

# The Herald

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With this issue we begin a new year. The past year has been fairly prosperous and we hope this coming one will be more so. With a single exception the merchants have been loyal in their support of the paper. This exception promised us not less than fifty dollars worth of business during the year, but has fallen considerably shy of that amount, in fact has done no advertising or other business with the Herald for the past four months and when we asked him for an ad we received an insulting answer.

The Herald has at all times tried to be loyal to the town and its institutions notwithstanding that we have had offers of better business and much larger subscription lists if we would move to other towns. We believe that the great majority of the people of Monmouth and vicinity appreciate the paper and what it has tried to do, but this appreciation must take on a substantial form if we are to stay here and maintain the paper at its present standard. We must have a larger subscription list so that we can get enough outside advertising to enable us to hire help. With 150 new subscribers in the south half of the county we will have a much larger list than any of our competitors, provided that all our present subscribers renew. Then it will be no trouble to secure business enough to keep steady help. With the special offer to be made during the next month our friends ought to be able to help us secure that number.

This paper has constantly hammered away at the liquor traffic, but so far as any increase in business is concerned, we have gained nothing by it, in fact the only thing that we have gained by advocating the temperance cause has been the privilege of contributing to the funds that have been raised for various purposes and at the same time driving away from eight to ten dollars a month in advertising that we could have from the whiskey houses in Portland and elsewhere. If the temperance people want a paper to help them during the next campaign in this county they must get busy.

What is to be the status of skilled laborers in this country in the next twentyfive years? It is about impossible to get boys to learn a trade in the good old way. They prefer to sit around the greater part of the year and let "the old man" rustle a living for them; or if by chance they undertake to learn a trade they expect to have the top wages after a few months learning the

preliminaries. There is another class that go to some school of technology and as soon as they are turned out of it with a smattering of the technical knowledge that is necessary in any trade, they then demand even better wages than the man who has had years of experience. We believe in such schools but also believe that those who graduate from them should put in a number of years work before being allowed full wages. In union towns there is a tendency to limit the apprentices so as to keep the supply down and the wages up. The system employed by unions today is the greatest foe to expert labor there is. They demand as much from the employer for a man who can earn only half pay that the best man gets and by so doing are defeating the end sought by all honest men. Labor should be organized to protect itself against organized capital, or rather to counterbalance the grafting capitalists, but as it is now it is a greater graft than capital dare be. The leaders graft the capitalists and then in turn graft the members of the union. By carefully manipulating strikes they are enabled to keep the labor situation in a turmoil and thus turn everything to the good for themselves. It is only a question of time when the unions will die out unless radical changes are made. The most radical of all unions is the typographical union and it is pursuing the very course that will kill it in time, in fact the death knell of the best paying part of the business has already been rung, so far as the union is concerned in the establishment of schools where the handling of the linotype is taught in its fullest sense. It will not be five years until expert machinist operators can be had for but little more than is now paid for hand composition. Every boy should learn at least one trade and the aptitude of the boy for some particular trade should be ascertained in the country school by the establishment of manual training as a branch of the common school system.

It is reported that the Brotherhood of Booze Fighters held an indignation meeting Friday after the Herald appeared, because of a local notice of the change in proprietors of the drug store. The former proprietor is not a druggist and therefore the statement made by the Brotherhood is without foundation in fact. It has always been known that booze affects the brains of those indulging to excess, but where there is scarcely a thimbleful to start with the results are as a matter of course more noticeable; therefore we presume that to this cause we must attribute the outburst on that occasion. It may become necessary to name some of the more prominent members of the organization, but we hope not.

### Apples and Pears Wanted.

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