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SALUTATORY

With this issue the new management makes its bow to the Herald readers and trusts that the relationship may be cordial and pleasant. Mr. Stitt, the retiring proprietor, has served the Herald and Monmouth faithfully and conscientiously and we hope to achieve the same standard.

A good newspaper is only such by a co-operation between the producer and readers and granted this we believe we can give Monmouth a newspaper that will do much to advance its growth and development.

The contributions of news items are always welcome but doubly so in the interval when we are getting better acquainted with one another. Use your telephone or send in the items and they will be duly appreciated.

A PIONEER CROP

Manager Murdock of the Monmouth creamery is experimenting with the growing of sweet clover as a pioneer crop for alfalfa. Whenever he sows grass seed he puts in a liberal amount of sweet clover seed, the idea being that the latter will inoculate the soil and prepare it for a permanent stand of alfalfa.

While alfalfa will grow in the sandy soil and on tile drained land in this locality it is found to be a failure on the ordinary run of heavy soil. Eastern experiments, especially in Wisconsin have demonstrated sweet clover to be a good crop to prepare the soil for alfalfa. In Wisconsin sweet clover was long rated as a noxious weed but is now being grown for hay. If allowed to become mature it is tough and woody and fit for nothing as forage but cut green it is given a place of rank below alfalfa and other clovers.

Its toughness and hardness makes it an excellent pioneer crop, and experimenters assert the clover is not only good forage itself but is indispensable in preparing the way for the more delicate varieties of clover.

BALLOON RIDING

If the people who are trying to blow out one another's brains over in Europe could be made responsible for all the far reaching consequences of their little attempt at mutual diversion, the same might be the business of no one but themselves. But the fact that the whole world is interested is apparent in a great many ways.

One of these effects that is most apparent to printers is the way in which print paper and inks are now climbing skyward. Many kinds of paper and ink are not being made at all in this country at present and the price is in proportion to the supply on hand in the wholesale stocks. Quotations on cover paper given the Herald last week were to the effect that the price, an excessive one, was good only as long as the stock lasted and on the particular brand selected the supply did not last long enough to receive the

order sent by return mail.

The cutting off of the supply of linen rags from Russia is given as a reason for this condition of affairs and the shutting off of pulp from Sweden and Germany is also given as effective in the boosting of paper prices. The closing of German ports has played havoc with printers inks the problem of finding a substitute for the coloring matter being one that has not been able to adjust itself in the short time since the need became apparent.

It is not at all unlikely that the wholesaler has taken advantage of the opportunity to boost prices a bit on his own account. But the fact remains that printing material holds a place with copper, steel, leather, wool, etc., as being among those commodities most affected by the little disagreement across the pond.

CO-OPERATION

To co-operate or not to co-operate is the question that is bothering local dairymen and both sides appear to have strong adherents. Those in favor argue that Monmouth will greatly benefit by the additional patrons the change will bring to the creamery. The increase in patronage at the creamery will bring more people and trade to town and result in increased business for the retailers of the city. It will also mean more profit for the dairymen, individually, as they plan to cut down overhead expenses and return the profits to the milkman.

On the other hand opponents to co-operation argue that the return of more profits to the milkman will mean the restriction of the proper growth and development of the business, that the size of the penny held close to the eye will blind the sight of the producer to the dollar that is a little farther away—that the tendency will be to stick close to the immediate profit without regard to the financial provisions for new machinery and new ideas in business.

Co-operation is in the air just at present and the subject is getting a thorough discussion.

Editor Clark of the Independence Enterprise has decided to make the race for nomination as representative in the legislature. About the time the citizens of this country quit sending lawyers to represent them in the legislature they may secure laws for the benefit of other classes as well as the legal profession. The average man approaches legal proceedings with fear and trembling knowing that the lawyers are apt to handle him as the millstones do the wheat. We need more farmers and merchants and editors in the legislature.

"Believes Germans are losing dash," says the headline in an exchange. Now if some German-Americans would lose the hyphen all would be well.

Between the python with appendicitis and the lion with a broken heart, the Chicago zoo almost qualifies for the society page.

The Senate decision that poker playing doesn't bar a man from office recalls the good old days when it was a prime recommendation.

The safety of little nations in war times seems to depend more on inaccessible mountains than irrefutable arguments.

Funston is no bookkeeper but he seems to understand the double entry system.

"Bottle Concerns May Merge." There's a trust it oughtn't to be difficult to bust.

The man who tells you he is no fool may merely be mistaken.

Let us make this town either bigger or better, or both.

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TO THE REPUBLICAN VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I am a candidate for District Attorney of said County, and if nominated and elected, I pledge myself to diligently and faithfully attend to all the duties pertaining to said office, and will fearlessly enforce all the laws in an impartial manner.

I respectfully ask your support at the primary election on the 19th of May, 1916.

B. F. SWOPE.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Surveyor on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the members of that party at the primary in May. I solicit the support of all republicans throughout Polk county, assuring each that if I am nominated and elected the duties incumbent upon the county surveying will be given the very best attention.

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WM. A. ("BILL") HIMES

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hereby announce my candidacy for the republican nomination for the office of District Attorney. If nominated and elected, I shall enforce all laws as I find them without fear or favor, and in a just, conscientious manner. I will give to the County's affairs the same careful, conscientious attention I would give to the affairs of private clients. I respectfully solicit your support, and if nominated and elected, will devote my entire time to giving you an administration of the affairs of this office such as may reward you for the trust and confidence placed in me.

Walter L. Tooze, Jr.

NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY OREGON

I hereby announce myself on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May, and respectfully solicit your support.

L. V. MACKEN.

TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in May and respectfully solicit your support.

MRS. WINNIE BRADEN.

TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

Having been urged by my friends to again become a candidate for commissioner and having acceded to their demand, I most respectfully ask the support of all republicans in the primary May 19. My past record is my only platform.

G. A. WELLS.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

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C. S. GRAVES.

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