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Monmouth Meditations

If Monmouth had had about two more Mulkeys at Eugene it might have made Portland scramble for its honors.

Still the name of the Hon. Coleman du Pont, Nemours, etc., of Delaware, the business man's candidate for the presidency, figures only in the plate matter which he supplies free of charge to rural newspapers. Du Pont's dollars do not look as large from a national view point as they do in Delaware.

They do not cut the daylight out of any better material or to any more generous measure anywhere on this footstool than they do in Polk county.

The amusement idea as put forth by President Ackerman to the Normal society contains some very pertinent statements. Monmouth is better prepared for that period of relaxation than many places because of the general popularity of tennis. There are perhaps plenty of amusement places in the daytime but at night it seems to be a case of the street or stay at home. Here is an opportunity for action by public spirited people. A Y. M. C. A. serves this end in many places. There might be room in the school building for the library and reading room and for a few of the features of common entertainment, which under proper supervision could be made to serve the end. Here is something to think about.

This reminds us that the editor of this paper went seeking the library in the high school building one day last week and one of the school boys, to whom the query was put, gave the information that the library was not in the school building at all, but in the Christian church. Since the library has been in the school building for at least two months, the incident shows the need of a little more library advertising.

In his notable career as a philanthropist John D. Rockefeller has given away almost everything except gasoline.

Many a man fails to hear the knock of opportunity because he is busy doing a little "knocking" on his own account.

Memories of lessons learned at mother's knee vary with the position, horizontal or otherwise, you occupied at the time.

The peace theory is one of the most attractive things in sight. It appeals to our natural indolence and love of ease. How fine to live on terms of fraternal love with all; no strife, no dissensions, no storms! How lovely to think of life as of some rustic painting where we loiter on a green bank and drink long draughts of ease and repose and attractive scenery! The doctrine of non-resistance is immensely alluring but many hard-headed people think that nations are not quite ready for it. The idea appears similar to the glowing articles sometimes placed before us for perusal how that medical science is now getting down to the time when the happy period can be foreseen when there will be no more sickness and everybody will die of old age. The idea is fine but it overlooks the Old Nick in humanity and it is likely to be some time before the factories for the manufacturing of soothing syrups and cough drops will shut up shop.

Cummings may be coming and may arrive at the goal he ardently seeks but there seems to be plenty of room to doubt if he ever escapes from the participant.

The crackling report of the firing squad still echoes from across the sea where the British court marshal is still executing traitors and raising up a fresh crop of martyrs to obtain a place in Erin's song and story.

With the prospect of paying Main street looming up before us let us all make an effort to put Monmouth in harmony with its new improvement. More and better buildings along Main street should be the slogan and no effort should be spared to divert all the trade to the city and its merchants that is rightfully deserved. Now is the time to show enterprise, to pull together and begin to attain a few of the possibilities of Monmouth's future.

The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong, goes the old saw and in our national politics it seems to be the rule to heap honors on the obscure and the mediocre. The history of the union since the adoption of the constitution has been filled with examples of this. Instances when the nation has chosen its best to executive office has been the exception and not the rule. Washington, Jefferson and Jackson were shining exceptions, but as a rule when the nation has chosen a really able executive it has been by accident and not by deliberate intention. Many times the nation has had at its call the services of brilliant and able men and has preferred to turn them aside for unknown and untried rivals. Hamilton, Clay and Webster were examples and Blaine was a later instance. What a flood of calumnies were dug up and hurled against Blaine in the days of his mental strength! Especially was he accused of being a jingo and his enemies said if he were given power he would immediately plunge the nation into war. Yet when made Harrison's secretary of state his opposition to the Mc-

Kinley bill and his establishment of Pan-American relations showed that he had the instincts of real statesmanship and would have advanced the nation in commerce and prestige many degrees had he been given the opportunity in the days of his mental strength.

If you don't think well of yourself it is useless to expect your associates to have any better opinion. For instance, instead of waiting for your neighbor to finish reading his Herald and then pass it on to you, read it first hand and subscribe for it yourself. Your own stock in your own mind will advance 10 per cent.

Justice Hughes hasn't said a word in months, but many persons who took the view that he had absolutely eliminated himself from the Presidential contest are now wondering whom he will select as Secretary of War.

It is certainly to be hoped that Bud Fisher's new vaudeville stunt will draw better than Bud does.

We don't know whether a dollar goes as far as it used to but it certainly goes faster.

It might be easier to respect Mexico's integrity if she would only show some.

Almost every note we get from Berlin seems to be a promissory note.

So far as can be judged from this distance, a Zeppelin raid represents neither pleasure, profit nor sport.

A certain amount of Billy Sunday appears to be necessary to every ambitious town.

Nobody who reads all the investigation news in the Record would suspect Congress of idling.

Some married men go around half dressed because it takes too much to dress their wives.

The cost of gasoline has superseded the price of hay as a topic of rural anxiety.

The decks are being cleared and put in order for battle at the Primary election which is to take place next Friday. The polling places in Monmouth are as follows: Southwest, Johnson residence, Main and College streets; Northwest, in tent between College avenue and College street; Southeast, building formerly used as Herald office; Northeast, sample room at Monmouth hotel.

H. Hirschberg of Independence has been re-elected treasurer of the state grange.

A civil service examination is to be held at Dallas May 27th to examine applicants for the office of postmaster at Buena Vista. The office paid \$250 last year.

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