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Monmouth Meditations

All roads lead to Dallas this week.

This is the auctioneer's busy season.

The gardens are growing as if to make up for lost time.

After war has worked a certain amount of havoc it is difficult to picture such a thing as the status quo ante.

The hop picking season was short this year but some of the participants are said to have made good wages in the work.

Although considerably altered and a little disjointed, the Normal will resume business on the old stand next Monday.

Stand from under. The price of sauer kraut is dropping. Cabbages sold a year ago at thirty five dollars a ton and are quoted this year at seven dollars a ton.

It is a happy thought that some of the men who are so expert at throwing bricks in the pathway of progress would succeed nicely at bomb throwing in the French trenches.

It didn't take quite a year to perform the actual work of paving Main street. The first dirt was moved during the first week of October last year and the finishing touches were applied this week.

The Normal faculty should be in fine trim for work next week for a large percentage of them have been on the medical dry docks for repairs during the past year.

By their deeds you shall know them, and the man who has an automobile and gives an occasional joy ride to his neighbor who has no car, is entitled to consideration as a public spirited citizen.

Next to the welcome given the returning soldier is the welcome that greets the young man who returns from the wheat fields where he has made \$3 to \$3.50 a day and board this particular past summer.

People who have puzzled this summer as the work took shape, as to how the interior of the Normal addition is to appear, are now having their suspicions confirmed or condemned as the case may be.

The government is pretty thoroughly organized but it still lacks an official fool killer as is evidenced by some of the agricultural moves which it undertakes and some of the advice ladled

out.

America has evinced a willingness to furnish the supplies if Russia will furnish the backbone; but the evidence of ability on this score is not promising enough to warrant the dumping into that chaos of either men or dollars.

Our idea of zero in appropriate cognomens is that of a farmer who resides between Monmouth and Portland. This particular grangers name as it appears on his mail box is A. Tack. His talent is wasted in agriculture. He should be employed in an upholstery shop.

An exchange insinuates that a great many women are knitting woolen socks for the soldiers who never knit any for their own husbands.

With a hundred million bushels surplus of potatoes this year it does not look as though there will be a great deal of starvation in the U. S. this winter.

Milk is to be 15 cents a quart in Milwaukee by October 1st, but as long as Pabst best product is in supply to meet the demand, many of the best families of the city will never know it.

Sometimes they make an unknown contributor to the Red Cross fund out of the government. Roseburg is to supply dinner to 7,000 in the transfer of troupes and the government is to pay 60 cents for each dinner. Of the proceeds, 10 cents each is to be donated to the Red Cross fund.

As a psychological move the offer of the German government to its soldiers of a large reward to the soldier who first brought in an American, dead or alive, fell flat. The Loyal Legion met the offer with another, a graduated offer; so much for the kaiser, so much for one of his generals, and smaller sums for officers, down to a substantial offer for the taking of the first German soldier.

Talking about hot weather, we quote the following from a letter from a friend in Riverside, Calif.

"We have been good and warm this summer. Expect you have heard of our three days of heat in June. Temperature from 118 to 123. Lost ninety per cent of the naval oranges and burned the walnut trees. We had the best crop hanging that ever was known. Much the hottest season we have seen since coming here. 100 degrees in the shade nearly every day now."

There are a few things to be said in favor of the idea of a highway made to meet the needs of the country through which it passes as contrasted to the highway that is designed to be a direct route between certain important centers. The latter has been the theory on which railroads have been built by private capital. If railroads had been built for the purpose of developing the country, eastern Oregon would have been supplied when the rest of the state was. As to highways, if anyone is in a hurry to get to Portland he can take the east side highway by crossing the river at Salem, and as for the west side, if its highway is built to meet the needs of its people it will not be located far wrong.

It is impossible for an architect to foresee everything. When the Normal addition plans were made it was designed to leave

the wall of the building on the lower floor, using it in part as a partition. But the foundation was found to be insecure and the whole of the wall had to be torn out. But because the plans allowed for the old wall, and because the change to supports underneath would have disarranged the plans and led to extra expense, the space occupied by the wall is to be lost and where the wall stood is to be a vacant space between the partitions of the lower rooms.

There have been no fires other than those started by lightning in the Cascade national forest this summer, is the assertion of Clyde B. Seitz, supervisor of the forest.

Lena Hayes, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes, of Walterville, was drowned when she fell into the Eugene municipal power plant canal, near that place.

Nearly \$40,000 is the amount apportioned to the state of Oregon by the federal government to be used in the construction of trails and forest roads during the coming year.

A field geologist of the United States geological survey will be sent to Oregon to look over the prospects for oil and natural gas, at the solicitation of Representative McArthur.

The biggest automobile show ever held in conjunction with the Oregon state fair is to be staged on the state fair grounds north of Salem from September 24 to 29, inclusive, this year.

The Ashland city council has purchased 320 acres of timber land in the Ashland creek canyon as a matter of protection to the watershed of Ashland creek, which is the city water supply.

Baker county has petitioned the state highway commission for the survey of two roads from Baker, one to Cornucopia and one to Unity. The county will appropriate \$10,000 toward the construction of the Cornucopia road and \$4,000 toward the construction of the Unity road.

The 80 correspondence courses of the University of Oregon in high school and college subjects have been opened to soldiers who are citizens of Oregon stationed in any part of the world as the result of a ruling by Attorney-General Brown that the extension courses may be offered to citizens beyond the borders of the state.

According to a report of the secretary of the interior, furnished to Representative Sinnott, the total amount to be paid to land-grant counties of Oregon by way of back taxes, penalties, costs and accrued interest is \$1,584,906, of which amount \$1,346,192 represents accrued taxes to June 9, 1916.

Believing that a federal grain inspector should be stationed at Pendleton, farmers of the district have petitioned the Oregon public service commission to that end. They contend that since such a large amount of grain is grown in the district it should be inspected before consignment to the terminal markets.

A petition numerously signed was presented to the Lincoln county court asking that a special election be held for the purpose of voting on a proposition to bond the county for \$200,000 to build roads.

The chief of engineers instructed the district engineer at Portland to proceed at once with the work of deepening the locks at Oregon City, for which work congress recently appropriated \$80,000.

That the fire which has been just halted in the Fort Rock section after burning over 20,000 acres of yellow pine, was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, is the decision of C. J. Buck, assistant chief forester.

At 9 o'clock Tuesday 7400 acres of land known as the Benham Falls segregation and located in the Bend, Alfalfa and Powell Butte vicinities, in Crook and Deschutes counties, was opened for homestead filing.

Admiral Capps has informed Senator Chamberlain that the shipping board is considering the proposal of Robert A. Miller, of Portland, to build ships of concrete but is not yet ready to enter into any contracts.

Dr. F. M. Brooks, of Portland, formerly of Silverton, was appointed by Governor Withycombe to succeed Dr. M. B. Marcellus as a member of the state board of health. Dr. Marcellus resigned to enter military service.

Pendleton leads the cities of the state in contributions of books to the war library, according to a statement made by Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian. That city has given 462 volumes and about 2000 magazines.

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