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Monmouth Meditations

Some people are proud of their past because it is past.

Crown Prince McAdoo has started his swing around the circle of oratory in behalf of the placing of the next installment of Liberty Bonds.

There is a new socialistic paper called the Eye Opener which might more appropriately be called the Can Opener, in view of the activity reported to be possessed by German money in promoting that sort of enterprise.

These fine Fall days are filled with constant alarm for the China pheasant, for the open season on these birds started Monday.

Besides picking up information in pedagogics during the week some of the students at the Normal find time to pick up a few prunes for the orchardists on Saturday.

Having been denied the recreation of battling with entrenched Germans on the French front, the redoubtable Teddy is slamming away at the shadow-Germans of our own land.

Love, it is said, makes the world go around; but auxiliary power must also be necessary otherwise the globe would have ceased to spin some time ago under the influence of the overwhelming hate that surges around the Atlantic.

For humane reasons the school authorities should delete from student text books the passages from Irving and Dickens in which they describe the groaning tables of other times beneath the load of eatables served up on festal and holiday occasions.

It has now been several days since the administration's publicity bureau sprung a two years and six months old sensation for the edification of a sympathetic public.

The balance of trade has switched from the eastern to the western hemisphere, and not the least encouraging feature of the shifting cargoes is the number of German diplomats who are being returned to the fatherland.

Uruguay is the latest nation to take a bat at the kaiser. Step up gents, while the stepping is good. Anything from an addled egg to a decayed tomato will do for ammunition and the heaving might not be so good a year or two from now.

While the Kaiser Wilhelm is making strenuous efforts to wade

through blood and human misery to a place in the sun, his cousin, the late Czar Nicholas has only to pick out a nice southern exposure in his Tobolsk apartments to achieve the same end.

We are in receipt this week of a quantity of pamphlets with a London print mark, giving publicity to the prowess and achievements of the English in the great European war. There are some very interesting pictures in the batch and some interesting reading, not the least of which is a pamphlet by General Smutz, Boer-British leader of South Africa, in which he refers to the British, not as an empire, but as the "British Commonwealth of Nations".

We observe with approval the bouquets that are being tossed to Senator McNary these days by the press of Oregon. During his short time in Washington Mr. McNary has demonstrated that he is serving his constituents in any and every practical way at his command and his stand on the question of taxing excess profits will be quoted to his credit when his qualifications are up for discussion. He has supported every effort to impose a heavy load of taxation upon those thriving institutions which are enjoying, because of the war, a harvest of profits above the dream of avarice.

The Independence Enterprise achieved a double stroke of enterprise last week. In the first place Proprietor Clark invited in a committee of leading citizens of the town who with axes smashed up the old Junior Linotype which the office had heretofore relied on for composition work. A. N. Halleck, who bought the wreck, testified that they did a good job and the machine was so thoroughly demolished that its own parents would not have recognized it. The second stroke of enterprise was the installation of a new Model 15 linotype, with which the last issue of the Enterprise was set up. The Herald extends congratulations.

The eruption of interest and a few other articles not readily classified, on the part of McMinnville and Yamhill county, in the matter of the west side highway has about subsided and as the smoke has cleared away people have leisure to ask themselves just what has McMinnville gained by the performance. If cold justice was done in the way of building a through thoroughfare from Corvallis to Portland, neither McMinnville nor Dallas would be on the direct line which would run from Newberg to Amity to Monmouth to Corvallis. But this thing has already been settled. If people are in a hurry to get from the south end of the valley to Portland they will take the east side. The west side is for the people who live in it and for the accommodation of its interests. Its route has already been settled by the highway commission. Why not all get together and bring pressure to bear upon the commission to have the work done soon. If the west side would recognize that route is now fixed, and all get together the work might speedily be started, otherwise it is apt to be delayed until the money from the nine million dollar bond issue is spent and still we would have no paved roads.

While many of the appeals which have come to our citizens, for the purchase of bonds, for contributions to Red Cross, to

war libraries, etc., have entailed the giving of money, the latest appeal, and one that is as serious as any that have gone before, calls for no contribution at all. Statistics which have been gathered with great care show that in the food line there is a shortage of meat, sugar and flour, and if these supplies are to be maintained in sufficient quantities to go around, they must be sparingly used. The appeal is therefore made to the public, that public which, while it reads of deprivations on the part of indispensables of life, has not as yet felt the real pinch of it, to use sparingly these three things. There is a large surplus in the nation's crop of potatoes, and spuds are bound to be moderate in price during the coming year. Corn also is valuable for food, and many other things will present themselves in the market, but this thing should be carried in mind, that flour, sugar and meat must be conserved.

On Monday of last week there died at Waterford, Wis., Edward Malone, editor and publisher of the Waterford Post. The mediator of these columns never saw Malone but on one occasion, when we were in attendance at a state meeting of editors at Madison, Wis., and never corresponded with him; yet we possess the feeling of having known him intimately for the past sixteen years.

When we first embarked in the publishing business Malone was among the first to request exchange courtesies. As he had the faculty of putting his life and character into his newspaper the two became interchangeable, a visit from his paper was like a visit from him. The exchange has continued ever since, even following moves in the west.

Malone's story is one of the kind which are the glory of America with its opportunities. One of a large Irish family whose only heritage was brains and industry, he entered the printing business at the age of thirteen and when sixteen had so advanced in his profession that he bought the paper and commenced active duties as publisher. By industry and shrewdness he prospered until he was one of the well to do of his section. He never sold the paper, he never moved from the town in which he was born. He started a merchandising business on the side, however, and thrived at it. In his capacity as merchant he drove to Milwaukee one day with a wagon load of eggs. In making one of the turns near the cream city he was run into by an interurban electric car and this event was one of the land marks in his career. In his effort to extract pay for that wagon load of eggs he derived a more than local notoriety which greatly increased the circulation of his newspaper. More than that it gained for him the acquaintance of the manager of the electric railroad whom at first he derided but later claimed as a friend. This brought the electric railroad to Waterford which previously had no railroad within six miles. A man of broad sympathies and high character, he will be missed by many people.

No more commitments to the state school for feeble-minded will be received from the state at large until all feeble-minded wards of the state now in other institutions are cared for, the state board of control has ruled.

President Wilson has sent to the senate the following nominations: Collector of customs, Oregon district, Portland, Will Moore of Pendleton, Or.; United States marshal, district of Oregon, George F. Alexander of Portland.

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