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Meditations

Polk county has surely tied itself up so far as road prospects are concerned. As a prize puzzle, how to untangle and get back to where we were at the time Judge Kirkpatrick left office, would give a brain storm to any one who set about a solution.

One day the bolsheviks are undone, bankrupt and demoralized. The next day they take Sebastopol and put the enemy to rout. We suspect we are too far away to more than guess at the situation in Russia.

With green in evidence everywhere and the winter rains back on the job, the native smiles cheerfully with the assurance that there is no place like Oregon.

D. M. Hampton says the Live Stock Show in Portland is the best ever, the fattest hogs, the sleekest Jerseys, the most meaty Herefords, the hairiest goats and the woolliest sheep. The Northwest takes pride in its live stock and has reason to do so spectators proclaim who have seen the stock show.

It is a curious fact that it took an enterprising person with a moving picture outfit to show us our first views of hop harvest scenes. The pictures bore a Salem, Ore., date line and were taken only a few miles away from Monmouth. Doubtless they were manufactured in a distant city and come back to us with a reminder that the world is not so very large after all.

Returning home in the dusk of an evening recently, we nearly stumbled over a prostrate form blocking the way to the home doorway. Investigation showed it to be a huge squash one of the kind the half of which would nearly fill a bushel measure. It must have weighed about seventy five pounds and was presented with the compliments of Fred Huber. Fred had two of the mammoth squashes on exhibition at the county fair each weighing over a hundred pounds, and he grew one which weighed one hundred twenty five pounds.

Squashes and apples have nothing in common yet one reminds us of the other, Miss Rose Smith having brought in a huge apple Wednesday, a souvenir of her trip to Idaho. Miss Smith and her mother, Mrs. J. F. Smith are just back from a four weeks trip in which Mrs. Smith visited her sister, Mrs. James Knowels, at Nampa, Idaho, whom she had not seen before in twenty years. They found Idaho prosperous, having experienced a good year with fine crops. Fruit, grain and alfalfa flourish on the irrigated lands there. One farmer, who had four acres of peaches, sold from it this year \$1880 worth of fruit.

Thos. Boulden, who has a philosophy of his own, says times will not get as bad with us now as those were which followed the close of the civil war. Why? Because we were a debtor nation then, whereas now we are a creditor nation and a nation like a man who has something coming in, is better off than one who has to meet debts as well as current expenses.

For four years we have had a sel-

ler's market. The seller was able to make the price and the buyer had to use strategy occasionally to get his order filled at all. The normal condition of things, the buying market is now returning to control. The sales agent is more frequently met with and people with manufactured stocks or with produce are paying more attention to the selling end of the game. People who for the past few seasons had to beg workmen to cut wood or do farm work, now have these jobs sought for. The hobo who had all but disappeared, is once more in evidence. It looks as if we were headed back to Normalcy.

We believe there is merit in the proposal to make Senator Chamberlain secretary of war. While Chamberlain did not assist openly in the election of Harding, he materially contributed by his record in office to foster a state of public sentiment from which Harding profited. The choice of Harding was as free from pure partisanship as any election has exhibited in years. It would be only fair if he recognized the general nature of the support given him at the polls by liberality in selecting his official advisors. President Wilson had the opportunity during the war of uniting the nation as one huge family. If he had been able to overlook the narrow bounds of partisanship and with a coalition cabinet given full credit to the patriotism of his political opponents as well as his followers, the result of the late election would have been vastly different. In a considerably lesser degree the same opportunity now awaits Mr. Harding.

Speaking about poor roads in Polk county, we doubt if there are any worse in the county than the one that leads over the Fishback hill and the Antioch hill during the wet months. Chas. Orsborn of Antioch butchered a 650 pound hog recently and because the road was so bad that he could not get it to market he reduced the hog to lard and secured 250 pounds in addition to the regular amount of hams, spare ribs, etc. Mr. Orsborn says that during the prune season he had to use six horses to haul 19 boxes of prunes to the dryer.

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Minnie K. Mack,
Administratrix of the estate of William H. Mack, deceased.
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