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## Monmouth Meditations

The All-Highest appears to be All-in.

Somewhere back of the German lines two tall members of the Potsdam guard are doubtless having the time of their lives in restraining forcibly the energetic and valorous Crown Prince from rushing to the front and battling beside his brave troops. Here is a nobby idea for a moving picture scenario.

To be burdened with a liberal purchase of Liberty Bonds is an excellent form of bondage.

All of the Kaiser's pronouncements just at present are horrible examples of frightfulness in the abuse of logic.

The Germans evidently are not satisfied with the quarters available for winter.

Says Prozy Woodrow to Prince Max—"There put that in your pipe and smoke it."

The German soldiers are learning to do the goose step backward.

Economy is a straight and narrow road but it leads to Liberty Bonds.

You can fool the youngster and the sweet toothed miss with candy made of glucose but not the well known and industrious honey bee.

Peace, my dear Horatio, Peace would take several notable swats at the High Cost of Living.

The best thing about our bumper prune crop is that it is none too large.

Admitting Germany, just now to a League to Enforce Peace would be like joining in with a burglar to organize a Mutual Improvement Society at three o'clock in the morning after he had broken into your house, stolen your goods and killed half of the family.

After peace is declared a great many people who kick against paying the excess profits tax will regret that they then have no excess profits to tax.

With everybody wearing old clothes and not worried about injury to them, it is never the less lamentable there is so much to stew about that no one enjoys himself.

While the Crown Prince's army is retreating toward the Rhine the Crown Prince's chin is retreating both ways.

While a great many people are headed toward the Vale of Jordan, a letter received from Edward Oliver announces that he has already reached that delectable spot. We refer of course to Jordan Valley, Oregon. In order to arrive Edward rode 65 miles by stage and he has acquired the neck of riding horseback so he will shortly be competent as a riding master as well as school master. On the voy-

age from Caldwell, Idaho to Jordan Valley, he says the scenery consists of sand, sage brush and sunsets and the sunsets are truly beyond description. The most home-like thing he has sensed in the valley is a coyote whose evening call reminds him of Morgan's mellow tenor. Mr. Oliver appears to be well pleased with his new home and surroundings. He had a letter from Tom Chaburn recently. Tom was crossing to France and was very seasick and writes he is almighty glad he didn't join the navy.

The Normal girls have never been shy in helping out with anything that resembles war work. They have hoed potatoes and beans, picked up spuds, picked Loganberries and now they have organized a volunteer crew to help save all the prunes. The grade of patriotism they will teach the youngsters of Oregon is apt to be of the practical type.

Money was the big inducement that actuated Germany in preparing for and bringing on a world war and now money is a potent factor in causing her to seek for peace. A place in the sun was the thing she was after; in other words, a means of acquiring wealth more readily than circumstances have so far given her. To obtain it, just as a man spends money in developing a mine or an irrigation project or any other commercial enterprise involving a preliminary outlay of wealth and energy she was prepared to pay the price. The cost was in money and lives and she had worked out a plan by which neighbor nations whose lands and wealth she coveted were to pay the cost of the enterprise and perhaps even return the lives lost therein. This was to be accomplished through the age old practice of barbarians to exact of the conquered their wealth as spoils and their sons and daughters as captives. Through miscalculation the plan has not worked out as expected, although it came very close to success. Hope has not failed them until recently. Now the balances are against the calculating gentlemen of Germany. Hopes of success with indemnities to repay the costs of the last four bloody years look very slight indeed. Soon the penalty will be doubled. Not only will they have to pay for the ruin they have caused in France and Belgium but they will have to pay for the restoration of their own invaded land as well. It will be cheaper to choose the lesser of two evils. Money talks with the German and with considerable more eloquence than the abstract principals of right and wrong. That is one reason why it may be believed the war is nearing an end.

Some people take up residence in a town, hang their hat on a convenient peg and place their feet under their own dinner table, do not bother their neighbors and are not bothered by them. Others soon make themselves a part of the community and are always ready to bear a hand when needed. The first kind dies or moves away and is never missed. The second is spoken of long after he has passed to other scenes. The town that gets to the front is the town with the greatest percentage of the last named type of citizen.

The Bolsheviks are said to have taken to the restaurant business in Russia. The wonder to us is that they have not taken to the second hand clothing business or announced a series of fire sales.

County Agent Gregory has arrived in the county and is on the job boosting for the best interests of

the fruit growers and dairymen of the county. Farmers are urged to get acquainted with him and make their wants known.

## Ten Years Ago

We glean the following from the Monmouth Herald of ten years ago.

The Vesperine, Delphian and Normal societies were about to begin joint debates for the purpose of picking representatives for the Normal team.

Miss Maude Hawley, daughter of the president of the Polk County Bank was married to H. A. Beauchamp, a prominent physician of Stayton, Oregon.

A Citizens' Entertainment course was organized with E. D. Ressler, L. C. Hoover and P. Johnson as executive committee.

The funeral of Lee Clark was held at the family home on Monmouth H. g. ts.

Mrs. R. M. Smith had a narrow escape at the hands of a careless hunter. A ball from a Winchester passed so close to her head as to stun her and it was some time before she recovered from the shock.

The county agent office has taken over the distribution of squirrel poison which was formerly handled effectively by the Dallas Commercial Club. Those who are planning to do squirrel poisoning this fall may secure a supply at cost by applying at the county agent's office. It is planned to put on a county-wide rodent extermination campaign early next spring to rid the county of its most important food destroyers.

If you have ever found yourself compelled to plant corn unfit for seed—a predicament many farmers found themselves in this spring—do not be caught that way again. Now is the time to begin preparation for next spring; on many farms it is not too late even now to select seed corn for next years planting. Home grown seed is generally superior to imported seed because it has become acclimated and is adapted to local conditions of altitude, moisture and temperature. Very often corn brought from the middle west is disappointing in yield the first year because growing conditions in the East are unlike the West. Therefore select seed from your own fields. Seed corn should be selected from stalks standing in the field.

Select stalks that have a tendency to yield well as shown by their superiority over surrounding stalks that grew under the similar conditions. Such seed inherits high producing powers.

Home gardeners should prepare soil now for window plants to be started in February as it is usually very difficult at that season to secure the proper kind. The following has proved most satisfactory—One third good garden soil, one third well rotted barn yard manure, one third clear sharp sand; put through a coarse screen, mix thoroughly and store in a dry place until needed.

Cabbage seed sowed now in time for the first fall rains and transplanted in November in a well drained place or left till February and given the usual cultivation, will supply the home garden with good sweet cabbage in June. The Early Jersey Wakefield is the best variety for this purpose; the plants should be thinned in the row or they will run up too spindling and tender before transplanting.

### What It Shows.

The woman who worries overmuch about the kind of hat she is going to wear shows that the hat will be worth a good deal more than the head it is to cover.—New York Mail.

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