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## Monmouth Meditations

Nobody knows what is going on in Russia, least of the Russians who are too near to see.

Soap box orators it is unkindly hinted, occasionally use soft soap but very rarely the other kind of hard soap.

A former Mexican general is now a private in the U. S. regular army where he will have fewer honors but more regular meals.

As winter approaches it is to be hoped that conservation does not concern itself as to the length of blankets and sheets.

To conserve the stock of sugar, people are urged to smile more by way of sweetening their dispositions.

A live definition of practical patriotism just now is the possession of one or more Liberty Bonds.

Occasionally a man gets himself mistaken for a German sympathizer because in the corner of an argument he says things that he does not really believe.

Talking about little things, a "scrap of paper" appears to have the capacity to create more trouble than many things of immensely larger bulk.

It is stated that the new trench shoes which the soldiers will wear are hob nailed and weigh seven pounds per pair. It is evident that they were not built for re-treating purposes.

Political prophets forecast that the repeal of the draft law will be one of the issues of the next campaign. And by the way, announcement of candidacies, have already begun to filter in by mail to the newspaper offices.

Possibly if the country printer was not asked to donate so much time and space to patriotic moves of the different kinds, he would have more money to invest in Liberty Bonds.

Germany is willing to trade potatoes to Denmark for necessities and our conservationists are united that we should use potatoes as a substitute for wheat. The potato crop on both sides of the Atlantic is apparently ample, which brings up the speculation of what would we have done had Sir Walter Raleigh kept his discovery to himself.

Iowa is the latest state to line up in the ranks of bone dry prohibition. According to the constitutional amendment adopted in that state last Monday, strong drink can neither be manufactured nor sold in that state. Since

the Federal laws have shut down on the original package it is possible to enjoy genuine prohibition, very much different from the brand Iowa has enjoyed for the past forty years.

The battle of Waterloo had a counterpart in a local engagement Tuesday night, wherein the forces of the Frost King and the retinue of the Prince of Good Old Summerland, met in deadly combat. The indications Wednesday morning were that the invading hosts had won a complete victory. Special couriers report that all over the Monmouth district, tomatoes, beans and other garden truck turned up their toes with scarcely a squeak of protest.

Had the Rev. Pence been more of a politician and less of a preacher he might have put in a good word for son-in-law McAdoo.

Practical printing has been added to the curriculum of the high school, the scholars thereof having engaged to conduct a department in the Herald, setting the type and doing work connected with it themselves. Naturally, the start will have to be modest, as it takes a short time to familiarize one's self with even so modest a job as that of placing news before the intelligent reading public, but the experiment promises well, and if it succeeds may result in similar endeavors along other practical lines of business in the city.

Being an officer in the civil part of conducting the war appears to be as popular as being an officers in the army. A host of people are seized with bright ideas as to how to push the work, create interest, raise money, etc., and of course the next thing is to get the high privates to do the work. Possibly this is why we have so many defense leagues and councils of this, that and the other thing, and the wonder is that there are enough privates to go around.

The progress which Great Britain has made in the war game must awaken the admiration of all who contemplate it. While she had practically no army in the early months of the war, and no means of producing a large supply of ammunition, other than the credit with which to buy; she has steadily progressed until now her armies are most formidable and they are supplied with munitions, a large part of which are manufactured in Great Britain. In 1914 she had in her army only 275,000 men; now more than five million have been enrolled under the forces of the crown. Before the war there were in England three national arsenals working for her land service; now there are more than 100. The total amount of shells for field guns and howitzers made in England during the first year of the war are now produced in that country in eight days. The importance of the English on the firing line has also been greatly increased. "Where are the English?" was a common query at the beginning of the war and the innuendo was oft repeated that the English always had a way of making some one else do the fighting for them. Now the largest military operations are conducted by the English. More than that their interest in the whole struggle is more theoretical than real. Had they been so minded they could have stood by with folded arms and seen France and Belgium overcome and their lands added to the German empire.

But they accepted the theoretical end of it and backed up their stand with their dollars and their lives. They knew that the Prussian military menace was the sort of thing that fattens on success. Each fresh conquest would have made them more arrogant and ambitious. The conflict had to come some time and the English chose that it come now.

So now they are standing on the frontiers of France and Belgium, in defense of the existing order of things. Established government, wherever it is located on the earth, owes a big debt to the British army and navy.

The season of the year is approaching when roads are built mostly in a speculative around the office stove. The harvest is past, the summer is ended and still Polk county has not arrived anywhere in its prospects for a through highway. The commission has decided in favor of the Ballston route; Monmouth wants a road to run from Independence to Monmouth to Dallas. We are not asking Yamhill or Benton counties to select our roads for us. Why not get up a county movement to urge the commission to arrange for a start on the road next spring along lines the commission itself has agreed on. And a first step is the completion of the cut-off between Monmouth and Dallas. Why can not this work be started that the roadbed may have time to settle by the time it is to be used?

## The Kitchen Cupboard

### FISH DAY MENU.

FRIDAY—BREAKFAST.  
Stewed Prunes With Lemon.  
Farina. Deviled Kidneys.  
Toasted Crumpets. Coffee.  
LUNCHEON.  
Cheese Timbales. Celery.  
Rye Bread Sandwiches.  
Fruit and Nut Cookies. Tea.  
DINNER.  
Bouillon in Cups.  
Baked Salmon Steak.  
Riced Potatoes. Peas.  
Vegetable Salad.  
Rhubarb Betty Pudding.

### Canned Clams.

CLAM BISQUE.—Heat four cupfuls of milk, add a can of clams that have been chopped (liquid and clams) and let come to a boil. Thicken with two tablespoonfuls of flour mixed in a little cold milk, add two tablespoonfuls of butter; salt and pepper to taste. Let all come to a boil and serve with crackers.

Clam Chowder.—Fry out four slices of fat salt pork, add two small cupfuls of sliced onions and fry to a golden brown. Add two large cupfuls of potatoes that have been cut in cubes and three pints of boiling water. Let boil until potatoes begin to get soft, then add a can of clams (liquid and clams), let boil two minutes, add one-half can of tomato soup, salt and pepper to taste, thicken with three tablespoonfuls of flour mixed in a little cold water and serve with crackers. If too thick add more hot water.

Clam Cakes.—Put two cupfuls of flour and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder into a bowl, add a teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of pepper and sift well. Add a can of clams (liquid and clams) that have been chopped and three tablespoonfuls of milk. Beat well, drop from spoon in deep hot fat and fry a golden brown. Will make twenty-four clam cakes.

Fried Clams.—Drain the liquid from a can of clams and wipe each clam with a cloth. Drop in beaten egg (an egg beaten with a tablespoonful of milk), roll in cracker crumbs and fry a golden brown in deep hot fat. Three cans of clams will serve five people served with French fried potatoes.

*Anna Thompson*

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