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Preparations are being made to get out advertising matter for the summer school and from present appearances we should say that there will be a very large attendance. Better than last summer. There is no reason why Monmouth should not become an educational center irrespective of the State Normal. We have one of the finest locations in the west for such an institution and there is one factor that will appeal to all who are striving to educate themselves and that is the nominal cost of living. Cottages can be rented here for \$5 per month, that in most towns in the west rent for from eight to ten dollars. Besides there is ample room for a small garden and poultry. Taking these things into consideration we will not fare so badly even if we do not get any state aid hereafter. True we will pull some of the patronage away from many of the valley schools and academies, but it will be because of our fortunate location. Here could be located the county high school without the expense of having to erect any buildings. In addition to the high school could be had a preparatory and academic course with a first class commercial course and then we could have a first-class conservatory of music without having to leave town for our instructors; also there could be a normal department. Taken altogether the outlook is not nearly so dark as some would have us believe. The loyal people of Monmouth have supported the school so long that it has become second nature to them and we believe they will feel lonesome when there is no longer any cause for them to dig up. Talk about paying taxes to support state institutions! Why people outside a Normal School town know nothing about paying taxes for such purposes. It is a safe bet that the patriotic people of this town have paid more than a thousand times more taxes to support state institutions than those of any other part of the state.

The Herald has bottled up its wrath for the past two weeks in order to not antagonize any influences that may be brought to bear on the Normal school question, but from this date on we shall get busy with a few hard facts and truths regarding many things. This editorial is written at a time when no one knows what this special session of the legislature will do for the Normals and for that reason we will not make any comments on its personnel. There are many things that need to be handled without gloves and at such times as the spirit moves us we will

take off our gloves. We have been told by one of our friends that abuse is not argument, which fact we will admit, but at the same time some righteous abuse will aid things along and it does so ease ones feelings when he is able to tell the other fellow what he is and do it in a number of polite ways. There are people within the jurisdiction of the Herald that are knocking their town, knocking the Normal and knocking anything and everything that tends for the public good. If they would just take the time to go out behind the barn and knock themselves on the head and do a good job of it, they would confer a lasting obligation on their neighbors and a blessing on posterity. We do not aim to be harsh, but if the shoe fits wear it is the advice we give to all. We are fully aware that we are not perfect and do not expect perfection in anything human, yet at the same time we do expect and shall demand that a little horse sense shall be used in connection with the progress of our town and county and that no unnecessary obstacles be placed in the way.

Already the effects of a commercial organization are being felt and as time goes by we may reasonably expect the effects to become more noticeable. Letters are beginning to come in from different companies making inquiry as to the disposal of this, that or the other thing in the way of public improvement. One company writes to know the names of those handling ing wood or other forms of paving in this city and so it goes. Before the Commercial Club was organized no one thought of writing here for such information for it was not needed as no one outside of the state, and many inside it, knew nothing about such a town as Monmouth.

Ships that Pass in the Night.

At an hour when all nature had sought repose and when even the marshal had ceased from troubling, out upon the circumambient atmosphere floated the deep roll of a drum last Friday night. At first it was thought that the Japs had declared war and that it was a call to arms, but when the sounds seemed to congregate about the Mumma cottage it was known that there must be another cause. No circumstantial, or other evidence could be deduced that there had been a wedding, yet the sounds had a wedding-like ring to them. After a prolonged discourse of sweet sounds at the former place the noise proceeded up Broad street and it was discovered that it proceeded from the time honored bass drum belonging to the erstwhile Monmouth Brass Band and the accompaniment was made with bells and other instruments of torture in the hands of well known collegians. After visiting various members of the faculty and paying them the usual compliments, the cavalcade passed down in front of the home of the marshal and thinking he would feel slighted unless they saluted him, he was given the best in the repertoire of the lusty musicians. The effect was magical. Scarcely had the band gotten under good headway before it was overhauled by the marshal, who had hastily drawn on his clothing, and brought before the bar of justice. However the band will not try it on the marshal next time after he has gone to bed

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