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Meditations

Having marched up the road toward Paris, the Germans are now engaged in marching back again. 700,000 dead and wounded and prisoners is the price they paid for the excursion trip.

In the new provisions for war revenues, a \$10 occupation tax is to be levied. Just another little addition to the burden to clinch a realization of the fact that on a certain memorable occasion General Sherman knew what he was talking about.

Some fine harvest weather we have been treated to and the thrasher outfits have pitched in with might and main as if to indicate they knew it would not last forever.

There is nothing very stirring or inspiring in the sight of a flag left to the disposal of the elements until its colors have faded so that they merge with one another: its edges are frazzled and raveled. Respect for the flag means taking proper care of it. On government buildings the flag is taken in at night and is cherished with the care given any other possession.

The crown prince is said to have an intense admiration for the careers of Napoleon, Caesar and Alexander, and to have imagined that with himself the trio is to become a quartette. And it is a good thing for the allies that the c. p. is too much of a bone-head to class up with the mighty. With the machine which was back of him he might have made good.

The Herald's exchange list looks as though a cyclone had struck it. New regulations caused by the scarcity of paper have instituted economies and all unnecessary exchanges, the kind that are never unwrapped, but regularly consigned to the waste basket, have been cut out. The exchanges which are valued and read, are still coming. An occasional clean up of the kind is a good thing for any paper.

The optimistic news from the front for the past few weeks is something that is eagerly awaited in every corner of the land. General Foch is the man of the hour just at present and he has met all the responsibilities placed upon him ably and energetically. He has shown himself amply worthy of the confidence reposed in him and here's hoping that he brings the little matter that is up between the allies and Germany to a speedy termination.

A more or less careful study of the new zone postal regulations show that the same will not affect the rural newspaper to any great extent. As far as the zone changes go the effect is inconsequential. The principal change appears to be the abolishing of free county privilege for which a rate of 1 cent a

pound is substituted. The zone rate apparently will hit the hardest the cheaper grade of periodicals, the class which has a subscription rate of less than 50 cents per year and which lives through advertising. Periodicals, apparently, are allowed the privilege of entry at two or more post offices as second class matter.

The next Liberty Loan is scheduled to begin with the week beginning September 28. That is a date to paste in your hat for the loan asked for is a big one and it will take a bigger effort than ever to put it over.

In the matter of war assignments the benedict is getting a few of his dues. Heretofore while he has shouldered the responsibilities of providing America with a future and necessary population; for his enterprise he has been allowed to foot all the bills incidental thereto. Very little encouragement has hitherto been given to the family idea. We have heard considerable about race suicide and kindred evils which has been confined to talk, for all the laws and customs of the country give the unmarried man the advantage. Now, not only is the man of family allowed special exemptions in the selective draft but in the income tax he is given bigger exemptions. There is room for further privileges for him however, and now that the ball has been started in the right direction it is to be hoped in a number of other ways, justice will be done to the married man.

Times have changed and ditto methods of raising money for charitable purposes. The war activities have set the pace and now when money is to be raised it is the custom for some one to take the lead, apportion the Union according to states and the states according to counties and the counties according to districts and say "You are expected to raise so much money. Now go at it." The latest to take to this method of finance is the Salvation army and the army is organizing a drive. The man who originated the apportionment idea had a head on him but there is always the possibility of working a good thing to death.

It was Mark Twain who made the discovery that play is just another form of work and following the famous fence whitewashing incident in "Tom Sawyer" he philosophizes that men will climb the Alps or put in long hours driving a four-in-hand, or brave an astonishing amount of toil if the privilege costs them something, whereas if they were offered pay for the same they would call it work and quit in disgust.

Therefore with vacation time with us and with our neighbors departing to the mountains or seaside in an exertion after rest, it occurred to us that we might spend some of these fine days in the words and instead of lying around, battling with the ants and the yellow jackets, we might as well swing an axe and pull a cross cut. So for a day or two during the past week we were guests of Mr. Hull on the Remington farm helping him by doing a modest bit toward the clearing of a certain woodlot; not an entirely philanthropic effort however, for it meant dry firewood and dry firewood promises to be a bit scarce in this locality next winter. The feature of the days was the four mile walk, back and forth, every foot of it teeming with interest.

One of the sights of the journey is a cornfield belonging to G. W. Baun. Even of growth with ears hanging heavily, it is as fine a field as may be met with anywhere between this western coast and Nebraska. Crossing the Riddell farm

is a vacation in itself. With its rolling, well kept fields, with pigs and sheep feeding in the grain stubble, it is as attractive as a park. There as you pause by the wayside to take it all in; with whirr of wings the bob-white or the pheasant rises from the grass near by and flies away. The cotton tail and the jack rabbit peer curiously at you as you approach and then scamper away. Pigeons, doves, jays, killdeer, blackbirds, sparrows and finches are always present while occasionally the hawk circles above. At the prospect of distant carrion the buzzards gathering from the points of the horizon, sail majestically toward the point of interest. Once as we approached, a large crane rose out of the ditch by the way, and folding its long legs under it, flapped hastily out of danger.

Items of Interest

Amazing as it may seem, there are more Japanese in the United States than there are in China and Manchuria. The latest figures, published by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics from official reports of the Japanese foreign office, indicates 228,000 Japanese men and women in the United States and only 219,000 in China and all continental Asia outside of its own national possession of Korea.—Oregon Voter.

"Saving money alone will not guarantee a food supply. Nature seems fickle sometimes, and 1919 and 1920 may be lean years. Therefore, out of the abundance of 1918 America must save even more than she saved of the 1917 crops, to feed her growing army and navy and to share with the armies and civilians of the allied nations too busy fighting the Hun to cultivate their own crops. It is up to every citizen to help build up the national food reserve, and it's a job each of us can work at three times a day. Cut down your consumption of the essential foods at every meal, eat the perishables, help speed up food production in every way possible, and see that no food goes to waste that can be canned, dried or otherwise preserved. A hundred million of us, working together in this way, will build up the great reserve America needs. Join the Food Reserve Army."

Dallas, Oregon, August 9, 1918. To the Millers of Polk County, Gentlemen; For your guidance will quote you the following rulings made by the Federal Food Administrators.

A bonafide renter or owner of a farm who is actually producing the crop may exchange wheat for flour on an 8 pound per person basis, but may not have more than a 30 day supply on hand at any time. Any amount in excess of a 30 day supply is considered hoarding.

The owner of a farm which he has rented is not entitled to exchange wheat for flour even though he receives a crop rental.

A man or family hired on a salary to work a farm is not considered a renter and is not entitled to exchange wheat for flour. In this case the owner is considered the farmer and in consequence has the privilege of exchanging wheat for flour for the use of his own immediate family only.

You will please post this letter of instructions and follow it closely.

Very truly, Winnie Braden, Assistant County Administrator.

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