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Monmouth Meditations

Have you one of Hoover's little cards in your window?

It is an unusually good well that did not run dry this summer.

Only a few more hours in which to become a creditor of Uncle Sam by purchasing a Liberty bond.

Daniel Dry Weather may be lingering because no one has been polite enough to offer him his hat.

Good morning. Are you greeting the daylight with a nice, warm stratum of corn mush under your belt?

A phonograph record of some of the orations delivered last Monday night would be a fine thing to bequeath to posterity.

The first list of casualties has been published, a fore runner to the lists which may become common enough within the next twelve months.

There are still a few pheasants left for the hunter but sportsmen who take to the trail lay special emphasis on the word few.

Have you noticed how much milder and less restrictive the calls for selective conscription are being toned down now that we are rolling around to an election year.

Inside information states in the positive manner such information is wont to assume that the contract for the hard surfacing of the road between Dallas and Monmouth will be let next January.

Possibly all through the summer you have detected a note of diffidence in the weather man's predictions. He has been accustomed to prophesy "will be" but now he hesitates with "may be".

Report has it that the opposition suit to the paving will be handled by a man who is to be paid only in case he wins the suit. If the city could only find some similarly accommodating attorney we might make a heads I win, tails you lose, arrangement out of it.

We are expecting to hear prompt denials of the stories that the Russians turned on their antagonists and sunk a gun boat or two for the Germans. Such a thing seems too good to be true. There must have been a crossed wire somewhere.

The grocers have taken the conservation of sugar into their own hands and are selling no more sugar by the sack. But the fact that their dollar price is thirteen percent higher than their sack price makes the action one of profit as well as patriotism.

The meditator has for some time been of the opinion that the best thing that could happen to Monmouth would be the location of a condensery within its borders and a recent visit to the condensery at Amity serves to emphasize the belief. The milk condensing and canning business was never so prosper-

ous as now. High prices prevail. The demand for canned milk to ship abroad is far in excess of the supply. Such a plant in Monmouth would have something like twenty five employees and the pay roll would attract men with families here. It would also attract more farmer patronage. It would greatly increase the number of cows on our dairy farms. Monmouth is well and favorably situated for a condensery.

The money that is invested in Liberty bonds does not leave the nation. It may not leave the state. The nation is equipping soldiers and sailors, buying clothing and food as well as ammunition, in fact the former are the larger expense in the business of war. If people refuse to buy bonds the government has no money to buy wheat or woolen goods, or shoes, or ships. Money is the mechanism that makes exchange easy. The government might say to the farmers: "We will give you our note in exchange for your products" but the same end is more handily effected when it says: "We will pay you cash for your products and in return you must pay cash for the bonds." Any business man with sense knows that if the bonds are not sold there will be no money to use in business. The prosperity of the country as well as the success

of the war depends on buying the government bonds when they are offered.

Wisconsin which gained a democratic senator by accident in 1914 lost him by accident this week. Elected because his opponents divided forces, he was killed last Sunday when he raised up in a hunting boat and received a charge of shot in the back which his brother had destined for a flock of ducks. While not a man of commanding ability, Senator Hustung was respected by friend and foe for his honesty and sincerity. While he was what is known in Wisconsin as a "fair minded" Democrat and closely allied to the LaFollette Republicans; nevertheless he had the good taste not to follow La Follette in his radical course in connection with our troubles abroad. The Americanism of Senator Hustung was of a brand that commended him to loyal citizens.

While Mr. Hoover's activities extend over a wide area and much is expected of him, he has already secured the public confidence to a marked degree. In a campaign as far reaching as the food conservation campaign many inequalities are bound to arise. But as fast as they come up they are dealt with in a manner to justify the good opin-

ion which the public has already conceived of Hoover. One of the peculiarities of the west coast is that it does not raise enough corn to supply its needs and special attention must be devoted to giving the people of this section of the United States a cheaper supply of corn and its products if such are to be used to supplant wheat and its products. It is all right to dismiss the question of cost with an airy wave of the hand as Mr. Patterson did at the Sunday afternoon meeting, but poor people are already staggering under the burden which the war has imposed and when relief is possible it should be given them.

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