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It would seem that there is but one party in this country that can have a man elected President without causing it to go to rack and ruin. Every time we have a presidential election there is a tightness in the money market and a howl goes up that if the republican nominee is not elected there will be panics, hard times and the Lord only knows what else. From the standpoint of an independent American citizen, we firmly believe, if this is actually the condition of affairs in the United States, that the sooner we discard a form of representative government and adopt a monarchical one, the better for the people. This would do away with the ever recurring stringency and the fear and trembling we have to endure every four years. As sane human beings we must admit that we are either colossal asses or there is a minus quantity in our mental make-up. The republican leaders assume that a majority of the people are foolish enough to believe their sophistries and that they will get a majority of the votes cast at the National election to put their candidate in the presidential chair. Well it is quite likely, but did it ever occur to you that the only reason why so many spellbinders, as they are called, are republicans is because the republican party is the popular party and has more opportunities for grafting than any other? We were born a republican and have voted the republican ticket more often than not and this year voted one of the few straight republican tickets in Polk county, but we do not care to be rated among those who can see no good in a man unless he be a republican. Considering that a majority of all the wealthy men of this nation are members of the republican party it looks as if there were more crime and corrupt practice in that party than all others combined, for no honest man can accumulate such vast fortunes as some of the leading partisans of that party are rated at. However that is not the fault of the founders of the party nor yet of the rank and file, any more than it is the fault of Christ that many persons posing as christians are great criminals.

Monmouth ought to have a woodsaw. With over 2000 cords of wood to saw annually we have to depend on saws from Independence to do the work. Aside from the aggravation of having to wait from two weeks to two months after it should have been done, it means a good many dollars of hard cash going out of the town every year. This

town is certainly old enough and large enough to be out of the infancy class and therefore should not be dependent for anything that it can have as easy as a woodsaw. Let's cut loose from others and be a leader in matters municipal hereafter.

As a business community we should do everything possible to bring business here and one of these things would be a good stock yard, but on top of this suggestion comes the matter of an unjust discrimination by the railroad in the matter of freight rates. It costs \$3.60 per car more to ship stock from here than from Independence. If this matter cannot be satisfactorily adjusted, then we should ship by boat and see that the Southern Pacific has no interest in the boat.

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"I want a picture like that," says a stout dame, holding up the likeness of a symmetrical member of her sex, who stands erect with a bunch of roses in her hand.

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One day not long ago a woman sat before a Fifth avenue photographer after spending two hours at a hairdresser's. She came back in a hurry with the proofs and said indignantly: "Why, these are awful! My hair has never looked like that in any picture!"

"Did you ever have it done that way before?" was the polite inquiry.

The woman was somewhat embarrassed. "No," she admitted, "I never did."

Then the photographer rebuked her gently.

"There's a moral in this," said he. "Never go to the hairdresser before the photographer. It only makes a person look tired, and the hairdresser's art doesn't help the photographer."

Another woman could not understand why her chin stuck out so far, but she elucidated the mystery herself when she explained that the morning of her sitting was the first on which she had worn an unusually high collar. That naturally changed her appearance. — W. B. Harvard in Bohemian Magazine.

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