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Monmouth Meditations

To err is human—to lie about it is more so.

Enthusiasm is to a man what steam is to a locomotive.

A section of the English army is preparing to spend Thanksgiving in Turkey.

Many a man who is confident he would be able to guide the ship of state finds it hard to steer a wheelbarrow.

A careful survey of the situation at home and abroad leads to the conclusion that the U. S. A. has as much to be thankful for as any country on the map.

A news telegram states that order is being restored in Mexico. It must be discouraging to start restoring anything in Mexico; there is such a big field to work on.

It is hard to keep up-to-date in comment on the Russian situation. Anything that would apply today is apt to be grotesquely inappropriate next week.

It is a little inconsiderate of the Italians to interpose their efforts in stopping the Kaiser toward a place in the sun. The thing about it with the Italians is that they have tried it before and are not particularly struck with the idea of furnishing sunshine for their neighbors.

At first thought it might seem that it would require a "Thankful Hanner" or a "Mark Tapley" to find anything to be thankful for this year when the great American day rolls around. Yet

their is plenty of room for gratitude, and to particularize, here are a few items upon which we may congratulate ourselves:

Because after years of waiting the Normal now has an assembly hall of ample proportions, convenient, a joy to look upon, and last but not least, second to none possessed by the educational institutions of the state.

Because the city water supply has just been re-enforced with a new well, successfully tested this week, which in these times when the fountain sources of wells in this vicinity have not been replenished in months, yields a supply that will be ample for our needs.

Because while sugar and bacon are scarce, there are large quantities of spuds, apples, cabbages, beans and a few other things available.

Because of the development of the national spirit of courage. We have not only learned to think upon heroic lines but to act also. We are learning in a measure that compensation equals effort and that if we are to enjoy what our forefathers sacrificed for to hand down to us, we must occasionally sacrifice to perpetuate it.

Because the Italians are "It" in Italy. The spectacle of the descendants of red shirted Garibaldi and his compatriots, defending the passages of the Alps against the invading barbarians is something that will live in history. Strength to their efforts. May they live long to enjoy the juice of the grape in the shade of their own olive trees.

Because the Russians are so badly divided and in such a chaotic condition that their affiliation with Germany would be more of a hindrance than help to that country. Russia will have to feed and clothe itself before it can render any appreciable help to any other country.

Because we did not have an election this last year. With a national campaign on we might have succeeded in making a spectacle of ourselves that would make Russia and Ireland look like amateurs.

Because, within the past year we have been reasonably free from plagues, pestilences and convulsions of nature.

Because we live in the Willamette valley which never has a crop failure. With an unprecedented dry spell, the valley still raised enough to feed itself, and is up and ready at it anticipating

what the next season will bring forth.

Because our Main street paving is done.

Because Monmouth has more concrete sidewalks than any city of its size in this section. Over half a mile of walk was laid within the past year.

Because our laws do not compel all people to think alike. It would be hard load on many of us if we had to line up with the crowd and couldn't kick about every thing new that came up.

Because, by close figuring and nice adjustment of the financial problem we have been able to contribute a bit each to the various war activities and still have enough left with which to meet the war taxes.

Because people are still able to appreciate a good thing. The Herald list of subscribers is steadily increasing.

Because when the youth of the land are turned from bread earners to bread consumers by way of military service there are still their elders and the women to do the work.

Because the dark and gloomy days that may be ahead, have no terror so long as the Oregon Power Co. is ready and anxious to turn on the juice.

Because there are still four weeks ahead in which to do your Christmas shopping.

Because the Mulkey cut off is finished and this part of the west side highway is so much nearer reality.

Because while aerated water is the purest and healthiest made there is no extra charge for it when furnished by the city.

Because while turkeys are scarce and cranberries not too plentiful, it is still comparatively easy to get the materials for the stuffing.

GRAFTED INTO THE ARMY.

OUR Jimmy has gone for to live in a tent.
They have grafted him into the army;
He finally pucker'd up courage and went,
And they grafted him into the army.
I told them the child was too young, alas!
At the captain's forequarters they said he would pass—
They'd train him up well in the infantry class—
So they grafted him into the army.

CHORUS.

Oh, Jimmy, farewell, your brothers fell
Way down in Alabamy;
I thought they would spare a lone widder's helr,
But they grafted him into the army.

Drest up in his unicorn—dear little chap:
They have grafted him into the army;
It seems but a day since he set in my lap,
But they grafted him into the army.
And these are the trousses he used to wear—
The very same buttons—the patch and tear—
But Uncle Sam gave him a bran new pair
When they grafted him into the army.

Now in my provisions I see him revealed—
They have grafted him into the army;
A picket beside the contented field,
They have grafted him into the army.
He looks kinder sickish—begins to cry—
A big volunteer standing right in his eye.
Oh, what if the ducky should up and die
Now they've grafted him into the army?
—Henry C. Work.

THE MARSEILLAISE HYMN.

COME, children of our native land,
The day of glory now is nigh!
'Gainst us oppression's minions stand,
Their blood stained banners
haunting high!
Oh, hear ye not in our fair lands
The accents of their murderous hordes?
They come to our awailing sword
To smite your sons with ruthless hands!

To arms, my countrymen!
Your battalions array!
March on! March on! Let helots' blood
Drench our triumphant way!

Ourselves are entering the way
Now when our elders are no more,
There we shall find their sacred clay
And trophies of the worth they bore.
Less envious them to survive
Than share their hallow'd sepulchers,
A sublime pride our courage spurs
To venge their fate or with them lie.
To arms! etc.

Oh, holy love of fatherland,
Guide and sustain our venging arm!
Oh, freedom, cherished liberty!
Be with thy sons through war's alarms!
Beneath our flag may victory
Respond to thy inspiring strains;
And may thy foes, in mortal pangs,
View thy triumph and our glory!
—Translated by Albert W. Bryon.

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