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Monmouth
Meditations

The rooster that crows in the early morn must have been the original advertiser.

The bank reports that are being published all through the valley this week are eloquent barometers of the sort of prosperity that prevails in Oregon at present.

There are still a few people in town who will not believe we are to have a gravity water system until the water begins to flow.

People are hard to satisfy but with an ample supply of prunes and bacon on hand, it grows increasingly hard to wish for more.

It must be admitted that when political bees begin to buzz in November with the prospect of a cold, wet winter ahead, the idea obtains that by the time spring comes there will be a thrifty colony in the hive.

Easter suits it is reported, will be higher priced. One thing at a time. Having substituted a fine fat hen for the Thanksgiving turkey we will not borrow any trouble over Easter duds just at present.

The new labor party is determined to oust Judge Anderson whose injunction flattened out the coal strike and it plans a petition with a million signatures asking that he be impeached. As a counter action petitions should be circulated among people who approve Judge Anderson's action and twenty five million signatures obtained thereto.

A New York man dreamed an intruder was breaking into his house stealing his small boy. In his dream he claims he reached under the pillow for his revolver and pulled the trigger, the bullet going through the pillow into his wife's head and killing her. That man surely should be shut up in a bomb proof cell where he will not have a chance to dream that sort of dreams again.

Senator Patterson told a Portland reporter recently that during the season he dressed himself like a hick and from a stand by his ranch, sold peaches to travelers at Portland prices. "The apparel" said Polonius "oft proclaims the man," but doubtless the purchasers of the senator's product thought the price thereof did a little proclaiming on its own account.

Here are a few things Monmouth people should be thankful for: Because we are on the Pacific highway system.

Because we are to have a gravity water system.

Because crops have been plentiful and prices ample.

Because the doctors report our physical condition to be "dreadfully" healthful.

Because the great war is ended and the boys are all at home.

Because while sugar is scarce it requires only a small amount of that article in this salubrious climate to keep sweet.

Because as long as the peace treaty is unratified national prohibition holds sway.

Because, whether it is souls or soles we have ample facilities for keeping them in good order.

Because, while strikes and murder and other crimes are the order of the day, the great heart of the common herd beats as it always did

and in time common sense and real liberty will triumph.

The tendency with a sick man is to be peevish, fretful and unreasonable and we doubt if in spite of his high position, President Wilson is any different than the rest of mortals. Cannot you get a mental vision of the people who are caring for him at present? Naturally they want to do everything they can to make his mental condition serene. But on the other hand, the future of the country means too much to too many people to have it bounced about to suit the whim of any one. People of spiritual vision who have traced the rise and development of this nation, see in the critical moments it has passed, the power of a guiding providence that has never once failed in an emergency. Of course, France and England and Italy are prompt to ratify the treaty. They have material interests in it. We have not. Read the accounts of correspondents who have traversed Turkey, Egypt, France, England and even Germany and the observation is unanimous that these peoples look upon the United States as a glorified Santa Claus. They want the United States to ratify the treaty and then begin to hand them things. Enough nations have ratified the treaty already to make it binding. In a short time Europe will proceed to the settlement of its troubles. Let us hope that when it does it will have a proper appreciation of the help the United States of America has already given.

Don't recall the wild commotion of a little while ago when we had a sort of notion that the profiteers would go? We resolved to prosecute them and to poison them and shoot them and to treat 'em rough and shoot them, where's that movement, do you know? Where are now the learned attorneys whom we often used to meet, as they made their frantic journeys to the court house and repeat? How they used to roar and thunder, how they'd stamp the price of hogs under, and deprive them of their plunder, in the name of Mike and Pete! Are the profiteers in prison, where we said we'd put them all? Is the hoarder getting his dragging round a chain and ball? Is the market's greedy ruler resting in the mouldy cooler, or is Justice but a drooler, with its picture to the wall? I am shelling out my dollars to the soulless profiteers; I am overcharged for collars and for wadding for my ears, am overcharged for sweaters and for ink to write my letters, and no buccaneer in fetters to my wistful gaze appears.—Walt Mason.

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