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Monmouth Meditations

With the returning student the streets of Monmouth are resuming a homelike appearance.

Crossing the ferry is one of the shows presented for the entertainment of west side visitors at the state fair.

So far as indicated the Normal attendance this year thus far is in that happy condition that leaves plenty of room for growth.

We surmise that the thing that bothers the kaiser most now, having grasped the lion's tail, is how to let go of it.

For a tale of stirring adventure, gentle reader, you should get C. G. Griffa to tell you how he tried to lock Mrs. Olson out of the Kurre apartments.

Having sampled generously, the taste and quality of Oregon venison, as evidenced by a fine portion presented by Ed Griffa, we are now in position to testify that it is all it is cracked up to be.

With the weather man predicting rain and the unfortunate record of the state fair in associating itself with inclement weather, it will be a miracle if we escape a drenching.

The persistent although probably perpetually petulant, polite prune picker at present presides in a performance which promises to pour golden plunks into the pockets of the perspicacious prune orchard proprietor.

Electricity, which is now at work in hundreds of ways from hatching eggs to driving through trains across the Rockies, has now been put to another use. In up-to-date barber shops in the east, hair is cut by electricity.

Ty Cobb, first among ball players, is said to have an annual income of \$50,000 per year. During the winter months he peddles "Bevo" a bone dry drink made by Anheuser-Busch, to his fellow Georgians at \$1.300 per month.

While we are taking up collections for tobacco and books and baseballs and sporting supplies for our soldiers, the soldiers of Italy put in their leisure time manufacturing brushes and boots thus reducing the high cost of supplies for the army. Who wouldn't fight for Uncle Sam?

Every now and then somebody arises to say unkind things about the amiability and social qualities of J. J. McGraw, better known as "Mugsy" who presides over the destinies of the New York National League base ball club, but as a persistent winner he never had an equal. Money and brains have contributed to his success, both being indispensable factors in his successful career.

Banker Hirschberg of Independence was one of the speakers at a road meeting in Portland Monday, and his remarks are quoted by the Oregonian to the effect that although he had lived in the valley for years he had never yet had occasion to visit Ballston and in fact had rarely heard the town mentioned in the course of business or social pleasure.

The Germans appear to have their psychology mixed. They have acted upon the assumption that if they make war terrible they can frighten the opposition into yielding to their will. But the opposition fails to scare and the result is the exact opposite of what the kaiser leaders expected. It has united the whole world in an endeavor to overcome this military power that menaces their future peace and prosperity. And these instances of ruthlessness will be remembered after the war is over. A generous and square opponent is soon forgiven but inhumanity is hard to forget.

The victory of western wheat producers in getting a basic price named for western growers was not alone a victory for the wheat raiser but for the western port as well. With five cents a bushel to be gained by sending the wheat to Portland the grain of the northwest will flow this way instead of to Chicago. It was to the interest of the railroads to have Chicago retained as a basic port for western wheat for they got a longer haul out of it.

The continued sensational exposures which our government is releasing from day to day reminds us very much of the incident in Tom Sawyer when Tom and his two friends, Huck Finn and Joe Harper ran away to be pirates. Tom engineered various expedients to keep up the interest of his friends in a freebooter life and keep them from becoming homesick, and finally flashed on them the grand idea of attending their own funeral. The government has had all these sensations for some time and has kept them until the public interest has waned when they are sprung for the purpose of strengthening war sentiment.

The cost of the war is steadily mounting upward. The twenty odd billions which have now been asked for means over \$200 apiece for each man, woman and child in this country. Think of the roads this sum would build, the schools it would maintain. And the money the government is asking for is by no means the whole of the expense of war as it affects the people of this country.

The harvest of war is not all on the red ink side of the ledger however. Big steps have been made in aerial and under water navigation that would have taken a long time to develop by the slower stages of commercial use. In the field of air travel the change is especially great. The advance from the first machine of the Wrights to the big triple and quadruple planes which are capable of lifting several tons of dead weight, is wonderful. The remainder of the story of the war is bound to deal largely with aeroplanes. On the sea and on the land the contending forces are practically at a deadlock. With the trench system, the old-fashioned military maneuver, the assaults, the charges and raids have gone out of existence. Leaving questions of food and morale in the background it would take the allies a dozen

years to reach Berlin at the rate they have traveled during the past year. Neither do the combined navies of the Allies make progress in digging out the bottled fleet of the central powers. Fifty or a hundred years ago they would have done it but now because of the mines and the big guns they hesitate at the threshold of what is believed to be an impossible undertaking.

But in the air there are no trenches nor big guns. A fleet of aeroplanes dropping bombs of high explosives, or bombs of burning oil would wipe out any land or sea force ever organized. Nothing could stop such a fleet save another opposing fleet of superior numbers or power, therefore the keen interest in aeroplane construction and training. Both sides are making tremendous efforts. By spring of another year the opposing forces will be ready in such numbers that triumph over the opposition will give complete victory, such is the story as the strategists of the air dope it out to us.

W. E. Finzer, for nearly 12 years adjutant general of the Oregon National guard, has been appointed a major in the United States army and ordered to report at once to Camp Lewis, American Lake, for service with the new national army.

This year's Pendleton Round-up, September 20, 21 and 22, is expected to break all records, both in attendance and in the quality of the contests and exhibition. The people of Pendleton are making arrangements to entertain 75,000 people for the three days.

Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall of Klamath Falls has decided in favor of the state in the last of seven cases against F. A. Hyde and his associates to recover lands which the state claimed were acquired fraudulently. The seven cases involved approximately 40,000 acres. All but one were decided in favor of the state.

Wheat that grows over five feet high and produces from 100 to 150 bushels to the acre is on exhibition at the Medford commercial club. It is the property of E. P. Hughes, of Josephine county. According to Mr. Hughes, this is a Russian wheat of unknown name, originally sent to a farmer at Holland, Josephine county, by Congressman Hawley, four years ago.

Lane county is building twice the amount of road this year expected when estimates were made this spring but expenditures for roads have not increased. The cost of construction has been reduced by replacing teams and wagons with a great caterpillar tractor and trains of cars. The 75-horsepower engine, in a single load, hauls 32 square yards of gravel, equal to average loads for 20 teams of horses, and travels over the road at about the same speed.

The ten men selected for commissions as second lieutenants in the United States army by President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college are: Lloyd D. Yates, Milton; Charles A. Fertig, Hood River; Fremont W. Walton, Salem; William V. Clarke, Portland; Cyril L. Myers, Portland; Darrel B. Johnson, Corvallis; Norval C. Carnie, Chicago; William J. O'Neill, Cloquet, Minn.; Vernon I. Basler, Grants Pass; William J. Averill, Corvallis.

Superintendent Churchill has received reports from several school boards that teachers are resigning without giving the notice required by law. This notice must be given prior to 30-day period before the opening of school, and under a new law failure to give such notice is cause for revoking a teaching certificate. No certificates have so far been revoked, but Superintendent Churchill is writing to the teachers warning them to fulfill their contracts or such action will be taken.

Because of the urgent need of completing rock work on the Siskiyou mountain grade of the Pacific highway and that part of the McMinnville-Tillamook road near Sheridan before the fall rains set in, the state highway commission, at a special meeting in Portland, decided to put into effect temporarily a ten-hour day on these two jobs. However, the basic day's work is to remain eight hours, as at present, and double time is to be paid the workmen for the additional two hours.

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