

# The Herald

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With this month the new council takes charge of the city's welfare and we hope that it will do something towards making Monmouth noted for its cleanly appearance as well as being a model of a well behaved city. If there is no ordinance covering the matter one should be introduced and passed at an early date making it an offence to leave thistles and briars, or other noxious weeds, grow on or alongside, of any property inside the city limits and making the property liable for damages to the extent of the expense necessary to clean up the property and keep it clean. If such an ordinance is passed and enforced we will have a much better looking town than it has been for several years. Strangers coming here, who are accustomed to living in a large place, say that we have a fine looking town as far as the dwellings are concerned, but why do you allow so much rubbish along your streets and on your vacant lots? is the query that almost invariably comes as a result of a trip around the town. If we remove this cause for question there will be no nicer small city in the northwest and the effect of the labor so expended will be felt in many ways. Let's begin the new year with the resolution that we each of us, will do all we can to make Monmouth a model of beauty.

Before another issue of the Herald is read the Oregon legislature will have met and we hope have organized and gotten down to business. There are a number of things that need the early action of this body of law makers. The one thing in which, not only the people of Monmouth, but the whole of the state, is vitally interested in the endorsement of the recommendation of the Board of Regents of the Normal schools in the matter of appropriation for their maintenance and extension work. Monmouth, the mother of Normals, shares equally with other Normals in the distribution of the appropriation. In justice to the people of the state this is as it should be. No discrimination should be made in the distribution of the funds and then there can be no cry of unfairness. The Normal question should now be settled for all time as the three schools are apportioned according to the geographical sub-divisions of the state and they are ample, with additions from time to time, to take care of the teachers of the state. This should be one of the first questions settled by the legislature.

Elsewhere we give some data as to the probable cost and efficiency of a municipal water sys-

tem. This city should have some source of revenue aside from a direct tax. The levy of four mills does not give enough money to do any good for the town. Merely enough to drag out an existence, while at the same time under existing circumstances it seems to be enough of a burden to place on the taxpayer. In order to do anything to bring this place to the level it belongs there must be a considerable sum of money spent. There are many improvements that should have been made some time ago that are yet hid under a bushel. The water system can be made, not only supporting, but a source of revenue without raising the rate higher than any other city and yet have a good supply under sufficient pressure to give good fire protection.

We call special attention to the free trip to the Alaska-Yubon-Pacific exposition which we are giving. This will be an education in itself. Those who go will see many things that they would never get to see anywhere else and the trip can be taken by anyone who is willing to do a small amount of work. In next weeks issue we hope to have a full announcement of the plan. It is expected to send at least three persons from Polk county and if the people get to work we can send some nice advertising matter with our party which can be distributed to good advantage. This of course must not be big papers or anything that will inconvenience the party in the least, but nice cards and photographs could be sent. Help some deserving young person to take the trip and at the same time help the Herald to get 1000 subscribers.

#### Queer Virginia Oysters.

But, sure enough, did you know there were some oysters, and Virginia oysters at that, which cannot live always under sheets of water? The seaside oyster does not grow in deep water, say over ten feet, and the most and best of them grow in water so shoal that it is dry ebb half the time. These latter are the most prolific seed bearers we have, but they will die if planted in deep water or in the Chesapeake bay. The inside or bay oyster should never ebb bare to thrive best. Singular, isn't it, that the Virginia oysters, one and the same bivalves, can lead a double life, but only one phase of it at a time! The seaside fellow must be out of water a good portion of his time to thrive, while the bay and river fellow will die in summer and freeze in winter if exposed to the air.—Virginia Citizen.

#### The Roast.

"To judge woman by her looks is to court error," said a well known woman. "I know a man who while carving at a dinner wished to say something that would please the pale, deep eyed, spirituelle girl at his side. "How do you like Maeterlinck?" he at last inquired. "Well done," she answered, not once lifting her eyes from the great roast he was working on."—Washington Post.

#### A Difficult Case.

A physician received late one evening a note from three of his fellow practitioners: "Please step over to the club and join us at a rubber of whist." "Emilie, dear," he said to his wife, "here I am called away again. It appears to be a difficult case—there are three other doctors on the spot already."

#### New.

"I want you," said the stage manager, "to play the part of a banker, and I want you to try to play it with a touch of originality." "All right," responded Yorick Hamm, "I'll leave off the mutton chop whiskers."—Kansas City Journal.

#### The Difficulty.

"Could you bring yourself to live in a flat on \$4 a week?" "I could, Harold," answered the pampered yet unspotted darling. "But I do not know just how it would suit my French maid."—London Tatler.

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