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Monmouth Meditations

The screech of the wood saw as well as these smoky, hazy days tells of the approaching winter season.

The small producer of dairy products imagines that the boogy man is after him when he gets the first information of the cow testing law.

Monmouth may be proud of its enterprising citizens. The community gardens are an evidence of public spirit and the way citizens turn out when called on for help is fine.

Both the pope's appeal for peace and President Wilson's reply there to, required post scripts to explain and amplify the originals but they have made it more definite what some of the grounds are on which peace may be negotiated.

The veterinarian reports that tuberculosis in cattle is not prevalent in this section. Tuberculosis is a farm disease that thrives in foul air. Here, where we have little cold weather and cows are not closely housed in winter, the disease does get the same chance to develop it does in regions of severe winters.

The great war is proving an object lesson to Japan. That country had modeled its army on the Prussian system and had a few dreams of conquest as a result of the expenditure of blood and iron. Now a different point of view is being presented. The Jap is a good imitator and a peace founded on international conciliation would be a valuable object lesson to him.

Monmouth people of leisure now are constantly busy keeping track of the Normal work and the progress of the city wells. All who have seen the space devoted to the interior of the future chapel are united in saying that it will be a fine and commodious auditorium when completed.

Herbert Hoover is distinctly the man of the hour at present and all are looking to him to stabilize business conditions. The dropping of quotations on flour is noted with pleasure in every corner of the land where Mr. Ultimate Consumer abides, but cheaper flour is nothing to the assurance that accompanies, that the price will remain the same all the year around and can be depended on. This fact will help to give stability to many other prices of necessaries as well. It is uncertainty of prices that paralyzes business.

The work of providing library

books for the soldiers which at first was carried out in a rather haphazard way, now is being systematically organized. It is apparent that it is a wasteful way to provide reading matter for the soldiers to get up libraries for individual companies, for the companies will find it impossible to carry around many books and they will not care to carry around the same old books. With a central organization there will be a larger stock, the books can be changed and the organization will provide for moving and caring for the books. As a rule these libraries will be located in the different camps and as the fresh companies arrive they will have the benefit of the library service.

The value of library service to the soldiers is apparent to all who are familiar with soldier conditions. In the nature of things the soldier has considerable leisure time, and reading will enable him to utilize this with pleasure and profit. Most of the soldiers are young, many not through with school and proper books will enable them to pursue their studies. Instances are common where soldiers have used their leisure time to acquire fair educations and libraries help make this sort of thing possible.

"Chew jerked venison to see if your teeth are in working order" is a good test to put upon an ambitious pair of grinders. Having tried the test out on some tender specimens furnished by G. T. Boothby we now feel competent to tackle anything from India rubber to cut nails. Chief Skookum and other invincible Siwash warriors who fattened on evaporated buck flesh in winter must have found meal time a time of serious occupation.

One of the things a teacher has to cultivate in the district where work is taken up is the spirit of interest in matters educational. In many districts schools are tolerated as a necessary burden but are not regarded as a source of inspiration to improved living and economic conditions. Prof. Pittman tells of a fine trip taken by him in the course of his recent excursion into Curry county. The route led him into California to Crescent City and over the mountains to Grant's Pass, through the redwood district. The road passed through a country rich in the abundance of nature's gifts, and delightful in its natural scenery, the only thing to mar its effect as a whole being the small, uncared for, one room school houses which were occasionally passed. The roads were macadamized, the residences and out-buildings showing the effects of affluence but the school houses looked in the last stages of discouragement.

Opposition to a big tax on excess profits seems to be taking the form of trying to discredit and disparage the men who are pushing it in the national capitol. LaFollette is in disrepute at present but surely some of the other senators who are among the minority who favor this measure are neither pro-German nor traitors at heart. Johnson of California and Borah of Idaho have enjoyed fair reputations. These men have pointed out that if excess profits are ever to be taxed the time is now and not when they have been absorbed in some way. If the men who are making two hundred per cent profit in the manufacture of paper, had to turn the greater part of that profit over to the government it

might give them a view point where the word patriot would mean something.

The unexpectedly high price of hops this fall has led owners to hunt up all possible prospects for that commodity and a number of fields that had been allowed to grow to weeds with the vines uncared for, are being looked after to see if they might not yield some sort of a crop.

Congress contemplates bringing the draft law up to date so as to include all who may be twenty one years of age at the time of the next call and also to release all who may have become thirty years old since the first registration.

It is likely that it will require a lot more of wisdom and initiative to stop this war than it took to start it.

The new dairy law will operate to the benefit of creameries and cheese factories. It is now against the law to sell dairy butter or milk from cows that have not been tested for tuberculosis, unless the milk from such cows has been pasteurized. Patrons of creameries and cheese factories may sell to these concerns for they have the facilities to pasteurize the milk. However dairy cow owners who have applied to the state veterinarian for a tuberculin test of the cow may be exempt from the provisions of the act until such cow has been actually tested.

It is to be hoped this major league war will not be followed by a world's series.

Despite the clamor for food economy, indigestion is not yet extinct.

A meatless day is advocated and a wheatless day may be asked for but a mealless day occasionally would not hurt, even in times of peace.

It appears that the eagles as well as the vultures of war have had to learn to drink gasoline.

Chancellor Michaelis appears to have found a secluded corner in the imperial program and stepped into it. A search party will have to be organized to locate him when a successor is appointed.

Every summer brings more or less hope that the end of the war will arrive in time to be the topic for the Thanksgiving proclamation.

We hear considerable talk about shooting copperheads and lining up secessionists before a brick wall but if it is aimed to make martyrs of them that would be a fine way to go about it.

A large number of Austrians are beginning to wonder what the German crown prince is to them.

It might be stated as an efficient testimonial that American patent medicines were introduced in China a few months ago and now the whole nation is at war.

Peppermint.
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