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With this issue we cross the borderland of a new year and we hope that the prospects of all our subscribers are as bright as those of the Herald. Scarcely four months ago we began the publication of this paper under adverse circumstances. Several papers had started here and for various reasons none had remained long.

When we talked of starting we met with little encouragement in the way of financial assistance. We were told that the people would be glad to have a paper here and that the town needed one, but that was about as far as it went, excepting that a number said that if we started and made a success of it they would take the paper. We started and the first few issues we printed something over 150 copies, a goodly share of which were scattered around for people to look at and get acquainted with what we were trying to do. After a few weeks we began to receive names of those who were willing to take the paper awhile on trial with the understanding that if it wasn't worth the money they could quit and not be charged anything for the paper. The time limit expired a month ago and nobody has quit; on the contrary our list is growing all the time. Saturday we had six accessions and there are new names coming in almost every day. In a short time we hope to be able to announce a new contest and in the mean time we wish to make the statement that we have set our mark for 1000 subscribers for July 1. We may not get quite that many, but we will be very near the mark. As soon as our list reaches 600 we will put in a cylinder press and will then give the people a six column eight page paper and the price will not be advanced one penny. New features will be added from time to time until we have the best home paper published west of the Rocky Mountains. We are not going to leave Monmouth as long as Monmouth treats us as royally as we have been treated during the past two months and we see no reason for any change. Some papers claim they do not have to brag, perhaps they have no reason to, but the Herald has and intends to brag whenever there is occasion to.

Word comes from Eugene to the effect that cigarette smoking is becoming almost epidemic in that city. Not only is the practice too common among the town boys, but it is practiced largely by students of the University. If this is the case it is a black eye for our University and on the heels of the vote of the people of this state appropriating a large sum for the main-

tenance of the institution it is well worth looking into. Should this be true and the proper authorities not correct the matter at once, an initiative measure should be taken to cut off the appropriation until such time as smoking shall be stopped for good. Instead of sending such boys to the University they should be sent to the Reform School. The criminal element is becoming altogether too numerous and that without state aid, so it would well become the people of Eugene to put a stop to its further encroachments on society and the tax payers of the state through the cigarette fiends of that city.

Monmouth needs a commercial club. We have said this a number of times, but will continue saying it until there is some kind of organization effected. Every town of any importance in the Willamette valley has some such organization and the effect is being felt in increased population, which means increased wealth and a consequent decrease in taxation. It also means better roads, larger schools and better social conditions. We have passed the stage when we can retire within ourselves and play the hermit. The race hereafter will be to the swift and the one behind will have a hard struggle to keep up with the procession. The question is, shall we eat crumbs or will we eat slices from the big fat loaf? The big loaf is coming westward and if we expect to get anything but the crumbs we will have to get a move on.

It is to be hoped that the coming session of the legislature will be a business one and will get right down to work. It is hoped that there will be no mistakes made like the last one did and that when bills are introduced they will be for the good of the people.

How a Girl Throws.
Perhaps a better title would have been "How a Girl Doesn't Throw," because it is well known that a girl cannot propel a ball or anything else like a boy. Most people—and all boys—conclude that this defect arises from clumsiness, but that is a mistake.

The difference between a girl's throwing and a boy's is substantially this: The boy crooks his elbow and reaches back, with the upper part of his arm about at a right angle of forty-five degrees. The direct act of throwing is accomplished by bringing the arm back with a sort of snap, working every joint from shoulder to wrist.

The girl throws with her whole arm rigid, the boy with his whole arm relaxed. Why this marked and unmistakable difference exists may be explained by the fact that the clavicle or collar bone in the feminine anatomy is some inches longer and set some degrees lower down than in the masculine frame. The long, crooked, awkward bone interferes with the full and free use of the arm. This is the reason why a girl cannot throw a stone.

First Victory of the Revolution.
The importance of the assault upon Fort William and Mary is generally overlooked by historians. The demonstrations against various British armed vessels, beginning with the firing upon the schooner St. John in July, 1764, as well as the battle of Alamance, in North Carolina, in 1771, were essentially local and were so far removed from the Revolutionary period that they produced no appreciable effect upon the war itself. The "Boston massacre" was the repulse of a mob by a squad of British regulars, but at Fort William and Mary the royal standard was lowered for the first time, and the gunpowder taken therefrom was burned by the patriots at Bunker Hill. The king recognized in the daring assault the inevitability of the impending struggle.

There is truth in the claim set forth on the tablet on the old Fort Constitution of today that the site marks "the first victory of the American Revolution."—Army and Navy Life.

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