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Monmouth
Meditations

They have begun to buy Liberty Bonds already in Oregon.

Our old friend the I. & M. is making record time this week on the road to the junk pile.

The world series has made a new record this year. It has attracted less attention than any other world series in history.

This is the week where the pastime of picking prunes pauses to permit the product to present a more perfect condition.

If the Irish of Old Ireland were only as war like as some of our own Irish politicians the crown prince would now be afraid to show his face west of the Rhine.

One hundred fifty million dollars annually have been added to the payroll of the railroads during the past month which will have to come out of traffic in some shape or other.

While Dallas will have the Polk County Fair next week, Monmouth expects also to have its share of the fair which is expected to begin registering Monday morning at the O. N. S.

It is not every bank in the country that has two presidents but we notice in an advertisement in the Independence Enterprise that the Independence National Bank has two executives; H. Hirschberg and D. W. Sears.

Everyone is interested in the soldier letters from the front. Since the boys are serving the public welfare, accounts of their doings and work abroad hold close attention where presented. Herald readers are invited to send in news and letters from the boys in France for publication.

Some of the stories floating around relative to war work are so preposterous that it seems impossible that any one could be found to believe the same. Yet they are constantly passed on in the hope of finding some one willing to swallow the hook.

They held an election in Maine Tuesday. News of the result dribbled out in obscure news columns three days after. A few years ago the approach of the Maine election would have been heralded in black headlines on the front page and the results would have been posted on the bulletin boards a few seconds after the count. Such is the fate of politics in war times.

The oil tankers which bring their cargoes to Portland are cleansed when emptied and filled with water as a return cargo. Water in Oakland brings 8 cents a gallon, so the dispatches assert, due to the unprecedented dryness in that part of California. But California must become dryer than that before it can hope for the front seat among the commonwealths of the coast.

The next few days should demonstrate whether Hindenburg and his famous line are worthy of the solicitude with which cautious people have invested them.

There are large numbers of Yankees, thousands and thousands of them, who have not had a chance at the fore front and we surmise they have been saved just to show Herr Hindenburg how ephemeral his reputation is.

Some of the things which people are asked to do in the name of patriotism makes them suspicious of many moves that are deserving of attention. The Commercial club recently received a communication stating that scrap iron was a very essential war product, and asking that public spirited people take up the task of collecting the same as a matter of patriotic spirit. Scrap iron, the communication went on to state, supplied fifty per cent of the iron used in ship building and in the manufacture of munitions, and that the market in Oregon had been already exhausted, apparently with a demand for more scrap that required hundreds of carloads in Oregon for the coming year. To make sure that this scrap in the state was not sent out to other states it was suggested that it be handled by men only who would be designated as reliable. Patriotism was the central theme of the communication and in that spirit an effort was urged to accumulate the scrap among the farmers and in the community. Patriotism doubtless actuates the shipbuilders and munition workers but there is also the small element of financial return that impels the workers on to their best licks. If scrap iron is needed every rural community can still produce large quantities of it. But to obtain the same promptly and exhaustively it would be well to put the thing on a financial basis. Let the people who need the scrap advertise their needs with the amount of money they are willing to pay for it and they will get all there is.

The Need of Trained Nurses

The United States must have 25,000 student nurses—student nurses to release graduate nurses for work at the front. Without more student nurses graduate nurses can not be sent to Europe and our wounded men will suffer for want of nursing care.

It is estimated that the Army alone will require a total of 25,000 graduate nurses by January 1, 1919. 13,000 of this number have been withdrawn from civilian practice for service in military and naval hospitals. It is an imperative military necessity that every graduate nurse not needed at home should enter military service and this can only be done by recruiting new student nurses. Graduate nurses can only be supplied by filling the training schools connected with our hospitals.

The demand for women in other branches of war service has depleted the number of students taking training for nursing until they are now below that of normal times. The call is for women between the ages of 19 and 35. Intelligent, responsible women of good education and sound health are wanted to enroll as candidates for the Army Schools of Nursing, established under the authority of Surgeon General, with branch schools in Military Hospitals or to enroll as engaging to hold themselves in readiness until April 1, 1919, to accept assignments to civilian nurses' training schools.

Women who enroll in the United States Nurses Reserve will be as-

signed to those schools as vacancies occur. The term of training varies from two to three years. Board, lodging and tuition all free at most training schools and in many cases a small remuneration is paid to cover the cost of books and uniforms.

The nation needs every nurse it can get to "keep up with the draft." The United States Nurse Reserve is the equivalent for women of the great national army training camps for soldiers.

Ed Mill of West Salem was seriously injured recently in the Spaulding camp at Black Rock. He was struck by a heavy pole which broke one arm and inflicted a severe scalp wound.

A threshing outfit belonging to W. I. Bronson was destroyed by fire on the Crane farm in McTimmon's valley recently. It is the third thresher fire of the season in Polk county.

Edgar Balderee of Dallas has enlisted in a tank company and is to be trained at Fort Lawton, Wash. He is the third member of his family to enlist. He will train at Gettysburg, Pa.

W. W. Wells was the purchaser of the 15 acre farm, which was held in the estate of the late D. W. Harvie and was sold at sheriff's sale in Dallas Saturday.

Ten Years Ago

Ten years ago last week the first issue of the Monmouth Herald was printed. Referring to the first volume of the Herald it might be of interest to know what was going on in the city during the early part of September, 1908.

A. F. Campbell, for 15 years a teacher in the Normal, resigned to practice law in Eugene. Mrs. Ellen M. Jennell also concluded 10 years of service in the Normal and entered the English department in the U. of O. Miss Smith, long with the training department, accepted a position as librarian at Weston.

The city council instructed the marshal to request persons with waste paper to place the same in boxes or baskets as so many papers scattered on the streets were apt to cause run-a-ways.

S. W. Doughty while working on the residence of Frank Byers fell twenty feet and broke two ribs.

School started at Sunny Slope with A. J. Shipley as teacher.

Miss Mae McInnes purchased the Davidson Sisters' millinery stock and prepared for business by opening up a large supply of new goods. Miss McInnes was recently of North Dakota.

C. E. Force and V. O. Boots went to Salem to take in the circus.

Geo. Boothby, stockman, was in the Alsea country buying cattle.

Crosby Dalton was looking for wild horses to train.

The Normal was to start September 15. Citizens with rooms to let were requested to notify J. B. V. Butler, registrar.

Ye reporter visited the walnut nursery of Dr. Parish and discovered a tree that was five years old and had six nuts on it. He moralized that if a man had ten walnut trees fifteen years old it would be sufficient to keep a family in easy circumstances. The Dr. it seems, had orange and lemon trees in bearing and a colony of ginseng whose large clusters of ripe berries were worth their worth in gold.

C. C. Lewis was holding down a homestead in the Siletz country.

The cannery started up on pears with a large force of workers.

Rolla Waterhouse of Falls City a former Monmouth blacksmith was a guest at the Hotel Hampton.

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