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Judging from reports it may be safely guessed that there will be an extra session of the legislature called to rectify some mistakes made in finishing up the appropriation for state institutions. If such a session is called it is believed that the senate will be ashamed to come together again and not do something for the Normal School situation. When men so far forget their obligations to society, to posterity, to the public good and to themselves as to vote down the only institutions where teachers could receive non-sectarian training it is a shame and a disgrace. It is all well enough for the different denominations to train preachers, or even teachers who will work in their own denominational institutions, but for those who are to teach in non-sectarian schools, where all denominations are taught, it is not the proper training. In order to keep church and state separate it is best to have non-sectarian teachers, for after a time one particular denomination might secure the larger number of teachers and as such they would inculcate in the minds of the children the ideas peculiar to their sect. In this way such particular denomination would gain the ascendancy and in time endanger the freedom of opinion now enjoyed by the people of this nation. We believe in liberal support of our institutions of learning, but more especially those closely related to the common people. Two years ago the legislature appropriated \$225,000 for the State University and last June the people ratified that appropriation. It goes to support an institution of learning for the rich, for those who seek a professional education, for that class of persons who are non-producers, while those who gain an education in the Normal schools go to teach those who make up the great majority of our citizens. The graduates of a Normal school go out into the world to do good, to help the great mass who never get beyond the eighth grade in the common schools; they are hard workers and their remuneration is none too large. The state owes it to its teachers to furnish them the best education possible and the little that is paid out in the way of appropriations for Normals is money well spent.

The organizing of a commercial club in this city Friday evening marks an epoch in its history and we hope that it will meet with the hearty support of every citizen of Monmouth and vicinity. If properly managed it means much for the upbuilding and betterment of the community. With an organization

of this kind we can go before the railroad people and ask for things that no individual could ever expect to get and have some assurance that our wishes will be given careful consideration. In organization there is strength and we have lacked strength heretofore from not having any organization. With a well organized commercial body we can go before the next legislature and demand legislation that we could not reasonably hope to get under any other conditions. We can get on the map of this western country and demand recognition from the great commercial bodies of the state and nation. We can join the Willamette Valley Development League and have our literature scattered with that of other progressive cities. We can get inquiries from prospective settlers that cannot be gotten by real estate firms or individuals, from the fact that there are many people in this world who believe that all real estate men are rascals and therefore they will not have anything to do with them. By concerted action we can get many reforms instituted in our own town that would go begging under ordinary circumstances. The Board of Directors of the new club is composed of progressive men and will see that the wants of the citizens are looked after, but are conservative enough that they will allow no unnecessary expenditure of funds, nor take up any proposition that will be burdensome to the city or prove disastrous to the tax payers. The motto of the club will be "A bigger and better Monmouth and Polk County."

The Ohio State Journal notes the misprints look much funnier to the editor when they're in some other paper. Yes, but they look about ten times as big in his own paper.—Ex.

A Snap

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Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Y. P. A. Meeting at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening.

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W. A. WOOD, Pastor.
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Evening Service at 7:00 p. m.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
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