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Monmouth
Meditations

The juice that tickles the palate of W. J. B. is about to trickle forth from the press.

There is some talk of putting the sun on an eight hour schedule and extending the cherry season a few weeks.

The Salem bridge matter having been settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned may now have to be settled again.

Following its session this year in Portland the N. E. A. next year will assemble in Milwaukee. Which is not as abrupt a change as might be suspected.

Some of the housewives of Monmouth will be able to add another to the classified list of spots on the front room rug—aspalt spots, tracked in by youthful and older investigators of paving.

The school teachers at Portland were treated to an exhibition in Portland last week of how aliens are naturalized and many of them thought the process almost as staggering as writing for a certificate.

Any one who follows the news reports about the I. W. W.; the crimes it is charged with, the ideals it is alleged to aim at; will get some insight as to how the gospel of hate is made successful in Germany.

If the volunteer plan had worked out as well in all states as in Oregon there had been no need for selective conscription. Oregon has only a handful to raise with the first draft and came close to missing the call entirely.

It has been the proud boast of the packers that in their product they worked up every part of a pig but its squeal. Now it is found that the hide can be used to better advantage than as a covering for hams and bacon. Skinned hams will now be the order of the day and the hide will be transformed in leather.

Monmouth people have put up with a great deal for the sake of the paving which we may have some day; but none more than the people who live along Clay street. They have been spattered with mud and stifled with dust and suffered all the discomforts of living on a street subjected to heavy traffic without a roadbed designed to carry it. Yet they have made little complaint.

The latest instance of woe from lack of preparedness appears in Polk county road-making. The cut off on the road to Dallas has been talked of for

some time and has actually been arranged for. But because the fresh grade should have a year to settle before being finished with a top surface of concrete, it is likely that Polk county will have to wait a year for state work.

A copy of the "Kelsonian" of Kelso, Wash. reaches us this week with a news item to the effect that Messrs. Murdock and Scheible had moved their creamery from the old to a new location, the last a fine building erected for the purpose. The description of the machinery and internal arrangements of the creamery show it to be up to date and modern in every respect. An ice plant is run in connection to supply the creamery and the country around with ice.

The government is engaging in the newspaper business in a dual capacity. In the first place it censors news relating to the great war. In the second place it maintains a small army of editors and contributors who keep a constant stream of material flowing into the newspaper offices of the country. It is evident that one McAdoo is held in high esteem among many of these Federal Greeleys and the rather prosy remarks that fall from his lips from time to time are constantly quoted and referred to. If only a fraction of this matter was used by accommodating publishers, Mr. McAdoo would be one of the best advertised men in the country.

President Wilson's appeal to the business interests of the country to be content with average profits was timely and directly to the point. His admonition that now at a time when the masses are making great sacrifices, those in condition to do so should not exact extortionate profits, was one the country would do well to heed. However there is little prospect that the business interests of the country will regulate themselves voluntarily. The two or three years of rich plucking has rendered them greedy. This is a time to make money, not to spend it—is a saying, quoted by many. They lust to despoil their fellows, financially, as an army would despoil an enemy. It is well to appeal to the patriotism and moral nature of these profit takers but as a follower up, a good stout club is the thing needed.

Peace talk continues to have a prominent place in the record of world's news events. Although for the first time in history the Kaiser has named a plain commoner as chancellor of Germany, his program does not differ materially from that of his predecessor who was a "von". Indemnities and acquisitions are demanded but it is surmised these demands are held mostly for bargaining purposes. They could be waived, in a peace conference to secure certain concessions and might help to lessen the inevitable claim for reparation in Belgium and elsewhere. The item which is destined to be the big-bone of contention in the end is being kept in the back ground at present. This is the disposition of Constantinople and the Dardanelles, the crossing point for commerce of three continents. Diplomatic maneuvers for the possession of this capital prize are beneath the surface but it may be taken for granted that the efforts are in proportion to the stakes at issue, the biggest for which the statesmen of earth ever played.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Rainier held its third annual sweet pea show last week.

Linn county now has 18 branches of the Red Cross society.

The Albany fruit juice factory began pressing loganberries Monday.

The Oregon state pioneers' annual reunion is to be held in Portland Thursday.

Bank deposits in Yamhill county show an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 for the year.

Albany employees in the fire and street departments may be increased \$10 a month.

Albany may soon employ a motorcycle policeman to catch violators of the city speed laws.

The southern Oregon chautauqua opened at Ashland last week with the largest crowd in its history.

Fires burning in the brush above Mabel, near a rich timber region, have been causing some concern.

The U. S. senate has decided to hold memorial services for the late Senator Harry Lane of Oregon on August 12.

Two forest fires last week threatened valuable timber, one in Columbia county and the other in Tillamook county.

John Livingstone and his son Evert, homesteaders near Estacada, are believed to have drowned in the Clackamas river.

The body of Mrs. Elise Widmer, of Silverton, was found in the Willamette river at Albany. She had committed suicide.

Coos Bay was selected as the next place of meeting of the United Swedish Singers of the Pacific coast at the close of their convention at Tacoma.

All troops in the Oregon national guard not now in federal service, with the single exception of staff corps and departments, will be mobilized on July 25.

Robert Booth, pioneer minister, last of those closely identified with early religious work in Oregon, died at the home of his son, R. A. Booth, in Eugene.

A company to be known as the Pacific Coast Linen Mills, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has been organized to manufacture flax and hemp products in Portland.

Professor M. B. McKay of the department of horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural college has been called to eastern Oregon to investigate a serious potato disease.

Organizing to co-operate with the state officials in the conservation of the fish and game resources of central Oregon, Bend sportsmen will form a rod and gun club.

At the next meeting of the state highway commission Friday, July 20, bids will be received for paving work involving the expenditure of over one half million dollars.

Appeals to the supreme court will be prosecuted in practically all the Benson & Hyde cases, according to Judge A. C. Shaw, of Portland, one of the attorneys in the case.

Application for permit for the irrigation of 2700 acres of land in lower Powder valley, Baker county, has been made State Engineer Lewis by F. A. Phillips, Russel Ingle and A. N. Ingle.

Eastern Oregon has for the past two weeks sweltered under a hot sun, and as a result wheat harvesting preparations have been hastened, and it is likely harvesting will begin within the next few days.

All-night fishing in the lower harbor at Astoria stopped Monday, under an order of the navy department prohibiting small craft, including fishing boats, from frequenting that portion of the harbor at night.

In compliance with the request of the highway commission, the state board of control decided to issue bonds totaling \$400,000 to procure funds to match the federal appropriation for highway work in this state.

Sea weeds and mussels may find their way to Oregon tables if investigations now being conducted by University of Oregon faculty members disclose that these products of the Pacific Northwest are valuable as food.

Many small dairymen in Linn county who milk from three to half a dozen cows expect to go out of the business this fall owing to the heavy expense in complying with the inspection law enacted with a loss of nearly \$28,000.

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