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Monmouth Meditations

The carpenters are busy at work building substantial additions to the German Valhalla. A big increase to the population thereof is looked for in the near future.

With this week the home garden hurdle race may be said to be on. The last entry has now been made and the sight may be enjoyed of the competing contestants ambling off toward the Autumn goal.

It took something to arouse this nation to the fighting pitch which now possesses it but under the full head of steam now carried we bid fair to make a few dents on that military machine that rumbles around the Rhine.

If the present draft law had been in force during the civil war, your late Uncle Grover Cleveland might have died a member of the G. A. R. He bought a substitute and they don't allow that sort of thing now days.

Calamities have an unhappy faculty of coming in pairs. At the heels of the latest big German drive in France comes the news that the cherry crop in the Willamette valley is to be short this year.

Among those taken by the latest draft we notice the name of our old friend, J. H. Howe of the Western World of Bandon. When he gets across the pond "Jimmie" would make a good hand at operating a linotype on the "Stars and Stripes" the soldiers' official newspaper. At any rate he will be able to furnish some interesting copy for his own publication.

We observe that practically all of the news leaders on the front page of the Independence Enterprise last week referred to Monmouth events. Other newspapers in the vicinity gave Monmouth liberal space during the same week, the center being taken by our Red Cross auction, the fame of which reached to a considerable distance. Now then, all together for a cleaner and greater Monmouth.

We are curious to know what Mrs. Kate Douglas Wiggin would think of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" as interpreted by the company in which Mary Pickford stars. The exactions of the modern movie director in the way of farcical horse-play and amatory sentiment surely play hob with the situations of even so lively a humorist as Mrs. Wiggin.

To give the powers that be all due credit the shifting of General Wood from the prospective command of a company in France to the charge of the Western department in San Francisco, may have been due to developments in the Mexican situation. It is not at all unlikely that trouble may arise in Mexico that will make it a fortunate thing for the country to have in this

country a man of Wood's experience and attainments.

Among the Normal faculty who are to take a vacation for war work none will be missed more in the Herald office than Miss Kennon, to whom we have been indebted for the greater part of the Normal news items published from week to week. Although often the work has encroached on time needed for other matters, she has never failed to respond, nor slighted her work. A certain high standard of quality has characterized what she did with a felicity of expression that is admirable. We wish her success in her war work and hope for a speedy return.

The hum of the mower in the clover field is heard in the distance. Haying has begun.

Another drive is ended; the Red Cross is financed for another year; another renewal of potency to the arms of mercy stretched out to suffering heroes; another deluge of testimony to the fact that the American public is patriotic and humanitarian beyond mere words. The sums given will do worlds of good to the people for whom the service is poured out. The giving has done worlds of good to the people who have been able to do it. The man who was able to give and yet requited the Red Cross with excuses instead of coin, did injury to his sense of self respect and dignity of character not to be compensated for with the measly coin he has kept for himself.

It is an astonishing thing that the people who are sighing for a talkless political campaign, couldn't conduct such a thing on a bet, as far as they are concerned. Some very foolish and silly remarks are now being made relative to war and politics.

Regardless of what Britain may have been in times past the course of the people and government of that nation in the great war must challenge the admiration of the world. Derided as a nation of has-beens previous to the war, with competitors for business getting the best of them on every hand, they have taken the test grandly, developing capacity that must have been a surprise to themselves. In contrast with the English some of our present day Irish show up like pikers.

At the Normal they are now occasionally reading returns of grateful acknowledgement from soldier absentees for the "Soldiers' Norm" sent them a short time ago. Because of war conditions it was decided to dispense with the regular publication of the "Norm" this year. But an organization, largely under the energetic direction of Miss Hoham, got up what they called a Soldiers' Norm and sent it out to Normal boys in the service. This pamphlet was illustrated, not by half tones as formerly, but by real photographs, most of which were taken by Prof. Gilmore and his camera. Interested students helped to make the prints which were turned out by the hundreds. Something like a dozen pages of printed matter were included with it. In this were greetings from the individual members of the faculty, some humorous, some serious, mostly with a mixture of both. Some were in rhyme, Miss McIntosh, Mr. Pittman and Mr. Burton dressing their efforts up in that fashion. Mr. Gentle's message was a literary gem, comparing the sentinel of the present war with the sentinel of the Revolution. Miss Todd's message was also unique. She said her girls were now knitting red, white and blue socks, (colors which never run), and she hoped the boys would wear them

when they marched into Berlin.

There were also reviews of the various departments of the school with comment on sports and social gayety while through the whole breathed the spirit of patriotic fervor. Messages now indicate that these remembrances have served the purpose intended; have heartened up the boys, given them new courage and zeal with the reminders of the friends they have back in the Oregon Normal School.

A Training School Essay

Some time ago a little girl joined our seventh grade class. A girl from the country who had not had the advantages of graded school and all its associations. One of the greatest difficulties our little friend experienced was the confidence or ability to express herself, and so she often failed to give the impression that she was deriving any benefit from the school. This little girl is now completing the eighth grade. Wednesday morning as a class exercise, Miss McIntosh asked the pupils to write during the class period time, upon this topic—"Why the U. S. is at war". Doris tells us she reads the papers.

"America for Americans" We are now engaged in one of the greatest struggles that the United States has ever known since the settlement of the original colonies. We are fighting for our rights on the waters and for the sake of humanity.

While this great conflict has been caused more directly by the "Germans" interfering with our rights on the seas, from our highest standpoint of views, it has been caused by an abuse of our sense of justice toward a weaker nation.

Since this great war has started and can not be prolonged, we must respond to the call of Uncle Sam in urging us to buy bonds and stamps and engage in other war activities to help our country and our allies win the great decision for the right. While the American Government has been progressing, the governments of all the other countries of Europe have been progressing but according to different standards.

The people of Germany have long been aware of the fact that the United States has been progressing and becoming a prosperous nation military affairs for she has been building up her country along this line by training her boys from school age until they were too old for service, for the last fifty years. Our opinion of a country's prosperity is different from that of the Germans. We believe that democracy is to stand above autocracy.

Since the downfall of one of the large countries of Europe, the people are beginning to realize the meaning of the war to them and we hope that in the end, the long disputed questions between the allies and Germany will be settled and we will again see world peace and that "The government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." in every way. Germany, because of trade relations, has long been envious of our growing strength, so she turned her point of aggressiveness to war to conquer the United States. Germany is powerful in

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