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We are all more or less kickers, but some are worse than others. However one who would kick at the weather we have been having for the past few days would kick if he were going to be hung. Oregon, that is this part of it, can always be depended on to bring things out on an average and it has not failed so far. To be sure there have been better seasons than this one, yet taking into consideration the weather that has prevailed throughout the eastern states we have been very fortunate. If we all do our duty toward our own localities and place before our less fortunate brothers of the far east, the wonderful resources that lie at our doors, then we will have done well. There is room and to spare for all that wish homes in this land of plenty, where a minimum of labor will produce a maximum of results. Taking the amount of labor and expense laid out by any first class farmer in the east, and placing the same on an equal area here, we would see results that would be surprising to all of us. We venture the assertion without fear of successful contradiction, that nowhere in all the wide expanse of nature is there a more favored locality, than right around Monmouth. Here the soil and climatic conditions are as nearly perfect as it is possible to get them without a special dispensation of Providence, which same is not granted promiscuously these days. Here we have no extremes of heat and cold, no irrigation is necessary and fruit and flowers adorn the home at all seasons of the year. The great trouble with the people of this country is that they are trying to do too much and as a consequence the larger part of what they do is only half done. If we were to put into practice the intensive methods of farming practiced by the best farmers of the eastern states we would soon see that we have been losing an immense fortune every year for a long time. Our land is altogether too valuable to use for the propagation of wheat or any of the cheaper cereals. What we need is to turn our attention to those things that bring large profits from small areas. This can be determined best by study of the soil and its adaptability to a particular line of products. A few cows, some poultry and pigs can always be depended on to bring a good income and a ready market for their products.

Col. Hofer and Commissioner Hoff are having trouble over the factory inspection laws. The Journal did not pay its inspection fee and when reported delinquent, "went for" the Commissioner. We have not inquired into the merits of the case,

but it is but fair to say that the Commissioner no doubt is doing his duty as nearly as he can under the law. The law, however, is only another of the numerous grafts perpetrated on a long suffering people by a gathering of men presupposed to be of superior mental caliber, but who by their acts, have in the majority of cases proven to be rank failures. The trouble with Col. Hofer in many cases is, that he tries to repeal noxious laws by personally violating them. This may bring about the desired end, but we believe we would rather let Nature take her course, under such circumstances, for it will cost less to the individual and take but little longer to attain the desired end.

The Law Enforcement League of Polk county is doing some good work and we hope that it will continue along the same lines until this county is cleared of the "blind pigs" and saloons that are operating under the name and style of drugstores. There have been plenty of drunks caused in this county where the liquor was purchased at the local drug store without even the semblance of a prescription, some of them practically having the linoleum behind the counters worn out by the steady tramp of the thirsty customers going into the back room where they would help themselves to whatever kind of liquor they wanted and leave the money in a convenient place as they went out. Boys have been given liquor and have been found drunk from having had it in their possession without the knowledge or consent of their parents. It has been strongly hinted that summary punishment may be meted out to some of these parties if the matter is not stopped at once.

Roycroft Philosophy

By Fra Elbertus.

Whenever you get out of doors draw the chin in, carry the crown of the head high, and fill the lungs to the utmost; greet your friends with a smile, and put soul into every hand clasp. Do not fear being misunderstood; and never waste a minute thinking about your enemies. Try to fix firmly in your mind what you would like to do, and then without violence of direction you will move straight to the goal. Keep your mind on the great and splendid things you would like to do; and then, as the days go gliding by, you will find yourself unconsciously seizing the opportunities that are required for the fulfillment of your desire, just as the coral insect takes from the running tide the elements it needs. Picture in your mind the able, earnest, useful person you desire to be, and the thought you hold hourly is transforming you into that particular individual.

Thought is supreme. Preserve a right mental attitude—the attitude of courage, frankness and good cheer. To think right is to create. All things come through desire, and every sincere prayer is answered. We become like that on which our hearts are fixed. Carry your chin in and the crown of your head high. We are gods in the chrysalis.

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