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Monmouth Meditations

This is the day when the earth and all that therein is belongs to the Juniors.

The warm rain is starting the trees to budding and bringing up the early garden stuff.

From the way they cling to snow on the hills to the west they must be partial to that sort of thing.

It has developed that the "safe conduct" given by the Germans to Belgian relief ships was not an insurance policy.

The Germans have hit upon a novel plan for handling strikes. As soon as the strikers walk out they are sent to the front.

Jupiter Pluvius made a big effort this week to catch up with his delinquency in the matter of rainfall, but is shy several laps yet.

Although all the roads in Polk county lead to Salem there are none of them that will guarantee to get the traveler over the river.

Rumors thicken and confirm the assertion that Independence is to have a daily and we shall look forward to its advent with interest.

Judging from the fewness of demonstrators against sidewalk work, Monmouth citizens are agreed that the proper direction to travel is forward.

The Social Hygiene people believe in getting acquainted with yourself and no one who has not been introduced should miss their meetings held today.

One of the first things that should be done at the coming session of Congress is to pass a resolution authorizing Teddy Roosevelt to raise an army and invade Germany.

If the Kaiser can succeed in carrying out his plan to hand Texas and a few other states to Mexico, it will play havoc with future Democratic political prospects.

One of the alluring prospects of war is that it will lower the high cost of living for we are assured that living in England, France and Germany is cheaper than it is in America.

We look to see some moderation in the war spirit when Congress assembles, demonstrating the wisdom of that provision that Congress alone has power to declare war. Had the declaration rested with the leading newspapers of the country we would have been at it, hammer and tongs, for some time.

It is natural that the present German leaders should distrust and detest America. It is the United States that has stood between them and their dreams of world domination. It is our money and our supplies that have been all important in the great struggle of the past three years. We can hardly hurt them worse now than we have al-

ready done.

The New York World proposes to give a billion dollars to France as a token of our esteem. This is about \$10 for each man, woman and child in the United States and would make a nice healthy little present. Another announcement proposes to spend five billions on preparedness or about fifty dollars per capita. Just close your eyes and think of the road making that sum would finance.

What a beautiful thing is the stars and stripes. Hallowed by the memories of brave men and stirring deeds it has been a beacon of encouragement in days that looked dark for the republic. It harmonizes with any background, the blue sky, the green foliage, or the building creations of men. The sight of it is calculated to arouse unselfish instincts and bring out the more generous traits of the beholder. All the more reason why it and what it stands for should not be degraded by association with unworthy ideals.

Somehow, we don't believe that our present war scare will develop a great deal beyond a realization of universal military training. And that will be worth while. Universal military training for the youth of the land will do them good, improve their physique, and give them wholesome discipline. The knowledge that, as a nation, we are prepared, will be salutary in increasing the respect, with which we will be regarded by foreign nations. However, it will be well not to overdo the thing for Germany is an example of military training carried to the extreme.

Independence promises to lose its prestige as a hop center. The market has always been unsteady. The gambling element of large and small returns has always been present in the hop business and shrewd men have seen that if the bottom lands were to be genuinely reliable as productive of income they must be devoted to staples instead of a crop with varying values. The sugar beet now promises to succeed the hop and something like 2,000 acres have been signed up for sugar beets for the coming season. If the lands prove as well adapted to beets as they have been to hops it is quite likely that a sugar factory will be built in Independence.

Most interesting it is to watch the course of events where, as McKinley said, "Duty determines Destiny." After holding aloof from its affairs for six years it would not be surprising if our present war trouble led us into Mexico. It would naturally be the policy of Germany to stir up trouble with our southern neighbor and the flocking of reservists to that land would make this comparatively easy. Because if trouble leads us into Mexico a great deal of the munitions which have flowed to England and France will be diverted in that direction and this will help the interests of the central powers. Our plants are working to capacity now and if a portion is needed to handle Mexican troubles, there will be less to go abroad. This is the reason the Germans will work hard to stir up the Mexicans and there trouble may be expected.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that C. Lawrence, executor of the estate Phebe Jane Martin, deceased, has filed his final account as such executor in the County Court of the state of Oregon for Polk County, and that said Court has appointed Monday, the 9th day of April, 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock, in the forenoon of said day, at the Courtroom of said County Court, in Dallas, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of all objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published March 9, 1917.

C. LAWRENCE,
Executor of the estate of
Phebe Jane Martin, deceased.
Oscar Hayter, Attorney.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Steps are being taken to organize a troop of cavalry in Lebanon.

The girls of Corvallis have formed a branch of the Girls' Honor guard.

The western Lane county play festival will be held at Elmira May 12.

The Bend Automobile club was formed recently with a large membership of auto owners.

A chapter of the National Red Cross society was formed in the Rogue river valley with a membership of 85.

The O-W. R. & N. company has determined to institute a motorcar service between Elgin and La Grande.

The Klamath county lumber mills are preparing for a record run this season as soon as the weather permits.

The Eugene rifle club at its annual meeting decided upon a campaign to increase its membership to 100 members.

Florence M. Dunlop, of Airlie, was the first to make application for a loan under the rural credits amendment.

With 20 editors present from almost all sections of the valley, the Willamette Valley Editorial association met at Albany.

William Piper, wealthy farmer, aged 95, one of the oldest pioneers of Umatilla county, died at his home near Helix.

The price of common labor, it is concluded, will be forced higher in the Coos bay section, for there is a scarcity of men.

This week is "Patriotic week" in the state of Oregon by virtue of a proclamation issued by Governor Withycombe.

More than 1250 have been raised among the merchants of Roseburg for the strawberry festival to be held there in May.

Very little wheat will be planted this spring in Douglas county, owing to the inclement weather during the early planting season.

Silver gray squirrels have suffered more than any other game animal in southern Oregon, according to Game Warden Thompson of Roseburg.

A meeting of fruitgrowers at which co-operative marketing and plans for the establishment of a cannery were discussed, was held in Albany Wednesday.

Total deposits in the 26 banks and trust companies of Portland equaled \$87,328,383.61 on March 5, 1917, according to Superintendent of Banks Sargent.

The Oregon Corn Show association has been organized in Eugene and steps have been taken to hold a corn exhibition in that city December 11, 12 and 13.

Curry county officials have refused to contribute \$50 a month toward paying a man to patrol the state line so that liquor could not be brought over the border.

Owing to disturbed conditions owing to the German crisis, all bridges on the O-W. R. & N. between Huntington and Portland are under double night and day guard.

Where two measures on an election ballot have conflicting provisions, the measure receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes prevails, according to an opinion.

The state highway commission at a meeting in Portland laid down the following policy in connection with road work desired by the various counties: Whenever any county shall make application to the commission setting forth a desire to do construction work on post roads, forest roads or any other state highway within its limits, the commission will authorize a definite location survey establishing grades and alignments. The expense of such surveys will be paid for from state funds at the disposal of the commission.

Governor Withycombe has appointed the seven members who are to investigate the question of what state act consistently in the interests of efficiency and economy, be consolidated or eliminated to avoid duplication of work. It will report to the legislative assembly which meets in 1919. The members of the commission are: A. J. Johnson, Corvallis; T. J. Scroggins, La Grande; John H. Carlin, Medford; Austin T. Buxton, Forest Grove; Frank Patten, Astoria; Herman Van Borstel, Portland; Charles Rudeen, Portland.

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