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## Monmouth Meditations

Lenine and Trotsky may yet envy Nicholas his quiet and comfortable finish.

One fine advantage urged for the thrift stamp habit is that it keeps one constantly in a financial condition which makes it impossible to indulge in riotous living.

People who remember the Colonel's fondness for simplified spelling are foremost to urge that he be sent on some mission or other to Russia.

According to reliable reports it costs high to live well in Berlin. Butter there costs \$2.25 per pound, sugar sells at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon bring \$2.11 a pound and Ivory soap is sold at five bars for \$1.12.

One of the things which the patriot needs to resolve is to do even more farming than last year. It might be a good thing if in places where it is possible to do so, business in towns is suspended half of the time, the remaining half being spent on the farms or in farming industry, helping to raise the food that we will need next winter.

Like a steadily rising tide the criticisms of the war department constantly gather force and if the war continues the demand for more efficient methods is bound to grow more insistent until it triumphs. Such is the story abroad and such it is apt to be here. If resisted it will result in upheaval which will make it impossible in the future to conduct such an undertaking as that in which we are now engaged along the lines of partisan politics.

As Banker Powell indicated in his address to the Normal students, thrift is as far removed from stinginess as it is from luxury. Thrift means making the most possible out of life at the least expense. Stinginess that denies itself information or recreation illy prepares a man or woman for greatest usefulness. Thrift does not deny itself anything that is essential either in food or clothing, for the mind and body.

Last summer when the drouth was at its worst the fear was frequently expressed that the Willamette valley would have a lean winter, with food scarce and high. But the reality has not come near up to expectations. In fact, notwithstanding the war, Willamette valley is in better condition than it was a year ago. Potatoes are cheaper, ditto flour and beans, all essential features of the larder. All of these articles are cheaper here than they are in the east where crops were relatively much larger. In addition to this, our fuel supply is ample. East of the Rockies, right now, even small business establishments must close down Monday of each week, with groceries open until noon and

drug stores to six o'clock. More than that we have had a mild winter, the grass has been green in unchecked luxuriance since the rains of the fall. You may look around in any direction and fail to find a section of the country more favored at present than the Willamette valley.

Fifty farmers in Congress is the slogan of the Non-Partisan League; which reminds us why not have twenty five teachers, thirty merchandise men, nineteen blacksmiths, seventeen plumbers and a liberal sprinkling of druggists bankers and editors. Why not divide up the representation in a different manner than at present, have a census of the different avocations, races and sexes and give each its numerical proportion. For one thing this would do away with sectionalism, minimize the race problem, etc. But on the other hand wouldn't it establish friction in new places. Of course, there wouldn't be as many lawyers in Congress as there are at present but we may feel sure that the same men would be there and the professional farmer or shop keeper would be apt to develop some of the human traits which our statesmen now exhibit.

Harun al Raschid, in his travels around ancient Bagdad uncovered some wonderful stories but hardly anything more wonderful than one that is being enacted in real history right now. Trotsky, two years ago, was living in New York City, subsisting off of occasional quarters which he managed to borrow from dining room girls and bar tenders. He bought a suit of clothes for \$7 from a second hand dealer in order to array himself for his trip to Europe which was to result in his becoming a leader in one of the greatest nations in the world. Some of the things he promised to do, to groups around the tables of cheap restaurants in New York, he has actually performed. He would publish the secret agreement of the Allied powers, he would found a "model republic". He would force peace upon monarchs. Whether or not he can carry out the whole of his program is another matter.

"Shoes and ships and sealing wax and cabbages and kings" is a bewildering combination, met with in "Alice in Wonderland". But it may be appropriately applied to a collection such as is met with in these columns for it is our happy privilege in these rambling talks not to be bound by any hampering limits. We note that the war may cause the come back of the base ball prodigies of a few years ago, to take the place of men who have in their more youthful skill, edged them away from the skinned diamond, young men being needed as soldiers. The life of a base ball player, as such is a short one and few are still in the ranks at thirty. There have been some notable exceptions, and it is a curious fact that these exceptions have been men who were pre-eminent, and who have avoided excesses and kept control of the machine of bone and muscle that they were possessed of.

Prominent among these was "Cy" Young who achieved the mark of pitching a thousand games of league ball. Never a man of physical prowess such as Walter Johnson or Amos Rusie, he had a wise head on his shoulders and by conserving his strength and studying out the weaknesses of his opponents, he kept in the front rank for a long period of years.

His career was the exact reverse of John L. Sullivan, another sporting hero who died Saturday at Abington Mass. Sullivan was a man for whom nature had done splendid things.

What skill, human cunning has devised to increase fistic prowess was never his. As a prize fighter he had but one rule and that to batter his opponent through the strength that was his in his splendid physique. He thought it his ability to batter down and escape the consequences of vice in the same manner as he overcame opposing bruisers, but lived to see his error. In later years he became a strong advocate of temperance, always listing himself as an awful example. Sullivan was a good advertiser. He had the faculty of keeping himself in the foreground and wherever he went the newspaper reporters were always sure to find in him a prolific source of copy. This faculty kept him among the best known Americans, along with Billy Sunday, Buffalo Bill and Teddy Roosevelt, who stick on year after year, when popes and presidents and potentates who are to the front for a brief space, sink into oblivion and are forgotten. He wrote an autobiography some years ago which was thoroughly characteristic of the man. Thoroughly good-natured, always charitable to his enemies, he ambled on through a series of reminiscences which took him through places high and low on the social scale. He invented the term "rabbit whiskey" to denote a concoction, one sip of which would give a rabbit the courage to spit in a bull dog's eye, but none knew and described more vividly than he the abyss of degradation that entraps the booze fighter.

Miss Hoham deserves extra credit this year for carrying her annual musical program through to a successful termination. The work of preparation must have been considerably more difficult than in years when students were more numerous, but undaunted, she kept things moving, imparted to the students a measure of her own energy and pep.

It became known Wednesday that considerable rain water was escaping from our city limits and rushing over to Independence. As conservation is the order of the day and as we will need our surplus for next summer, and as Independence has plenty of rain water of its own, it was suggested that we construct several large pits and store the water; sort of can it, as it were, for future use.

Mein Herr von Hindenberg has made public a few plans. Evidently not caring to be outraged by Secretary Baker, he announces that he will be in Paris by April first. How he expects to get his big guns across the French and Flemish mud, to say nothing of overcoming the heroic defenders thereof, is not so plain.

## New Oregon Map

A new folder map of Oregon has just been issued by the Southern Pacific Lines. This map will be of service to local people in gaining a better knowledge of our state, and will also direct the attention of residents of other states to the resources of Oregon.

The map is carefully drawn, showing all the lakes, streams and principal mountain peaks, as well as the railroads and highways. All the cities and towns are plainly indicated, and an alphabetical index enables one to readily determine the location of any town in the state.

On the back of the map is a brief but very complete exposition of Oregon's resources. The geographical divisions, with physical features, climate, productions and scenic attractions, are set forth in detail. The prospective settler or the tourist will here find much valuable information. All of the work on this map was done in Portland.

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To prove that it pays to keep a highly bred laying strain of chickens, I have received orders this last week for 6 cockerels and 17 hens from Eastern Oregon and Washington. Besides 3 cockerels in Monmouth, 100 day old Leghorn chicks, future delivery, and a 50 egg incubator lot of Leghorn eggs. My fowls have been laying all winter, marketing a case and better a week thru January. Some people are complaining about their chickens not laying. If this is a fact take my advice and sell them off while the market is exceptionally high. Then this spring secure some hatching eggs from highly producing layers of the breed you like best and get a new start of A. No. 1 fowls. Do away with those old crossed up breeds that your grandmother gave you that only lay a few eggs in the spring of the year under the most favorable conditions.

Some people scoffed at me for paying \$1.50 a setting for hatching eggs from Corvallis College three years ago, but my investment was O. K. for I secured the right kind of stock. I reared 115 nice pullets on a city lot the year I sold out my grocery business. Those pullets began laying in the fall and in eleven months they brought me in \$368.00 as a side issue to my various lines of farming. Last spring I sold from two pens of Leghorns consisting of ten hens each and two pens of Barred Rock consisting of 12 hens each, \$178.00 worth of hatching eggs and hen hatched day old chicks. Could have sold more of them had I been able to spare them. This in addition to the chicks hatched for my own use and the eggs from the general flock that were marketed at the stores. There was a general complaint last spring about the eggs from the heavier breeds not hatching well. From the best of authority it was due principally to the cold, backward spring. I guarantee all the eggs to hatch good that are secured from my pens, if they do not I will make them up to you by replacement. A great many poor hatches are the result of poor care of the sitting hens. If you will place them by themselves give them good warm, roomy nests, litter to scratch in, plenty of clean fresh water, good dusting box of ashes with plenty of louse powder sifted in same and not allow the laying hens to trample over them you will get a great deal larger percentage of chicks.

For all around utility fowls there is no doubt that the Barred Rocks are the best breed. For eggs alone I would secure the white Leghorn as they are great layers, eat less food and are fine foragers. I can furnish you hatching eggs from winter layers of both these breeds, the price is within the reach of every one. \$1 for setting of 15.

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