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Monmouth
Meditations

Laugh at yourself and the world laughs with you.

We will soon be living in a young manless Monmouth.

The U-boats' speciality appears to be the sinking of the defenseless.

When in doubt it is always safe to buy a thrift stamp.

This would be a thankless world if we all got what we deserved.

Sedition is becoming rather unpopular as well as exceedingly dangerous.

We are now scheduled to bid a last fond good by for the season to our friends the aphids.

The German peace proposals remind us of the baker who persisted in making cream puffs out of rotten eggs.

Unarmed boats, engaged in peaceful trade appeal to the German U-boats as a litter of small chickens do to a cat.

The shock troops of Hindenburg appear to have been again shocked to a standstill. Many of them are shocked, threshed and harvested.

An outbreak of some sort or another must be expected in Russia occasionally and of course they can not all play into the hands of the Kaiser.

The opening of the Oregon-California land grant lands will not awaken the same keen interest that would have been manifested were not the well known great war holding the boards.

Prune growers are having troubles of their own this year, the borer worm being at large and filled with activity. The borer pierces the bark of the tree about a foot from the base but has been known to rise as high as the first branches. It girdles the tree and thus destroys it. On the Monmouth Orchards they are going for the borer with a mixture of poisons camouflaged with white-wash applied as whitewash is applied. W. J. Stockholm says if this does not prove effective he does not know of anything that will.

With each drive the territory occupied by the Germans is enlarged, but each addition is paid for excessively with soldiers. Each addition means larger territory to occupy and fewer men with which to defend it. Like the snake which swallowed the porcupine, the German leaders have but one course to pursue and that is to keep the whole works engaged in the process of swallowing. They can't let go and they can't stop. The question is: When will the limit of their capacity to swallow be reached? and are they big enough to swallow the mouthful they have taken?

From a perfunctory survey of the horizon the move to suspend the op-

eration of the zone rate postal law does not appear to be making much headway. To our point of view, the large publishers would have made more headway in their efforts to get the law repealed if they had candidly told the whole truth. The fact that the zone rate applies to the advertising portion only has been kept carefully in the background and when this is discovered, the fact that it has been discreetly veiled reacts against them. The truth told in its plainness would have left nothing to explain. People do not stop to consider that the reason they can buy a periodical for less than the cost of the paper in it, is due to the advertising it carries. The objectionable part of the zone law is that it discriminates on localities removed from the great centers of thought and industry. It would have been all right to tax the advertising as heavily as possible but the uniform rate governing the country is one that tends to unity of thought and action in the nation and is a feature in our development that can not well be spared.

If it were only possible to substitute something for the stomach in the digestion of substitutes, the war would be a long picnic.

There is a ride which the Auto section of the Oregonian has not listed yet among the pleasant circuits of the valley; not however, because its special mention is not deserved. This is a ride to the south of Monmouth which the Heidelberg people took recently on one of our rare June days with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Craven. It might have been called a "circuit of old towns"; Buena Vista, Airlie and Lewisville being passed through enroute, and all of which have apparently seen more ambitious days. This route takes the traveller past the immense hop-yards of the Wigrich company near which the golden California poppy grows by the roadside in such profusion at present that it may be gathered by the armful. A short distance beyond you may, as we did, climb to the banks of the river and watch the broad Willamette roll by. A little further on is a timber track where civilized improvements still lag and the road has a suggestion of the pioneer appearance. Beyond Buena and Suver you come again to tracts which have been farmed for many years, the age conspicuous in the farm fences and old orchards. Here the berry vines are thick along the roadside and tall daisies grow and as you stop to pick them you hear the call of the killdeer, the robin and the blackbird, or a pair of quail run across the road and call "Bob White" as they increase their distance from you. They are conducting extensive highway improvements in the neighborhood of Airlie, filling in the hollows and cutting down the grades, very much improving the roads. Beyond Airlie we pause for a moment to watch two blue wild pigeons which have alighted to feed in a pasture by the road side. A little beyond we pass the more or less famous Shady Lane picnic grounds. Between Lewisville and Elkins we stopped for a short visit at a farm house on a hill where Fred Huber is putting to use the farming tricks he practiced in other days. Fred has so many grain fields that it takes more than the fingers of one hand to count them and just at present he is strong for the rural life. In concluding these random remarks we suggest that if you have never been over this particular circuit and are situated so you can, this is the time of year to take the trip.

J. L. Phillipi of Portland is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. W. Riddell, Jr.

Who are Eligible

Army men now in training are not eligible for the special work in technical and mechanical training to be conducted at the Oregon Agricultural College and other institutions under contract to train U. S. soldiers. So many inquiries have come to Frank H. Shepherd, district supervisor of the War Department committee on education and special training, from men now in the service asking how they can get transferred to the college training camps that he wired the War Department committee on Education and Special Training. In reply to the telegram he has received the following wire from Washington, D. C.: "Call just about to be issued through local boards in Oregon, Washington and Wyoming for quotas of men for detachment about to be formed at various institutions. Men should be advised to await such call. Local Boards will allow five or six days for volunteering before men are drafted to fill quota. After this drafted men can be locally inducted only to fill vacancies caused by rejections of men so selected. No provision for enlisted men. Men desiring to be locally inducted to fill vacancies will apply to commanding officers of institutions who have necessary instructions and forms including induction order."

(Signed) War Department Committee on Education and Special Training.

It will be seen from the Washington telegram that at the present time the training ranks are to be filled by men now not in active training or service, and that at this time at least no provision has been made for training of any other in these special classes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stockholm are delegates from Polk County Pomona Grange to the State Grange which is in session in Salem this week. Mr. Stockholm attended Tuesday but had to return home for work Wednesday, leaving his wife to hold the fort alone. The State Grange has a number of problems up which have in them possibilities of temperamental fireworks. Disposal of the Non-Partisan League is one of these and the re-election or rejection of C. S. Spence as state master is another.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Malinda E. Tally, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and that Saturday July 6th, 1918, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court room of the said County Court in the City of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said Court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

W. J. Miller,
Executor of the estate of
Malinda E. Tally, deceased.
B. F. Swope, Attorney.
Dated and first published June 7th, 1918.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the estate of Phebe Jane Leonard, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, and has qualified.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned executor at his residence in the town of Monmouth in said County, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated and first published May 24th, 1918.

Charles William Leonard,
Executor of the estate of Phebe Jane Leonard, deceased.
Swope Swope, Attorneys.

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