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Monmouth Meditations

It's all over, but the explanations.

Dollars are dripping this week in this section of the Willamette valley.

The same rain that cheers up the Fall and Spring grain also gives renewed life to the aphides.

A war expert is a man who knows as little about the Russian situation as you do, and admits it.

War gardens are even more extensive this spring than last, and we notice that very few available spots have been overlooked. Among our leading patriots are P. H. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Stine, and Mr. Denny.

Having gotten his head into the jaws of the British lion, Hindenburg pauses to ponder on the problem of getting it out again.

It may be necessary to send a rescue party after Col. House. It is some time since he has had a prominent place in the telegraph news.

With the withdrawal of Ambassador Gerard, America is sending the Hon. John Pershing with complete credentials to represent us in Berlin.

The peace which Senator Chamberlain made with the president appears to be similar to the famous truce which the dog made with the cat.

We have a lingering suspicion that if the war lasts long enough we will hear more and worse from the I. W. W., the Non Partisan League and the present clergy and residents of Old Ireland.

We may have to invade Mexico to get that million Mausers which are alleged to be in the possession of German sympathizers in this country.

There is a passing probability that Oregon will pay her tribute today to the patriotic services of Governor Withycombe.

There is a niche in the penitent form that would be handsomely decorated if occupied by the contrite presence of Senator LaFollette. He should either occupy it or be forced into private life.

A friend recently expressed the opinion that the I. W. W. might be compared to the early prohibitionists who were as unpopular in their day. Time will tell. Not all the self-thought martyrs have turned out to be such. After the hanging of the Chicago anarchists sympathizers flocked annually to Waldheim cemetery to orate and lay flowers on their graves. But the attendance has grown fewer each year. Few people now consider these anarchists as martyrs. They were just weeds in the garden of society.

It is a mistake for the business man or agriculturist to imagine

that he should conduct only that sort of work in which there is the most profit. A great many of our young men are performing services where they might lose their lives and what to that is the man who does work at which he does not make all possible profit. We all know there are people who are making more money out of war than they did out of peace; but we will attend to these people when peace returns. In the meantime, all should bend themselves to the undivided effort of winning the war.

We hear considerable said at this time about a candidate spending vast sums and buying his way into office, most of which refers to Mr. Stanfield. However, should Mr. Stanfield happen to win it will be in spite of, instead of because of his money. The possession of wealth by a political candidate is a serious handicap and many a man who might have become a valuable public servant is barred from honors because he has been keen enough to accumulate riches for himself.

The man who in these tensely strenuous days can entertain pacifist thoughts in our present troubles abroad is surely an exception. As this thing grows and a realization of the tremendous wrongs which have been committed, are realized, individualism is flattened out and each citizen of the nation becomes a cog in a mighty machine created to meet the emergency. We thrill with pride and gratitude at the valor of the French who turned back the barbarian horde at the Marne and again withheld the onslaught at the Somme and again we cheer for the heroes of the British empire who stood the test in the drives on Amiens and Ypres. Now the time is coming when our men must face this menace of a nation running amuck and the traditions of past exploits in our history give us confidence that our soldiers will prove the peers of any and all in the contest at arms.

The story of "Chanticleer" as given before the Parent-Teachers' Association recalls an interesting story relative to the early experience of this play in America. When the play was first produced, Samuel Eberly Gross a Chicago real estate dealer, brought suit for infringement of copyright. Gross asserted that he had written a play, in verse, the "Merchant Prince of Cornville" and had at one time submitted the same to Rostand the French playwright, for the purpose of criticism. When Gross submitted his proof to a jury in court, the jury agreed with him and gave him the redress possible under the circumstances. Gross claimed that Rostand had stolen his play and the jury backed When news of the incident reached Rostand the French language was inadequate to express the feelings that surged within him and was fain to work himself into a more calm mood through gesticulation. When he had returned to normal he figuratively spat upon Chicago, its meddling courts and its presumptuous real estate dramatists. It was some time before the matter was smoothed over and international relations resumed.

A Few Words on Education

To the Students and Teachers of Polk County—I have been appointed representative of the Greater Oregon Club for Polk County and wish to take this opportunity of calling your attention to the courses offered and the points of emphasis of this year's summer school at the University of Oregon, which probably has the best line-up of men and subjects of any summer school ever held on the campus of the University. It is the purpose of The Greater Oregon Club to call attention in a sober, unexaggerated way to the advantages offered by the University of Oregon summer school, and as a representative for this county I am glad to point out some of these advantages.

This year, of all years, a teacher can not afford to be out of joint

with the times. The best chance of getting in tune with the rapid movement of events is not to separate oneself from affairs by an isolated vacation, but to be in a position of contact with other people under the inspiration of minds able to interpret and in the surroundings that will keep one up to date and prepare him for the severest year of school teaching that has occurred in the history of our country. The demands this past year upon the school teachers have been great, but you may be sure they will be much greater this coming year and the teachers must be prepared. The summer school at the University of Oregon will open Monday, June 24 and close Friday, August 2.

Heretofore there have been rates of one and one-third fare but this year, since the railroads have come under the direction of the government, rates of one and one-half will exist.

Three distinguished members of the faculty will be brought from other places; Dr. Henry Huntington Powers, famous author and lecturer of Newton, Massachusetts; Dr. Henry E. Bourne, professor of History of Western Reserve University; and Supt. C. C. Hughs, Superintendent of Schools, Sacramento, California. Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Leader, Commandant of the University Battalion, will be the instructor in military training during the school. A wonderful opportunity will be given the school men of the state to prepare themselves to train high school companies and direct the work of home guards where necessary. Miss Lillian Tingle, whose name is a household word throughout Oregon, will teach food conservation during the summer term. Altogether there will be thirty three instructors, each a specialist in his field. There will be two courses in art instruction, one course in the history of art, two in biology, four in chemistry, two in economics, six in education, two in English, three in food administration, one in general science one in vocational guidance, seven in history, three in journalism, two in literature, six in mathematics, lectures and drill in military science, several courses in physical education, two in public school music, five in physics, two in psychology, five in Red Cross, four in French and Spanish and two in sociology.

War co-operation will play an important part in the summer session. The usual courses will be given as fully and strongly as in previous years, but the University feeling its responsibility as a public institution for service both to the nation and to the state has provided a considerable range of additional work with special reference to the demands of those teachers and others who are preparing for special service of one kind or another connected with the war. The lines along which these special courses are given are the following; 1, Special courses in military science for men preparing directly for service in the field; 2, War service work for women along the lines of food conservation and Red Cross. 3, Special opportunity for the preparation of women teachers in subjects usually taught by men in order that the high school vacancies caused by the enlistment of men in the army may be adequately filled. 4, Special emphasis upon physical education for intending soldiers and for high school and grade teachers.

The war being the supreme fact of the time, it is the duty of an educational institution not merely to develop a right attitude toward war on the part of all citizens coming under its influence but to afford its students an interpretation of the war such as may be serviceable in enabling them in turn to influence the minds of other citizens. It is of particular importance that all public school teachers should be both patriotic in the highest sense and intelligent in their presentation of matter calculated to inspire patriotism in their pupils and among the people of their communities. It is the desire of the University of Oregon Summer School that no one shall leave the institution in August without carrying away a conviction both of the profound justice and of the world importance of the struggle in which our country is now engaged.

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