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Monmouth Meditations

The most dangerous humidity during a heat wave is the kind you buy in a bottle.

Japan is increasing its navy not necessarily for war but as a guarantee of its confidence in civilization.

What has become of the old fashioned man who had a brain storm at the mention of dollar wheat.

"War and Strikes" run the headings in the daily prints, reading which one might surmise that all creation had one another by the ears.

Oregon is one of the states that still has desirable homesteads. They are at their best in the summer sunshine and many are being taken up at this time of the year.

A railroad strike at this time would strengthen sentiment for government ownership and we wonder at times if this is not a condition the railroad heads seek to bring to pass.

The Office Director of the Mint is vacant again. Those southern congressmen in Washington are just so fussy about their julips being made just right, that if a poor fellow gets in a speck too much sugar he finds himself looking for a job.

One more state, Roumania, was added this week to the European free-for-all. Can you imagine the shade of Bismark looking down on this latter day development of his blood-and-iron policy. The old chancellor had a clear vision and a few words of comment from him might prove diverting at this time.

Many people insist that the war can not last much longer and with peace and a change of administration the blight will be lifted from our lumber and fruit industries and the west will boom as it never has before. Having experienced four lean years on the coast the meditator is curious to observe what a few fat years would be like.

That the market price which rests on a war situation is a very uncertain one was demonstrated in the tumble of wheat prices on receipt of the news that Roumania had joined in the European struggle. Holding food products for higher prices is a gambler's game and only the man with a

little sporting blood in his veins will be inclined to risk it.

At last the demand for paper has caught up with the supply, we are told, and until peace releases the European raw material, paper prices are bound to go still higher. In various Eastern cities, the newspapers are combining to cut down their editions, a determined effort is being made to resurrect the rag peddler, old papers are being gathered and school houses and factories are putting in baling machines to take up and care for the waste. When print paper becomes more expensive the printed matter that covers it will be more carefully scrutinized. It should improve the literary quality of newspapers. The day of the many paged edition, when mere size, regardless of the material with which it is filled, counts, has passed its zenith.

Coos bay and the country surrounding it down as far as Powers and Bandon may now be reached by a railroad ticket. Its welcome to the visitors last week was a notable one and will help to advertise the section in which it is located. Curious people will watch the effect of the railroad on the territory opened up. It will mean a change in several ways. For instance the kind of people who follow a railroad and those willing to undergo hardships to reach a country are of differing types. The primitive, boyish characteristics of the pioneer type with their easy ideals will change to the more staid and sober race who demand the restraints and achievements of culture. Under old conditions people constantly worked for periods when they could "unload"—worked for a "pile" to retire on to some spot where life had more conveniences. But the newcomer will go into that section now for a permanent home. Also while the railroad will bring Coos county enlarged opportunity it will also bring increased competition. Shipping will suffer from freight car rivals. It will be harder to gain government appropriations for harbor improvements. Compensatory it will open an additional stretch of Oregon's beaches and will increase the summer population of the section reached. Now the notoriety of being without a railroad will fall upon Port Orford and Gold Beach and from them the picturesque stories must be expected in the future.

The merits of advertising were again brought to the front last week by the receipt of a small Leghorn rooster by C. C. Mulkey immediately following the published announcement that C. C. would desert the bakery business and Monmouth and devote himself in the future to chickens. The rooster, although almost old enough to vote and although undersized, dingy and flea bitten in appearance, has evidently some remarkable qualities, for accompanying it in the original package was a glass egg. Now the Leghorn rooster must have laid the glass egg—otherwise how could the two have been found together in the same traveling crate. "A remarkable story!"

say you with suspicion. So it is but you must bear in mind that this is a remarkable rooster. A committee of prominent citizens now has the rooster in charge and when he lays another egg they will play a polka-mazurka on the city fire alarm bell and fling the star spangled banner to the breeze from the topmost pinnacle of the post office block.

A rooster that lays glass eggs is surely something unique in the annals of chickendom. We doubt if in all the records of history a parallel can be found. Just where this rooster originated our information sayeth not. We might think it came from the fairies but apparently it came by parcels post from some well wisher who read of C. C.'s plans and presented this marvelous fowl as a starter to the yards that are to be. The rooster eats ground glass and glue, so we are assured, apparently having a strain of ostrich in him.

Now it is not necessary to remind the average person that as an article of commerce glass eggs have many commendable qualities. They are excellent keepers not being affected by extremes of heat or cold. Neither will dampness cause them to mould nor heat cause them to become addled. The latter fact will make them lose cast with cabbages and decayed tomatoes as missiles although their hardness will redeem them somewhat. They are germ and vermin proof and are practically indestructible, which will render them indispensable for boarding houses; that is until the boarders get too familiar with them and begin playfully to throw them at one another in which case the furniture might become marred.

As for eating them, no one except a lunatic would think of eating a glass egg. But this is a happy thought and may be the means of developing an important market. An effort should be made to get into communication with the leading insane asylums of the coast with a view to supplying them with eggs. More than likely there is not another rooster in the United States that lays glass eggs and the contract for supplying all our insane asylums would keep that rooster busy with day and night shifts for many years to come.

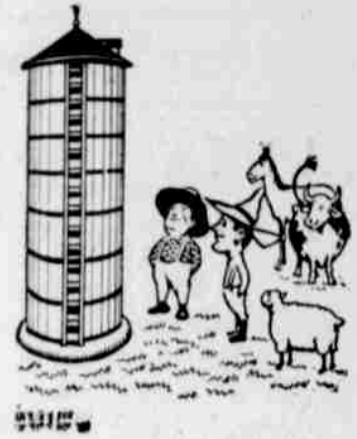
A specialist recently made the statement that three out of five people are insane and don't know it. This statement once proved to be a fact would broaden the market amazingly and the one lone rooster would see such a task before him that he would perish by mental exhaustion through merely thinking of the matter. We suggest that before this comes to pass that Mr. Mulkey call in Dad Graham and W. H. Steinberge to offer plans as to how he can obtain more roosters to lay more glass eggs to supply the demand that may arise when so large a proportion of our population have been demonstrated to be sufficiently insane to hanker after glass eggs as an article of diet.

A railroad strike while unpleasant may be profitable if it demonstrates that labor is not always fundamentally right and capital always wrong. Also that the public has rights in the case.

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