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Monmouth Meditations

President Wilson appears to have carried Oregon.

Come, forget your grunch; the strawberry season and picnic time are upon us.

As for the Monmouth track team, it has to go out of Polk county to find something to compete with.

Those paving specifications appear to have been prepared for the town we would like to have instead of the town that is.

A modest winner and a good loser! These are qualities that commend themselves at the track meet, the ball game and also very much in politics. It's fine to ride on the band wagon but it takes character to be a good loser.

The rumble of the approaching Hughes avalanche now meets the ear of the casual listener.

To the credit of Attorney Swope be it said that he fought a good fight, he made a good run and when the votes were counted and he was found defeated, he was still a good fellow, ready to resume business at the old stand and here's wishing him better success the next time.

Of the three women candidates for office on the Republican side in Polk county, Miss Almeda Fuller was the only one who landed on the inside of the breastworks. She made a good run and we venture the surmise that she will make a better one in the fall.

People were pleased at the welcome sight of J. H. Moran down on his knees last Saturday morning but he was only copying figures from one of the statements posted low in front of one of the polling places.

The time to have stopped the work on road and bridge at Independence was before the work was started. Now that the county is in for it, why not hand it out with a pleasant countenance?

The Odd Fellows of the state are in session this week at Roseburg and there is a perceptible tip of the topography of Oregon toward its south-west corner.

There will be some consolation with Hughes and Wilson as the candidates that the country will not go very far wrong in picking either one of them.

By the way, who is this Wm. Grant Webster of Illinois, whom the Republicans of Oregon have endorsed for nomination as Vice-President at Chicago? Wm. Grant is one of the strongest indictments we know of against the present primary law. As far as 99 per cent of the people of Oregon know, Wm. Grant may be a hod carrier or a chimney sweep, but because he gets his name on the primary ballot and has no opposition, the delegates from this state are instructed to support him.

Oregon, having had its political family scraps, wherein we did our best to get up a rumpus within the home circles, we will now pass out into the larger arena and begin to make faces at our neighbors.

In these piping days when the prunes are getting started and the hay fields working up a job for the mower, the head of the latest family to seek a residence in Monmouth paces the streets of the city in order to find any old thing that will do for a domicile. Monmouth's future is now assured and why not meet it part way by building a few more houses?

Talk of peace in Europe is now getting so loud that it occupies almost as much space in the news columns as the reports of the latest military engagements. There was very little peace talk on the continent before the visit of Ford's peace party. Since that time the talk has largely increased in volume.

If there was anyone in Oregon who wrote in on his ballot the presidential preference for the Honorable T. Coleman du Pont, Nemours, of Delaware, that fact has not been called to our attention.

Roses and brides and graduates and June reminds us that among the other good things on tap during the coming salubrious month is the rose festival. It will soon be time to awake from your doze and follow your nose to see the rose that Portland shows.

It is a lamentable fact that the one time when road making can be carried on to advantage is the one season of the year when the roads are good and the necessity for their improvement is not as apparent as in the winter time. The average taxpayer has to be driven in the matter of spending money on roads. The annual appropriations should be made when the mud is the deepest.

Baker Mulkey got so interested in the track meet Saturday that he forgot to put yeast in his next days bread dough and had to sit up Sunday night to do his baking. But there are a few other Monmouth fathers who would undergo more than that to have a prize winning son.

It appears evident that whatever progress Polk county will make in the selection of fitting county officers will be made in spite of sectionalism.

At least Villa and the Crown Prince have proved that dying is not nearly so fatal as it once was.

It cost from fifty cents to a dollar apiece for the cast and counted vote in some of the Monmouth precincts last Friday. The primary law is doing effective work but it will stand considerable shaving in its cost of operation.

The Carranza Government is arranging to buy up all of its paper money. They must have heard of the high prices being paid for scrap paper in America.

Mr. Hearst actually couldn't have been a bit more excited over that Irish rising if he had a cattle ranch over there.

"Villa can't live forever," reminds an editor. Exactly. But neither can the rest of us.

Those Teuton incendiary plot revelations indicate that Germany still has money to burn.

In the matter of our other cheek, Germany evidently feels that one good turn deserves another.

Carranza is anxious to have relations with this country confined to diplomatic correspondence.

Col. Bryan and Henry Ford may decide to order each other out of the political trenches at Chicago and St. Louis.

That rumored reconciliation between Barnes and Roosevelt has drifted further than ever into the idle gossip class.

"There is a woman's head on our coins," says the Boston Transcript. Sure. That's why money talks.

Boy and Girl Prize Winners

Arrangements have just been completed by J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for sending the boys and girls who won the capital prizes in the industrial club work at the State Fair last fall to the Oregon Agricultural College for the Boys' and Girls' Summer School. Twenty-one children were successful in winning these prizes at the State Fair last September. The capital prizes consist of membership in the short course at the Agricultural College with all expenses paid. It represents the highest award in each project offered in the Industrial Department at the State Fair last year. The prizes are made possible through contributions made to Superintendent Churchill for the furtherance of this work by public-spirited men and women of the state. Those who received these rewards are: Leland Charley, Brownsboro; Gertrude Courtney, La Grande; Earl Stewart, Cottage Grove; Homer Bursell, Monmouth; Hazel Bursell, Monmouth; Clifford Cook, Yoncalla; Carmen Jones, Pendleton; Esther Miller, Medford; Warren McGowan, Independence; Harold Reynolds, Independence; Earl Cooley, Salem; L. M. Bowles, Dallas; Rudolph Mullenhoff, Boring; Teddy Fones, Carlton; Exie Morgan, The Dalles; Florence Wharton, Roseburg; Marion Lowe, Nyssa; Mae McDonald, Dallas; Muriel Blume, Albany; Paul Jaeger, Sherwood; Claus Charley, Brownsboro.

The Boys' and Girls' Club Work which is carried on co-operatively by the State Department of Education, the Extension Service of the Oregon Agricultural College and the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture, is increasing in interest

to such an extent that clubs are being formed in every section of Oregon. Since the first of the year Superintendent Churchill has had two field workers, N. C. Maris and L. P. Harrington, continuously engaged in forming clubs throughout the state. The work of the Agricultural College in sending to the members of these clubs, bulletins on how to select seed, care for the growing crops and also bulletins on canning, sewing, etc., has made a wonderful advancement in the standard of the work done by the school children of Oregon. The example of Claus Charley of Jackson county shows what a wholesome influence one boy may have in this work. At the State Fair in 1914 he won the state prize on his corn. The next year through the efforts of the county school superintendent and one of the Medford banks, fifty boys of Jackson county were supplied with seed corn selected from Claus Charley's prize-winning corn. Each of these fifty boys raised from one-eighth to one-fourth of an acre of corn, the amount which each boy planted being determined by the age of

the boy. The exhibits of corn coming from these boys to the State Fair in 1915 were said by the judges to exceed in quality fully 100 per cent the corn exhibit of 1913. Similar incidents can be told of many other boys throughout the state, and of many girls enrolled in the canning and the sewing clubs.

"As a result of this work," says Superintendent Churchill, "we can feel certain that in the next generation there will be a group of expert farmers and home-keepers in every rural community of Oregon."

Six thoroughbred bulls were sold by Polk county breeders to Coos county dairymen a few days ago. Three of the bulls were Luckiamute Jewel Noble, the first bull calf from Noble's Empress, that won first honors as a two-year-old at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition; Luckiamute Ideal Boy, whose full sister has just finished with 1066 pound butter as a two-year-old, and Luckiamute Bachelor, from Frank Loughary's farm. Two of the bulls were from G. G. Hewitt's herd and the sixth was from W. L. Hull, Ballston.

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