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## Monmouth Meditations

Monmouth is out for a company of home guards and from the spirit in which it has been undertaken, it looks as though the thing would materialize in the near future.

Although war and its work and worry have all but pushed politics off the board, yet it is to be observed that there is still an occasional corner in which the national pastime is still regarded as an animate thing.

With a man like the mayor of Astoria seeking the Republican nomination for governor on the platform that Oregon needs a return to the use of beer and wine, friends of temperance who scatter their votes over the whole field and allow a bear man to be nominated, deserve anything and everything that befalls them.

It is interesting to remember that one of the first occasions in which gun-powder was used in battle, was at the siege of Orleans recently pictured in Monmouth in the feature "Joan the Woman". It was of course, used very crudely, the idea of the catapult being prevalent, and the explosive was used to hurl large stones. Boulders weighing from ninety to one hundred pounds were thrown and were more effective in killing soldiers than in destroying walls and fortifications.

Our old time acquaintance, the garden mole is once more on the job and is about due to receive some slight attention.

L. J. Simpson, if the ordinary citizen is not yet aware of it, is doing some effective campaigning throughout Oregon. Aside from his advertising which is clever and persistent, he is doing personal work of the kind which experience has shown is the candidate's most effective aid. And he is doing it with the business man's partiality for system. He is making a personal tour of the state reaching into every corner. He knows in advance the population of the community and makes it a point to get the acquaintance of a certain percentage of voters, keeping track with a pocket counter which he punches for each handshake. These methods have always proven effective and it will be a matter of interest to see how they work out on this occasion.

Judge Bob Baker of Independence is entertaining the measles in his family but insists that they are not German measles but Liberty measles, the judge not allowing that anything German is in his make-up. We should judge that for the sake of consistency the word is perfectly fitting and is much more appropriately applied to the measles than to anything pleasant.

With a clear sky, with the land-

scape robed in green, set off with fruit trees white and pink with blossom, bounded by the hazy mountain ranges, the Spring day in the Willamette Valley, when it appears, is one hard to beat.

We note with approval the popularity of the talent of an esteemed fellow townsman and opine that if his universal demand as a musical public entertainer continues to grow, it will soon be impossible to open even a can of oysters without a song by Brother Blackstone.

With the Liberty Loan not more than half subscribed, it is a matter of curiosity to know just which states they are who are lagging in the procession.

The indications are that with the present drive in Flanders and Northern France the German war efforts are reaching high tide and might be compared to the fortunes of the Confederacy at Gettysburg. Pickett's charge was, on a smaller scale, the counterpart of the drive on Amiens. Had it won, the North would have been demoralized and the South might have secured a favorable peace. But the hopes of the Confederacy went down with Pickett. All of the bright spots for the Confederacy were before that famous event. Afterward it was a slow tightening of the coils until exhaustion ensued. Why may we not expect the same course of events to follow Hindenburg's efforts?

## Local Brevities

Mrs. S. Boots is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Huddleston in Sheridan at present.

There was a large turnout at the funeral of Mrs. C. H. Gwin held in the Christian church Sunday afternoon. The street in front of the church was lined on both sides with automobiles and the church edifice was literally packed with people who came to pay the last tribute to the departed. Rev. Victor Morris preached the funeral sermon and burial was in the K. P. cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Sickafosse will locate in Newberg, it is reported.

Artie Burkhead was here during the past week. He is training in the marine barracks on San Francisco bay and is off on a fifteen day's furlough.

Over thirty tons of hop wire were sent out from Independence last week by boat for Portland to be forwarded to France where the wire is used for entanglements in defenses along the front.

Tom Ostien, who was in Portland several days during the past week is in Corvallis arranging his affairs with a view to enlisting with a mining engineer corps in the U. S. Army. When enrolled he expects to be sent to Maryland to train.

Attorney Perkins of Portland was a visitor in Monmouth Tuesday afternoon, lining up his fences for the case against the city in the paving matter, tried in Dallas Wednesday.

Dr. H. H. Canfield of Seattle, Washington, was a visitor at E. R. Ostrom's last week. The doctor, who is a cousin of Rex Beach, was the family physician of the Ostroms when they lived in Arkansas.

Miss Daphne Ostrom has given up her position with Meier Frank in Portland and has entered the Link Business College in that city to specialize on stenotypy.

Garden plowing is the order of the day and the greeting with a sunburned smile is strictly the thing.

G. G. Hewitt of the Luckiamute visited with his mother, Mrs. D. M. Hewitt Monday.

## Odd Fellows to Observe Ninety Ninth Anniversary

Ninety nine years ago the first Odd Fellow lodge in America was instituted in Baltimore, Md. The observation of the anniversary; the 26th of April is a nation wide custom and will be held in Monmouth this year in the Baptist church. Rev. Pace will preach a special sermon to the Odd Fellows, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 P. M. and there will also be special numbers in singing as may be observed in the program given herewith.

1. Patriotic Song.
2. Male Quartette—Messrs Blackstone, Barrick, Barrick and McIntosh.
3. Prayer.
4. Solo—Mr. Blackstone.
5. Dedication of the I. O. O. F. Service Flag.
6. Mixed Quartette—Misses Richards and McDonald; Messrs. Blackstone and Arant.
7. Address—Rev E. B. Pace.
8. Male Quartette.

Irvin Stewart is using crutches on account of a falling out he had with a can of cream.

Inquiry concerning Ernest Morgan elicits the information that he is no longer in our midst having departed for work in Portland.

Harold Haley is driving the creamery truck.

Henry Ebbert of Philomath was here Saturday visiting his mother, Mrs. G. Ebbert and with other relatives in the city.

W. A. Green and wife were here from Suver on business Tuesday.

Miss Kenyon was a visitor in Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. Hazel Tollman of Harbor, Curry county is here this week to visit with her father, S. O. Works, left alone by the death of his sister, Mrs. Coleman. Mrs. Tollman will take her father back to Curry county with her.

Miss Bertha C. Byrd, first primary teacher in Garfield School, Salem, Oregon, has been visiting with Emma Kramer at the Beery home.

## Organize Home Guard

Friday evening a meeting of the petitioners for a Home Guard was held in the theater building for the purpose of securing an early formation of such a unit in Monmouth. E. H. Hedrick was elected chairman and A. Parker, secretary. All the petitioners present voted unanimously to join the company as soon as its formation is authorized. A committee consisting of A. Parker, O. A. Wolverson and C. C. Mulkey was appointed to wait on the adjutant general and ask for an early organization.

The Common Council at its session Tuesday night opened and closed with the celerity of a jack knife, pausing only long enough to pay a few bills. The bill of A. L. Tallmon for filling under the Bullis walk was rejected as not a proper charge against the city and the bill of the Independence Gravel Co. was referred back for further details.

## Priscilla Club

The Priscillas held their last meeting for the summer with Mrs. Wm. Riddell Wednesday afternoon. Red Cross work was done. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Swenson; Vice-president, Mrs. Boothby; Secretary, Miss Maggie Butler.

## For County Clerk

I hereby announce my candidacy for county clerk of Polk county, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held May 17, 1918. I was born and raised in Polk county and believe I can successfully perform the duties of the office.

35tf GEORGE W. CONNER.

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## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the friends for many expressions of sympathy during our great bereavement and especially those who assisted in the funeral services.

C. H. Gwin  
E. D. Mason and Family.

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