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VALEDICTORY.

We believe this is the customary heading for the last few words of an outgoing publisher to his patrons. Anyway we shall use it for the present occasion.

With this issue we close our connection with the Herald, having sold to Mr. D. E. Stitt, who has been connected with newspaper work in Oregon a number of years. Mr. Stitt will no doubt be more satisfactory to a number of people in this part of Oregon than we have been and will conduct a good live paper. We hope that the friends who have stood so loyally by the Herald under our management will rally to the support of the new editor.

We regret having to leave Monmouth, but sickness compels us to do what we would not have done for some time to come. We believe that there is a bright future for this city if the people will only look at matters from an optimistic standpoint. There are some who have been stung in times past, by the tse-tse fly of the Normal school and in consequence are afflicted with the sleeping sickness that it produces. These should at once be treated with proper remedies. Monmouth will make a good town and one noted throughout the west, whether it gets the Normal school or not.

As a parting bit of advice let me ask that the citizens take steps to change the charter at the next election and while doing so make it so that the city can bond itself for not less than \$30,000, for the purposes of a water system, street improvement and sewerage. Funds have already been provided to pay interest on \$10,000 for street improvement and then have a snug little sum left for emergencies. The income from the water system will pay running expenses and interest on the money and the increased value of city property will do the rest. You will then stand a show to get a Normal school and many other things that are out of reach under present conditions.

In closing I wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of sympathy and regard and hope that prosperity may always smile on one and all.

W. T. FOGLE.

SALUTATORY.

With this issue of the HERALD, we take hold of the helm and assume control, having purchased Mr. Fogle's interest in the business and concluded to become a citizen of Monmouth. Under Mr. Fogle's management, the HERALD has been a live factor, and whether we shall be able to keep up its interesting and breezy articles remains to be shown, for when we sit down to concentrate the mind and produce a train of thought it is some times difficult to determine what kind of crazy patchwork the fingers are going to portray.

Heretofore the HERALD has been run on independent lines and we shall continue its career along the same premises. We do not mean by independence that we shall maintain a neutral position on any proposition, but that our attitude shall be that which we conceive to be right. We have passed the stage of strong partizan views, and believe that if all would do likewise, and make right instead of might their objective point, the world would grow much better than it is, and there would be less turmoil and worry.

As we have chosen Polk county and Monmouth as our future place of residence, we shall strive to be loyal to both, and seek the advancement and interests of our town and community. We are not here to antagonize the interests of anyone, nor to abuse any person because of the views they hold, and should it become necessary to differ from another man's opinion we will endeavor to do so in the spirit of fairness and reason, without malice or rancor.

This life is by far too short to be always mixed up in a hub-bub of strife, and we have always endorsed the sentiment expressed by General Grant when he said: "Let us have peace." We not only desire peace but we wish prosperity, and if we unite our efforts and work together there is no reason why Monmouth should not grow and prosper.

As to morality we shall keep the pages of the HERALD clean so that no one shall be able to find fault because of its low plane of morality.

Yours respectfully,

D. E. STITT.

This is an age of energy, of achievement, and the boy or girl, the man or woman should have an object in view as a realization in life. Today we look out and perceive of that which seems impossible of attainment, but tomorrow sees it accomplished. And so the world moves on from one achievement to another, by individual effort seeking out the ingenious inventions and truths which have lain hidden since creation. Young man, young woman, what are you doing to make the world better because of your having lived in it? Have you sought out an ideal attainment as the goal of your ambition, or are you a mere drifter on the sea of time? If you are alive to your opportunities you may gain prominence, because of your intelligence, wealth, because of your energy, and honor, because of your worth. But, if you are a drifter, some time, somewhere you will become stranded on the shore of time and pass into the future with little or nothing to recommend you for the time you have loitered upon the sea of life.

After eleven hundred years of effort and failure, two men, Dr. Frederick A. Cook and Commander Robert E. Peary, have achieved success and stood on the Northern apex of the earth. One would naturally conclude that the North pole was big enough, and cold enough to afford each with glory sufficient to full satisfaction, but it seems otherwise, and these great explorers of the frozen region have proceeded to make the North pole tropical.

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