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Monmouth Meditations

While politics is changing for the next scene, baseball will entertain the large and intelligent assembly.

While alarming reports of fruit failures are prevalent from the south it seems evident that the fruit crops of Polk county will be above normal. The outlook for prune and cherry is apparently good.

The teacher who can put on a program and who can train her pupils in the art of appearing to advantage on the platform is a teacher who will get along. A stage presence is as valuable to a child as a knowledge of the rules of grammar. Practical living is what the school should fit the pupil for and an ease in the presence of others is one of the possessions in life that is of practical value. The practice that normal school students get in the May day exercises, supplementing their regular rhetorical work will be of immense help to them when it comes to putting into execution in the public schools theory and practice they have obtained at the normal.

The assertion that the English are lacking in a national sense of humor received confirmation in their treatment of the Irish rebellion. The rebellion appears to have had about it a great deal of the burlesque type of the Central American revolution. Yet the English met it as seriously as though it were a challenge from a first rate power. They ranged artillery and galling guns in Dublin, battered down eight million dollars worth of property and as soon as any one was captured to whom responsibility could be fastened, court marshalled and shot eight of them. After the American civil war which required four years and vast armies to subdue, our government executed only two men, the keepers of the prisons of Andersonville and Libby, and they for brutality and inhumanity, not for treason. But when the English subdue their little family rumpus they execute eight. No wonder the Irish have so little love for the English.

But it cannot be said of the Germans that they lack humor. There must have been a suppressed smile when the last note to President Wilson was prepared in William's diplomatic

office. After listening to a scolding in which threat followed threat, and the text of which was so grave that it put the whole United States in the restless state of anxiety, the Germans come back with a grin. In effect the reply is this "Sure thing, we'll behave. . . Our submarines will harm nothing more substantial than hulks or derelicts, IF, you will make Johnnie Bull behave himself, too." One thing stands out as plain as the nose on your face and that is—it will take more than President Wilson's state papers to get us into war with Germany. The Kaiser's diplomats are too keen witted for that.

A great deal of the prosperity on the coast depends on the lumber business and while a strong movement is in progress among lumbermen to convince one another that the lumber business is on the boom, still there exists an apparent uncertainty as to just how real this boom is. Lumber prices are up and the demand is increasing but still among mill men there is uncertainty as to just how strong this demand is and how soon it will be satisfied. Many mills are reluctant to open through a fear that the demand will be supplied and prices start to drop again before they get well started.

The retailers of Monmouth are in a position to know that contrary to the general rule in the valley, the retail business of the city is steadily increasing. Monmouth's Main street needs more business buildings and representatives of different kinds of business now unrepresented.

With Vera Cruz taken with a flourish and abandoned as quietly as possible, with troops ordered into Mexico to get Villa and after a short chase told to forget him, it is no wonder the Mexicans are exhibiting a contempt for American boundary stakes. The Mexican has been worked up to a position where he will have to have a trouncing if we are to live on the same continent with him.

The Anti-Saloon league of Oregon propounded questions to the candidates for the state legislature and neither Candidates Clark nor Metzger replied to the inquiries. Candidate Stafrin is quoted "favors testing present law. People should vote on any changes. Would curb alcohol sales."

Belgium and France are surely entitled to the sympathy of the world. Inoffensive, peace loving, asking only to be let alone to work out their destinies they have been invaded, their property destroyed, their sons slaughtered, and their citizens compelled to mortgage their future, to defend themselves physically in order to preserve their national integrity. History has not many instances of a similar situation to that in which France and Belgium now find themselves.

Some people are willing to be good if paid for it, and others are good for nothing.

Alas for the intellect when the

understanding is limited only by the size of the feet.

There is some consolation in the thought that from the weather standpoint, while May day was bad, there has been nothing since that has not been worse.

The normal school is asking for improvements, one thing urgently needed being more room in the chapel, the space for which has for some time been too small.

Still, it were better to raise one's boy to be a soldier than to raise him to be a poolroom loafer.

What Mexico needs at this juncture is an executive who can do a little judicious executing.

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FOR THE LEGISLATURE

I announce myself a candidate for member of the legislative assembly from Polk county upon a platform of economy, good roads, lower taxes and the elimination of freak laws, and most respectfully solicit the support of republicans in the primary of May 19.

MRS. ELLA J. METZGER.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE

I have filed as a candidate for the office of representative from Polk county, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election May 19, 1916, and respectfully solicit your support.

CONRAD STAFRIN.

FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

I am a candidate for the office of county school superintendent of Polk county, subject to the will of the people at the Republican primary, May 19, 1916. Businesslike methods, good schools and faithful service.

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FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of county surveyor of Polk county, subject to the will of the republican voters at the primary election, May 19. I respectfully solicit your support.

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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.

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.

LOUIS 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.

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.

Efficiency, Economy and Impartiality is my motto.

WM. A. ("BILL") HIMES

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 TREASURER

I am a candidate for the office of treasurer on the Republican ticket. Your vote is respectfully solicited at the primary election, May 19, 1916.

A. V. R. SNYDER.