

VAGARIES

If those who are living outside of the veil
Can watch our fantastic actions,
Does it seem that the world is a playground for fools
With its pageants and bluster and factions?
Do they notice, I wonder, or memory recall,
How strangely things lose their perspective—
How big things are little and little things big?
(Minds need so a broadening corrective.)
Do they note how the little occasional thrills
Shake the leaves of the posthumous bowers
Of this dead little town which is lying at rest
With its hands folded over its flowers?
Did they—also—consider—(while living small lives,)—
That their acts cast a light on the ages,
And that when they passed out they'd (deservedly) have
Highest seats 'mong the prophets and sages?
I wish those who watch us would drop us a word
Of praise or of cheer or correction,
Or just tell us, you know, that we're doing first rate,
And facing the proper direction.
L'ENVOI.
(In the eyes of the Mightier, farther away,
We amount to the same—I've a notion—
As those little creatures who live in a drop
And think its a boundless ocean.)
JOHN HOBBS.

Monmouth Public Library Association

The first meeting to discuss a public library for Monmouth was held Saturday afternoon, July 22nd, on the beautiful home grounds of the President of the Book Club, Miss Maggie Butler.

After an informal discussion, it was decided to accept the offer of a public reading-room for Monmouth, with rent, furniture, heat and light, janitor and librarian service free from July 1st 1911 to May 1st 1912, provided the property now occupied were not sold in the meantime.

It was the unanimous expression of the Club that a library association should be formed which should include every man, woman, and child in Monmouth and the surrounding country, who became a reader of the Traveling library, by signing the agreement as printed in the last issue of the MONMOUTH HERALD. The number of signers to date is thirty.

The Book Club appointed a Committee to consider the questions naturally arising relative to making this public library movement a permanent organization. This Committee consists of Miss Armilda Doughty, Chairman, Mrs. G. T. Boothby, and Mrs. Nettie Boche, who will confer with the officers of the Book Club, Miss Maggie Butler, President, Mrs. J. B. V. Butler, Vice President, and Mrs. Mary Campbell, Secretary.

Should this Committee report favorably a public meeting will be held before September first, at which the association will be formally organized and officers and committees elected.

The Book Club guaranteed that ten dollars should be raised to buy the Century, Harper's Monthly, and Scribner's. At the list price these magazines would cost \$11.00. Arrangements have been made to obtain these however at a cost of \$9.65.

It is a pleasure to announce in this connection that a citizen of Monmouth without solicitation, has given ten dollars to the Monmouth Public Library Association, on the sole condition that his identity be not revealed. The money has been deposited in the

Polk County Bank in the name of the Monmouth Public Library Association. Should the Committee choose to spend this money for the magazines mentioned above the Association starts its first year with every expense guaranteed and 35 cents in the Treasury.

Other donations have been received as follows: One year's subscription each to the Bookman, St. Nicholas, and the Monmouth Herald. All of the periodicals will be circulated on the same plan as the books except that the time will be limited to seven days in order that a larger number may have the magazines while they are new. Most of these periodicals will begin with the July number. It has been suggested that many of the citizens of Monmouth would be willing to donate magazines that they are subscribing for after they have been read in their homes. Please tell any member of the Book Club if you can make such a donation, or send the magazine direct to the Public library.

The periodicals particularly desired are state or Polk County news papers, the American, Collier's Weekly, Everybody's, Good Housekeeping, Harper's Bazaar, Harper's Weekly, Independent, Ladies Home Journal, Literary Digest, McClure, Outing, Saturday Evening Post, World Today, and Youth's Companion.

A Lubricator Device

Elmore C. Jordan, a locomotive engineer on the Los Angeles division of the Southern Pacific Company, has recently received a patent on a new device for the filling of lubricators upon locomotives by means of compressed air. The device is extremely simple and provides a means by which the central reservoir of the lubricator can be filled at any time while the engine is hot, and without any waste of lubricating oil or any danger to the operator from leaking valves, an arrangement greatly appreciated by the engineers on the long straight-away runs on the Southern Pacific.

At the time Jordan completed his invention he brought it to the attention of the Southern Pacific officials and through them patent letters were granted. It was experimented with upon the huge Mallet locomotives of the Southern Pacific Company and later pronounced practically a necessity on account of the location of the lubricators on these engines, since these lubricators are so high on the boiler head and difficult to fill.

With Jordan's invention the lubricators can be filled while the engine is in motion without taking the usual necessary time to cool the lubricator. It is being used on all locomotives of the Harriman lines and will undoubtedly soon be taken up by many other railroads.

For Sale—California Medicated Soap. Excellent for all skin diseases, also for shampooing the hair. Mrs. J. W. Richardson Sr. Monmouth St., Independence, Or.

Little Earl, the seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reeves, had a sad accident Friday p. m. while playing with fire-crackers one happened to go off in his hand. The lashes were burned from both of his eyes and one eye is seriously injured. He was taken to Dr. Hewitt, who attended to the injuries. The boy is much better now and we hope he will have a speedy recovery.—Independence Enterprise.

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