again.

Latterly the peace dove has begun to coo a good deal like a game cock.

Britons are said to realize the necessity of a "new war policy." Why the "new?"

All the supreme court aspirants seemed to think it was Mr. Hughes' duty to run.

A few more North sea battles and our navy will stand first without adding a vessel.

Those Germans are so clever themselves that they naturally try to make the allies smart.

However, in sweeping victories over American mail pouches, the British navy is still supreme.

England may be all in, as Germany claims, but she isn't monopolizing the peace proposals.

From the busy man's point of view impounding all bores would be a grand daylight saving device.

There was a time when no party would think of entering a campaign without promising to bust the trusts.

You needn't waste too much sympathy on Mexico. She didn't have three national conventions on her hands in one month.

The New York small boys who ran away to "get Villa" evidently do not think Caranza has been doing all that could be expected.

Certainly, as Mr. Wilson says, the world is eager for peace, but the belligerent nations are going to be extremely coy about confessing it.

What has become of the old-fashioned sister who used to scream wildly and scramble wildly up on a chair when she lapped a mouse?

Another pathetic little feature of the situation is the treasury department solemnly warning the editors that there is a counterfeit \$10 note in circulation.

The average lazy man gets along so well in this old world of ours that he encourages idleness in others.

WHISKERS AND PRESIDENTS

If one will take the trouble to check over or visualize the faces of American presidents he will observe that Mr. Charles E. Hughes will introduce no innovation when he takes up his official abode at the White House next March, says the Portland Oregonian. Whiskers have been a favorite adornment of presidents, and particularly of presidents who served in the past half century. A total of thirteen presidents have reveled in these swaying trusting places of the gentle winds and they have worn them in many styles and cuts. No one, it is true, heretofore

has taken into the White House the particular style of hirsute appendage Mr. Hughes boasts, although several have had whiskers in greater profusion and luxuriance.

John Quincy Adams was the first man with a facial fringe to move to the White House. He had them on the sides. Van Buren had a striking growth and Zachary Taylor wore side whiskers. However, Abraham Lincoln was the first president to cover his chin with hair. Garfield and Harrison carried full beards about with them, while Grant and Hayes concealed the lower part of their faces under ample hairy coverings. President Arthur, following the style which became popular in his time, adopted side whiskers. Cleveland, Roosevelt and Taft were content with hair on their upper lips.

A Few Remarks Anent Drainage

Nyssa, June 15.—To the Editor of the Journal.—It is my belief that the first point to start from in building a house is at the bottom. We also believe it to be self evident that in the case of fire it is not as practicable to remove the house as to pour water on the flames. Applying the same system of reasoning to the question of drainage to reclaim lands, I believe that the source of heaviest soil saturation is from the largest body of water at the highest elevation, and that the reclamation of lands can only be attained by diminishing the inflow from the main source of saturation.

In the event an irrigation ditch were constructed through trap rock, it would be utterly impossible to hold the water from immediate and total loss by seepage. Sand is merely a disintegrated form of trap rock with all the properties for loss merely less evident, and, while possibly not so aggravated a source for loss of water by seepage, yet, in the long run, just as damaging in effect. It might be stated that all soils are permeable to water, and the loss by seepage of water can be measured by the depth of the water flowed through the soil in ditches considering the character of the soil. The Owyhee ditch has been constructed through all manner of soil from coarse gravel, coarse sand and fine sand to light earth, with absolutely no attempt made to prevent the seepage through the soils. It is constructed at varying depths from three and one-half to five feet in depth. It is evident on reflection that the seepage from the Owyhee ditch is the sole offender in filling our lands with subsoil water. Comparison with the length of time water is flowed in the Owyhee ditch with the surface flow of the water over the lands for irrigation purposes makes this very plain. It is my belief that were the water flowing through the Owyhee ditch confined securely within its channel and seepage from that source through our farm lands absolutely prevented that a very simple system of drainage to take care of the surface waters from the lands would be ample to take care of all the drainage needs of the country for all time.

The loss and damage to the lands below the Owyhee ditch would be averted by waterproofing the channel of the Owyhee

ditch at points where the character of the soil shows enormous seepage. While it has been repeatedly asserted that the shoe-string ditch seepage was affecting Owyhee ditch lands during its existence of five years, we have never heard the same applied to the seepage from the Owyhee ditch, which has been affecting its lands for the past 25 years. It might be noted incidentally that the cementing of the Owyhee ditch would eliminate a great part of the present high maintenance cost of upkeep of the Owyhee in addition to removing the chief cause of water-logging lands. Thus preventing water loss, we would have the benefit of having all water users satisfied with their water supply in the driest years known to the history of the ditch.

The trend of modern ditch construction is elimination of earth embankments and the substitution of flumes and cement work where the cost is not prohibitive, as is evidenced throughout the irrigated districts of the west.

I have made the foregoing observations with the idea of provoking discussion of this source of water seepage, believing it to be well worth serious consideration in conjunction with any drainage system that may be adopted. OLUPTIMER.

Juntura Wool Clip Is Large

Chas. Pahl left Wednesday morning for Montana, where he will conduct a shearing outfit. Mr. Pahl states that the plants here and at Riverside and the Duck Pond sheared something like 180,000 head of sheep this season and that the work is complete excepting about 5000 head at the Duck Pond. The sheep averaged about eight pounds of wool per head which makes a total weight of about 1,440,000 pounds of wool valued at an average of 25c per pound makes \$360,000.

Several wool buyers were in town this week cleaning up the balance of the wool in storage here. All the wool but a few thousand pounds has been disposed of. The prices have ranged from 22 cents for fine to 30 cents for the coarse.—Juntura Times.

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