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## Monmouth Meditations

Among the arrivals this week is Oregon, who has been visiting in parts unknown but who returns with all the animation indicative of an enjoyable vacation.

Among the births of the week we record the advent of a newspaper. The new arrival, a boy evidently, has already been named. Quite an illustrious name, too, that of our martyred president, although thus early the name has been abbreviated to "Link". Link announces his name and his mission in his first issue and we pass it on. Here it is:

The Link.

I am a newspaper. My name is "The Link". Mr. Pittman is my editor. He is The Linker. It is his business to tie Mountain View, Elkins, Oak Point, the Normal School, and the State of Oregon all together. I am the link that is to do the work. Read me very carefully.

Oak Point, Elkins and Mountain View are to be the best rural schools in all Oregon this year. But the big question is: Which of these three schools is to be the best? The best school for each month is to be banner school the month. The best school is to be determined by four points. These four points have to be such that they can be easily decided and about which there can be no dispute. They are as follows: Attendance, 20 per cent; Promptness, 20 per cent; Visitors, 20 per cent; Denfite pieces of work done for the school, without cost to the school, by children, teachers and community, 40 per cent. We would like to put the school work into the contest also but we cannot measure that so accurately. That of course is the main thing we are after but good work will speak for itself.

Elkins wins the flag for the first month. Who will capture it for the second and take it away from Elkins? How did Elkins do it? By having 99.3 per cent attendance, 1 tardy, 30 visitors, and 15 pieces of

work for school.

The pieces of work were: 1. Built a flower shelf, 2. Removed old flag pole, 3. Cleaned off old weeds, 4. Spaded around young shade trees, 5. Cut grass around walks, 6. Bought foot ball, 7. Re-arranged desks, 8. Cleaned ditch and grove, 9. Washed the windows, 10. Re-arranged furniture and pictures, 11. Splendid experiment for capillarity of the soil, 12. Got a State Traveling Library, 13. Started custom of blackboard borders and calendars, 14. Planted flowers in window boxes. 15. Exceptional exhibits representing the nations of the world in their relation to the war.

Hurrah for Elkins for the first month.

Look sharp, Elkins, Oak Point and Mountain View will get you.

In the German scheme for world domination which has occupied the attention of the military men of that country for the past thirty years, many contingencies have been provided for. The strength and resources of rival nations have been listed, their generals and their statesmen catalogued, their arsenals and munition plants located, their political probabilities summarized. They have figured the relative strength of men as compared to guns, estimated the time that would be lost in the casting of cannon and drilling of men, reasoned that with their own equipment they could fall upon unready peoples and annihilate them before they could get in shape to defend themselves—but all their calculations have been based on victory; they have never provided for defeat.

Their plans, they have insisted, have been so thoroughly worked out that victory was inevitable. They must win in this instance as previously they won from the Austrians and French. Winning means indemnities which are an important element in their calculations. War means debts and indemnities pay debts. The Germans have strained and taxed themselves until no more burdens could be carried. So now they are levying no special war taxes but are meeting expenses by borrowing.

They have created an endless chain by which the nation buys and borrows from the same people by which the profits of the individual becomes the debt of the whole people and by which a man may take out of one pocket the tax money which pays the bond interest which he puts in another pocket. All their financial energy has come from within themselves.

As long as they are isolated and kept to themselves they do not feel the depreciation in their currency which this lack of commerce or communication may carry with it.

But when the war is over and if the Germans are defeated they will have to go out and buy large sums of gold in order to make their own currency redeemable. The premium

will be added to their debt.

England and France have cared for their credits by depositing securities. What Germany's credit will be only a test will reveal. Of course, as victors this would not bother; for indemnities would soon restore their balances. But in case of defeat!!! Here is found an explanation of the desperate chasing of armies from one border to another of the central empires, trying to find some weak spot where a victory might be squeezed out. No one knows better than the rulers of Germany that without indemnities they are ruined.

### SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Polk.

Rhoda B. French, plaintiff:

vs

Charles E. French, defendant:

To Charles E. French, the above named Defendant.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, YOU are hereby notified to appear and answer a complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause within seven (7) weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint, Plaintiff will apply to the Court for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between Plaintiff and Defendant and for the relief prayed for in said complaint on file herein.

This summons is published in the Monmouth Herald by order of the Hon. Harry H. Belt, Judge of the above named Court, which order was made and entered on record on the 24th day of September, 1917, the first publication being on the 28th day of September, 1917, the defendant being required to answer on or before the 13th day of November, 1917.

A. A. HALL,

Attorney for Plaintiff

### Notice of School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 13 of Polk County, State of Oregon, that a School Meeting of said District will be held at High School building on the 17th day of November, 1917, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 29, 1917, and ending on June 30, 1918, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

#### BUDGET

##### Estimated Expenses

1. Teachers' salaries ..... \$5,619.00
2. Furniture ..... 105.00
3. Apparatus and supplies, such as maps, chalk, erasers, stoves, curtains, etc. .... 275.00
4. Library books ..... 60.00
5. Flags ..... 8.00
6. Repairs of schoolhouses, out-buildings or fences ..... 75.00
11. Janitor's wages ..... 650.00
12. Janitor's supplies ..... 90.00
13. Fuel ..... 180.00
14. Light ..... 60.00
15. Water ..... 65.00
16. Clerk's salary ..... 75.00
17. Postage and Stationery ..... 30.00
18. For the payment of bonded debt and interest thereon, issued under Sections 117, 144 to 148, and 422 of the School Laws of Oregon, 1917. .... 1,100.00
19. Outstanding warrants and interest ..... 700.00
20. Fire insurance ..... 260.00
21. Miscellaneous ..... 200.00
24. Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year .... \$9562.20

##### Estimated Receipts

- From county and high school fund during coming school year... \$4134.70  
From state school fund during the coming year ..... 509.64  
Cash now in the hands of the district clerk ..... 53.57  
Cash now in the hands of the county treasurer, belonging to the district ..... 426.32  
Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote ..... \$5124.23

##### Recapitulation

- Total estimated expenses for the year ..... \$9562.00  
Total estimated receipts, not including tax to be voted ..... \$5124.23  
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax ..... \$4427.77

Dated this 17th day of Nov., 1917

Attest O. A. WOLVERTON,  
MINA CORNELIUS, Chairman,  
District Clerk Board of Directors

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