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There is a matter that should be called to the attention of the next legislature and that is the matter of regulating gambling in this state. At one time there was a bill introduced which had all the earmarks of an early passage, but it was stolen while being conveyed from one section of the legislature to another. Of course this was the work of the gamblers, but we may reasonably hope that if another bill is introduced it will not meet the same fate. Gambling is the bane of this nation and has caused more suffering than any other one thing, notwithstanding it has been repeatedly asserted by our prohibition friends that whiskey has done the most. The gambling fever is equally as bad as morphine or cocaine and if practiced for the same length of time, just as hard to break away from. We have seen men come from their work on Saturday night and without paying for the week's groceries or any other bills, stake their whole week's wages on a single card and losing, go home to their families dead broke. Perhaps they went home sober, but more often sympathizing friends would stake them to a good drunk before they left the gambling den. Gambling in some form is practiced in every village, town and city in this nation and in many places in the country. You will find it in the saloons, in the cigar stores, confectionery stores and even in the church there are drawings and other games of chance, which are nothing more or less than a species of gambling. The proper thing for our legislature to do is to make gambling in this state a felony and then let us enforce the law. It is said that the people are the government, but it seems they do not realize the importance of self government as they should. Laws are enacted by our legislature and if they do not suit the people they are disregarded. This is bad for not only the adult population, but the coming generation. It teaches the boys and girls that the law is impotent and therefore not a thing to be regarded with reverence. If the laws are not right then they should be repealed and something better put in their stead. In this state by virtue of the Initiative and Referendum we can put the matter of our laws directly before the people, so if our legislature does nothing to stop gambling, we can take the matter directly to the people and we feel absolutely certain that it will be an easy matter to have gambling made a felony.

Before another issue of the Herald greets its readers the Presidential election will be a

thing of the past. This has been a very quiet campaign and for that reason alone it is one of the hardest to forecast the result. Reading the daily papers one finds that both candidates have been elected a goodly number of times, yet when the returns are in, but one will be chosen. The Oregonian has been working along machine lines and as usual has cartooned the opposing candidate, which seems to be one of the necessities of modern political campaigns. As a newspaper the Oregonian is one of the best, but as a political organ it is one of the greatest of shy-sters in existence. It howls loud and long of its republicanism, yet it is a wellknown fact that it has been a prime factor in the movement that has given the best offices in the state into the hands of the democrats. The democrats could well afford to subsidize it to work against the party in this state.

Just because you are better dressed than some one else is no reason why that person is not as good as you. Clothes don't make the man, but man makes the clothes. Your schoolmate may not have his shoes polished as nicely as yours, nor his trousers creased, nor his hair parted as accurately as yours, yet he may have more substance under the hair than you have. Before poking fun at him think of these things. The time may come when you will want a favor from him and he may not feel like granting it. Strange things occur in these days and the ones that are poor today may be rich tomorrow, those that are behind now may be in the fore front then. Improve the present opportunities for when they are gone they will never return. Most men have to live to be forty years old before they find out what big fools they were when they were boys and then it is sometimes too late to reform.

The Monmouth Herald, published at the seat of the State Normal by W. T. Fogle, is a very creditable little five-column paper. It is valuable to its readers for its local news, normal school notes, Polk county correspondence and departments. Its short editorials are well written. Mr. Fogle, a number of years ago, was editor of this paper.—Crook County Journal.

Monmouth should have a Board of Trade or some kind of organization to aid in building it up. Most of the towns of the valley are building up rapidly and there is no reason why we shouldn't do as well.

Sharks Fear Noise.

The cowardliness of sharks is well known among men who have been much to sea in southern waters infested by man eaters. The fiercest shark will get out of the sea way in a very great hurry if the swimmer, noticing its approach, sets up a noisy splashing. A shark is in deadly fear of any sort of living thing that splashes in the water.

Among the south sea islands the natives never go sea bathing alone, but always in parties of half a dozen or so in order that they may make the greatest hubbub in the water and thus scare the sharks away. Once in awhile a too venturesome swimmer among these natives foolishly detaches himself from his swimming party and momentarily forgets to keep up his splashing. Then there is a swish, and the man eater comes up beneath him like a flash and gobbles him.

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