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Monmouth Meditations

What is left of them by the Germans might well be called Remani-ans.

The weather never ceases to be of interest although it has fallen somewhat into disrepute as a topic of conversation.

In the matter of consolidation and economies in the state governmental machinery, it seems to be a case of "Let us alone and try the fellow next door."

Prof. Pittman says the Herald is becoming a family institution in his household and that even the baby cries for it, using it as a substitute for a rattle. How is that for a slam?

Judging from the favorable impression Mrs. Alex Thompson, the lone lady legislator of The Dalles, made in Monmouth, it is the loss of the state that there are not more like her in the legislature.

Old Oregonians arise to remark that we are having a very dry winter, but here's suspicision that after the legislature adjourns we will have a succession of winters that will be considerably dryer.

To get an idea of what the training school teachers are doing for their pupils in the way of art, Monmouth parents should visit room 12 at the Normal this week. The exhibit shows some very creditable work.

It must be admitted, now that the deal is consummated, that Denmark's long deliberated agreement to sell the islands is much more agreeable to our dignity than a greedy acceptance of our \$25,000,000 would have been.

The Monmouth creamery believes in participating in the profits all the way up and to this end has signed with the Dairy Exchange in Portland which is aimed to distribute the product of the creameries of the state to the best advantage and distribute the profits among the butter producers.

Some day Oregonians will realize that while scenery and climate are the big asset of California, they are only an incidental in this state. It is a fine thing to have scenic highways, but the main highway work should be done on thoroughfares that lead from the farm to the market.

Unmarried men in Virginia, who do not reside with their parents, will not be permitted to receive the monthly quart of whisky which the state allows each individual. Even imperial Rome never thought of a more ingenious scheme for promoting marriage.

People who have a shoulder to the hub and are boosting Monmouth, when they observe the discouraging tendency of certain fellow citizens to push in the opposite direction, may get some conception

of the feelings that actuated the Britons in the slaughter of the Irish rebels.

Uncle Joe Craven says the experimentors at the O. A. C. have finally succeeded in perfecting a crowless rooster. He is prepared to demonstrate this for he has one. This may be considered the height of rooster breeding. Large hens which will lay as many eggs as the smaller breeds have been perfected and now that the crowless rooster is evolved nothing else need be sought for.

There are sections of Oregon where the penny is unknown and the people pride themselves that they do not make any change smaller than a nickel. There is also a tendency in many places to cultivate charges that were all right when the country was new and freight charges high, but have long since lost all legitimate reasons for existing. There is no reason why the price of merchandise or of labor should be higher than in the east. If the west is to develop manufacturing importance it must develop conditions that will enable it to meet eastern competition.

The following from the Western World of Bandon contains some hard sense on the taxation matter:

"There is a move on foot to organize a county tax league. Such an organization can be of service to the taxpayers providing it is composed of men who are representative of the best interests of the county.

"The writer has had the opportunity to witness the manner in which several such leagues operated in other parts of the Pacific Northwest. They started out splendidly, but invariably the membership simmered down to a small bunch of radical conservatives, (usually land poor), who completely lost sight of the original objects of the league, and used the organization to fight anything and everything, no matter how badly it was needed, so long as it cost the taxpayers something.

"A tax league is a fine thing providing it retains sufficient progressive element to keep it rational."

The art of advertising receives some curious twists and considerable space is devoted these days to a peculiar stunt pulled off by the secretary of the Salem Commercial club recently. This gentleman looked over his atlas and found that there were Salems in twenty-eight states in the Union and the fact suggested to him an idea. These Salems range all the way from cross roads hamlets to the old original Salem of witchcraft fame in Massachusetts. But to the mayor of each and every Salem the Oregon Salem man sent a letter, asking that the town written to get a change of name so that the Oregon Salem be the only Salem on the map, as it really was entitled to the honor, being progressive and worthy, etc. The tone of the letter was irritating and was calculated to arouse the Salem addressed to a pitch of indignation, which it did all right. The bright men of the different towns sat up nights to concoct something sarcastic, mean and vitriolic to fire back to the presumptuous citizens of the capital of Oregon. Thereupon the Oregon Salem man wrote back to each, saying that Salem's claim to fame was due to the fact that it was the home of the loganberry juice, a beverage that has the endorsement of W. J. Bryan, and sending sample bottles to the mayor and aldermen, asking that they sample the same and also send back whatever clippings of newspaper publicity the incident had been given.

Sober second thought will convince most people that President Wilson's latest move on the international checkerboard is a good one. Viewed as a whole it is a reinforcement of his first note in which he asked the warring powers what they were fighting over. More than that it is a practical denial of the assertion of the allies that they can not

stop fighting until they have conquered Germany. For the president says that no permanent peace will result from the peace of a conqueror and as long as one side is victor and the other vanquished there will be no peace until self-considered wrongs are avenged. Practically speaking the president's latest move is a rebuke to the English assumption that she alone is entitled to play the role of a benevolent world despot.

In taking the initiative we believe the president has made one of the really important moves of history and as the struggling nations of Europe battle on they must realize that he has brought to their attention some important truths. But viewed in many of the smaller details the president's latest address is calculated to make one wonder whether he has a sense of humor.

For instance, he who was re-elected president because "he kept us out of war" advocates that we shall cease to maintain friendship with all and shall enter into entangling alliances which might force war at any time. While he has at sundry times tried to bring peace to little Mexico he proposes that we enter into an agreement to keep the whole world at peace. While he is anxious to establish a league to enforce peace he ignores the fact that such a league would be useful right now and proposes to wait until peace is acquired by some other means. This is equivalent to saying: "Suppose my neighbor's property is on fire; I will wait until he has put it out himself this time, and then if it catches fire next time I will help him put it out."

The president has some great precedents for inconsistency. Jefferson was inconsistent when he pushed through the Louisiana purchase. Jackson was inconsistent when he denied states rights to South Carolina. Lincoln, Grant and Roosevelt have all been inconsistent.

To carry out the president's program will require the cultivation of a much greater military spirit than prevails with us just now, but it aims with doing away with militarism entirely and in the end would obtain the object at which the pacifists aim.

But the greatest strength of the president's proposal is not its realization at some future date. It is that the proposal holds up an ideal right now that will soften the tempers of angry nations. It suggests without offering it, a meeting ground on which a draw in international warfare may be acknowledged, a basis on which terms of peace may be struck without acknowledging either a victor or a vanquished.

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A sixty five dollar cornet for sale at a bargain. C. G. Conn Conquer, long model, in good condition. Complete with case and extras. Owner intends to purchase other instrument and will sacrifice this one. Inquire Monmouth Herald.

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