

SUGGESTS CREOSOTE

It is, perhaps, an unwelcome thing for me, a stranger from a distant state, to come into print advancing theories which may ring like uninvited advice. But theories are not confined by state-lines nor the Golden Rule limited by the Meridians. Now, we have here in Monmouth the making of a city, beautiful, a situation out looking a broad, restful prospect, climate and conditions all favorable to quiet prosperity. One whose pen is tipped with flame would, peradventure, write of ideal loveliness, vernal fields, and a shinning paradise, but I hold only a quill plucked from a grey wing that never soars and so write in homely phrases.

Now, then, to the point: The broken, rotted walks in this town are a menace to pedestrians. I spoke of it to my neighbor when I first landed here. I said "Why, what's the matter? You do not seem to be progressive." He answered, "O, that is soon going to be remedied, Hobbs. We have voted cement walks through out the principal streets and are going to crowd them right along." Right then bobbed up a theory that has had abidement in the back part of my head for an indefinite while; that is, that the cities should own and make the walks. How does that strike you, fellow townsmen? Now, cement walks are good to tread upon and are permanent, but expensive. There are persons in this town who would have to give up their holdings if forced to the expense of laying cement walks. There is more than one widow here who would be obliged to relinquish her home if such an obligation were laid upon her.

Now, I haven't been here long enough to have a vote, but I declare to you if I had I couldn't force a widow's home from her. I would rather have a sore thumb than the conscience I would carry if I should stand and look on at such a deed and feel that I had ever so small a part in it. Theosophists talk a great deal of "the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." Seems as if there might be something in it if it were well worked out.

Really, cementing, combined with all the other taxes we have to carry, will be something of a hardship for any of us individually, and for myself, I admit I shall have to retrench in order to meet the expense. I shall, at least, have to deny myself the pleasure of seeing my wife in a new hat next winter. But now, if the city owned the walks and, levying a reasonable tax, used the money as far as it would go this year, doing the same thing next year, and the next, the town would soon be all cemented and no one crowded, remembering the "Fatherhood of God" and working out the "Brotherhood of Man" idea. Or, what would be still better for a little place like this where none are really rich and some are really poor, lay the whole town with boards treated with creosote. I am told that boards so treated last twelve or fifteen years, resisting the weather, marine borers and other causes of decay. And the big lumber mills have large quantities of odd length boards which could be negotiated for at greatly reduced rates, boards 9, 11 and 13 feet, making a comparatively cheap and durable walk and, if handled by the city, would be a hardship to no one.

JOHN HOBBS.

Zook, the paper hanger will do your painting.

Monmouth Heights

James Goodman has been hauling gravel the past week.

John Walker and Elmore Diehl are hauling cord wood for Dave Dove.

H. R. Fishback was a business visitor to Black Rock Thursday of last week.

P. E. Chase of Monmouth, was here on business the latter part of last week.

Miss Lettie Fishback visited with Mrs. Belle Sullivan, of Monmouth, Friday.

Allen Towns purchased a pig of Alwood Sloan, of North Independence, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Raikie visited with the latter's sister, Mrs. Retta Hamar, of Salem.

Several from here attended the base ball game in Monmouth Friday, between Monmouth and Rickreall.

The officers for the Antioch Sunday school were elected last Sunday as follows: Supt., S. H. Henkle; Asst. Supt., Mrs. Ramsey; Sec., Len Fishback; Asst. Sec., Millie Clarke; Chorister, Clair Stewart; Organist, Len Fishback; Asst. Organist, Ollie Hinkle. Teacher for the Bible class, Allen Towns; young people's class, Lettie Fishback and primary, Mrs. Allen Towns. The school is progressing nicely, forty being present last Sunday. Will meet every Sunday at 10 o'clock.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the county school superintendent of Polk county will hold the regular examination for applicants for state papers at Dallas, commencing Wednesday, June 21, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, June 24, at 5 p. m., as follows:

FOR STATE CERTIFICATES (One-year, five-year, life.)

Wednesday a. m.—Arithmetic, Civil Government, English Literature.

Wednesday p. m.—Geography, Grammar, Physics.

Thursday a. m.—Orthography, Theory and Practice, Bookkeeping.

Thursday p. m.—Writing, Physiology, Geology.

Friday a. m.—U. S. History, Physical Geography, Botany.

Friday p. m.—School Law, Psychology, Geometry.

Saturday a. m.—Reading, Algebra, General History.

Saturday p. m.—Composition, American Literature, History of Education.

FOR STATE PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday a. m.—Methods in Reading, Methods in Arithmetic.

Wednesday p. m.—Methods in Language, Methods in Geography.

Thursday a. m.—Orthography, Theory and Practice.

Thursday p. m.—Writing and Physiology.

Friday a. m.—Thesis. Subjects for Thesis: Lessons by Stories, Language Work in Primary Grades, Number Work in Primary Grades, Busy Work in Primary Grades, Possibilities of Nature Study in Primary Grades, Phonics in Primary Grades, Child Study. Applicant chooses one subject.

Friday p. m.—Psychology.

NOTE: Questions on Theory and Practice, Writing, Arithmetic, Physiology and Psychology will be the same for primary certificates as for other certificates.

H. C. SEYMOUR, School Supt., Polk County, Ore.

The Book Von Moltke Read.

The Chateau de Ferrieres has a historic as well as a proprietorial interest. It was the scene of the memorable interview between Bismarck and Jules Ferry, when the latter made his impassioned declaration about "not a stone of our fortresses, not an inch of our territory." Bismarck was the only speaker on the Prussian side. As far as he was concerned, the colloquy would have been ended in a few minutes. Ferry's special pleading lasted the best part of an hour. It all ended as we know.

Silent in a corner of the room there sat Moltke. Silent he remained all the while. He was reading, and he never took his eyes off his book. Ferry Whitehurst was curious to know what book it was that had thus absorbed him. It was "Martin Chuzzlewit."—Pall Mall Gazette.

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