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Monmouth Meditations

We are just a week nearer those soaking rains than we were seven days ago.

The price of hay starts in at a high figure but the quality is exceptionally good.

The suspicion lurks that if the powers could agree on how to apportion the loaves and fishes we would have peace tomorrow.

If the Germans are stirring up anti-draft strife it is odd that the sections affected are those where very few Germans are located.

Now in this good old vacation time is the opportunity to paint up, fix up, clean up and get up in line, ready for next fall and winter.

There is no truth in the rumor that the Kaiser has abdicated but somehow it was hard to keep from admiring the rumor anyway.

Some of the I. W. W. trouble springs from the fact that certain employers have their fists in the purses of the public and, grabbing handfuls of dollars, will not share with their men.

A town the size and importance of Salem deserves a better depot than the one the S. P. maintains for it. And a splendid location for a new one would be about a mile nearer town.

Mr. Ambassador Gerard talks like a man who has absorbed so much information that he will positively burst if he attempts to carry it any further.

Three dollars a hundred is what dairymen of the east are going to ask for their milk this coming winter and they have a habit of getting what they ask for.

It costs only three cents a week to have a Herald of your own yet some people will go to twenty five cents worth of time and trouble to borrow from a neighbor in order to read the latest.

It is interesting to know that bread made of American wheat, after paying high ocean freight, sells in Belgium for 40 per cent less than in America; in France for 30 per cent less, and in England for 20 per cent less.

If statements were only facts, keeping informed would be a comparatively simple matter. But the trouble is, there is so much we learn one day that has to be unlearned the next that it is most bewildering and leaves us constantly in a state of mental uncertainty.

The invention of printing caused the reformation; the fall of Constantinople caused the discovery of America; the development of a military system by the eccentric father of Frederick the Great caused the European war; the war has caused our abandonment of the policy of isolation.

Little ceremony appears to have attended the exit of Little from a Montana mining center to the sweet and glorious henceforth. And little sympathy has been manifested for him by the average citizen. He thrived on trouble and grew sleek on class hate.

We surmise that the Belgians, like the southern negro will appeal to our sympathy better at a distance than close at hand. And if the refugees come to the Willamette valley they should be scattered around a little and not localized in colonies. They can be most valuable as citizens only as they absorb our customs and language and the colony plan does not encourage either.

Coos county which is securing good roads with money raised by voting bonds, is being investigated by its business men to see if in the work accomplished there is value received. Our idea of zero in the development of a new country is clearing land and developing a market while paying interest and principal of a debt accumulated by paying \$7.00 per day, road making for the work of man and team.

Scenic artists may plan landscape effects and grass and trees and shrubbery make a combination pleasing and attractive to the eye; but a good substitute is the field of potatoes which Jacob Smith is growing on the ground around the band stand. It surely stands in marked contrast to the weeds and grass which covered the same spot a year ago. Many travelers say it is the best potato patch they have seen in the valley this year.

Russia in its foreign relations has always been an uncertain quantity and to be relied upon neither as a friend or an enemy. Because it turned from his enemy to his friend it one time saved Frederick the Great from annihilation. It was alternately the friend and enemy of Napoleon. When the latter signed his famous treaty with Czar Alexander on a raft in the Danube he thought he had supremacy at last. Yet in a very short time he was starting his legions on the disastrous march to Moscow.

"Germans Prepare for Peace" runs a headline telling of the large ships being built in the shipyards of Hamburg and Bremen. It may dawn on people's minds before long that the submarine is designed for additional purposes besides starving England in the immediate future. Every ship sunk will make less competition when peace is concluded. In the meantime we are hustling to build wooden boats, which will be finished about the time the war is over, which will be too small for actual across-ocean commerce and which will in the very near future, be tied up to rot in various creeks along our shores.

It is hard for people to acquire the idea that they owe something to the government for the protection it gives them and that this applies to everything they own. Neither is it easy to see

that a man owes something to land for the privilege of owning it but such is the case as is frequently demonstrated.

The railroads have good reason to complain about low freight rates for it must be aggravating in this season of riotous charges when it is the custom to hold up the helpless wherever met with, to be bound with regulations that prevent their sharing in the sport. Neither is it fair to ask them to do business at former rates when operating expenses are very much higher. Never the less right now they illustrate the ability of the government to hold prices to a reasonable level. It is encouragement to the effort to give Hoover a chance.

We are fighting for the safety of democracy and the abolition of militarism but neither one figures very highly in proposed peace terms so far suggested. But because they have not been put in the foreground it does not signify that they are not being considered. The final treaty of peace may not mention either, but still they will be in the minds of all and the fact that they are issues will have a strong effect. Our war of 1812 was fought as a protest against the "right of search" and when the treaty was signed it contained no mention of the subject. Yet the result was secured for the alleged right was never again exercised by England against us.

It is a cold day when the sectional interests of Polk county can not find something to scrap over. The coast highway offers the latest opportunity. We hope some compromise may be arranged and the matter settled without bloodshed.

The government allows eligibles listed in the draft but not actually chosen, to volunteer in the various departments of army and navy. So many Oregon boys have chosen the navy that the government has closed down on the following: Landsmen for yeoman and electricians; plumbers and fitters, shipwrights, ship fitters, blacksmiths, boiler makers, painters, printers.

Enlistments in the following ratings are limited to 25 men per week: Apprentice seamen, Machinists' mates, coppersmiths' firemen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd class; hospital apprentices, 1st and 2nd class, (only two per month) landsmen for bakers, 2nd class bakers, 3rd class mess attendants, landsmen for ships' cooks, 4th class ships' cooks. There is unlimited demand for musicians, machinist mates and cooks. All previous service men entitled to re-enlist.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Paul Tacheron, administrator of the estate of Laura M. Tacheron deceased, has filed his final account as such administrator in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk, and that Saturday, the 8th day of September, 1917, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the courtroom of said court, in the County Court House in Dallas, Polk County, Oregon, has been appointed by the said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

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PAUL TACHERON
Administrator of the estate of
Laura M. Tacheron, deceased.
OSCAR HAYTER,
Attorney.

Mrs. Wm. Borgman of Los Angeles, California, spent the past month visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller of this place.

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