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Meditations

It isn't fair to judge a frame by the picture it encloses.

Some very serious remarks are being left unsaid these days.

The man who is not for the Red Cross in the United States favors the double cross, the iron cross or a wooden cross in Europe.

Scientists are rejoicing in the discovery of a new star at the time of our late eclipse. People who keep their telescopes headed in the direction of our well known war will also be able in the near future to discover the appearance of several new stars.

The one thing necessary to bring our June shower has at last been supplied. The date of the Rickreall picnic has been placed for June 22.

The Grange or any other fraternal organization is strongest when it holds friendship with all and entangling alliances with none. It is a very foolish man who endorses in advance the plans or views or actions of any man or set of men. To do that is to endorse mistakes that will be made as well as worthy acts that will likewise appear. Blank endorsement of that kind puts power in the hands of men or groups of men and with all the frailties of humanity few men with such power acquit themselves in accordance with expectations.

"Stygian Darkness" is the way one enthusiastic headline writer heralded the coming of the eclipse which same heading most people will agree was a gentle exaggeration.

Although the size of the headlines which tell of the exploits of our boys over in France are the same, it is to be observed that the magnitude of the engagements in which they participate steadily grows. The marines especially are making a name for themselves and upholding the best traditions of American valor. Here's to the soldiers of the deep who are causing the troops of the Kaiser to respect their prowess.

If we had one or two eclipses a week it might prove as useful as a course in military drill for straightening the human frame. A person can not acquire the habit of looking skyward without straightening the vertebra.

Ringling Bros. Circus this year carries a service flag with 214 stars on it; that being the number of its employees who have joined the colors.

We have numerous instances where the importation of the products or animals of one section have proved detrimental when transplanted to a new section. The English sparrow imported to America became a plague which friends of native small birds are constantly seeking to remedy. Rabbits imported

to Australia spread so that for the benefit of agriculture they had to be trapped and destroyed through organized effort. Carp imported from Germany has ruined many of the streams of America as far as native fish are concerned, have destroyed plant life in the water, undermined the banks of the streams and they are now cleaned out from our inland waters by systematic work with nets. Furze, a sort of thistle imported from Ireland for stock feed and planted along the ocean in the neighborhood of Bandon, increased in size and toughness in this country and has spread over many acres making a thicket that neither man or beast can penetrate and ruining the land. The latest instance of destructive importation reported is that of muskrats, imported from Canada to Austria, which have spread and multiplied until they have become a menace to agriculture there. The Austrians cultivate fish in private ponds, it being a considerable industry there and the muskrats, boring through the banks not only of these ponds but of the streams of the country have wrought great damage and the problem of how to get rid of them has become a question of state.

The war tends to unity of thought but not in all cases as is evidenced by two documents received by the Herald in the same mail one day this week. The first is devoted to exploiting the doctrines of "The Finished Mystery" a literary production which has received certain publicity of late. Opposition to the book is laid to the "clergy" who object to the teaching of the doctrine that such a thing as hell is impossible and contrary to the scriptures and the announcement is made in black type that "The World Has Ended. Millions Now Living Will Never Die." Personally we have been curious to know why the authorities should consider the "Finished Mystery" treasonable, never having seen the book. The reason doubtless is that if any number of our people get the idea that they are scheduled to live forever, they will not want to engage in war work where the prospect of ending their days before the millennium begins would be very much increased. The second document referred to is headed "Toward Democracy, the Anti-Wilson and Anti-Labor Program of Reaction" by Chas. Hiram Chapman, Ph. D. of Portland, Ore., a former president of the University of Oregon. Mr. Chapman is not expecting the millennium. Just the reverse. He says "From the end of the Civil War until President Wilson took the reins the United States was under Tory or plutocratic rule." Among the ills which have followed the rule of plutocracy he instances race suicide, the decay of agriculture, the exploitation of natural resources and internal discord. Woe! woe! woe! is what Mr. Chapman sees as the future of America unless all its inhabitants make haste to join the Non-partisan League. If it is possible to be a disinterested spectator in these two great events scheduled to swoop down upon us it will make the watching of a three ring circus a very mild diversion.

**WANTED:** A mayor. Must be a man of means who can devote his leisure time to the community. Must be a man of tact and able to conciliate the widest variety of factions. Must be progressive and able to keep the city headed in the direction of civic advancement. Must be a financial wizard and able to secure a program of improvements without costing anybody anything. Must have a tough hide, one not easily pierced by shafts either of playful wit or of unreasoning criticism. Philanthropists of this character are invited to list their recommendations with the

common council.

As a rule, one's opinion of the prospect of agriculture for the present season depends on the last person with whom conversation is held. Some will tell you that the heat and lack of moisture and aphids have already done irreparable damage to wheat; that the prospects are for an unprecedented drouth this coming summer, that all of the fruit is a comparative failure and what is left will spoil for lack of help with which to gather it. Others will tell you that the harm the aphids have done is mild and confined to the shorter and weaker vetch; that wheat prospects rarely looked better in the valley; that we are apt to get a good rain before the Fourth of July. That we always waste fruit anyway and if all is picked that is on hand, there will be plenty for all. It depends on the point of view.

Abe Becker of Independence has entered the navy service as a pharmacist.

R. R. DeArmond has resigned his position as cashier of the Independence National Bank and has gone to Vale where he will embark as an agriculturist with Dick DeArmond of that city.

The date for the Rickreall picnic has been set for June 22.

S. H. Petre, formerly county commissioner, died at his home near Airlie last week and was buried in Dallas.

The proposed budget for the Dallas schools next year totals \$32,000.

### Notice of Annual School Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 13, of Polk County, State of Oregon, that the annual school meeting of said district will be held at Monmouth High School; to begin at the hour of eight o'clock on the third Monday of June, being the 17 day of June, A. D. 1918. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing one director and a district clerk, and the transaction of business usual at such meeting.

Dated this 31 day of May, 1918.  
O. A. Wolverton,  
Chairman Board of Directors.  
Attest: Mina Cornelius,  
District Clerk.

### 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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