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Monmouth Meditations

Clear the decks. Six hundred Summer School students are headed this way.

This is the season when the forehanded farmer puts up a silo and proceeds to fill it in order that his milk cows may have June feed in January.

A man is known by the company he keeps and also by the remonstrance he signs.

Although the horse is getting to be an old fashioned institution in these days of dust and automobiles, there are still many who like to see those racing machines of bone and muscle make the mile circuit. The Independence track is the mecca the latter part of this week and good sport is promised.

The failure of the council to produce a quorum means two more weeks of dust for Main street.

Two things that Monmouth needs—a larger hall for public gatherings and a larger post office.

E. B. Hamilton is one of the prime boosters of the city. It was his inspiration and enterprise that provided Monmouth ribbons for pupils and people of the city at the Rickreal picnic.

Monmouth people recognize the quality of the Training School Orchestra and its reputation is extending to the surrounding country. It is a mark of distinction to belong to Miss Hoham's splendid organization.

Were it not for the war and the fact that it is convention time more attention would have been diverted to the peck of trouble in which Mayor John P. Mitchell has worked himself. Mr. Mitchell, although a good Catholic himself, suspected that not all the money which was appropriated by the city for use by the Catholic benevolent institutions of the city was reaching its benevolent destination. He set an investigation at work which uncovered the fact that graft was rife among the priests who handled the funds. When confronted with the charge, disputes arose and by way of proof the mayor had the telephone wires tapped and thus secured undisputed evidence. By his action the mayor took his political future in his hands for hypocrisy is the one vice that does not

forgive opposition. However, despite the assertion of many, the ties of creed do not have as strong a hold on any section of the people as formerly.

It surely would give our neighbors a chance to chuckle if Monmouth, having marched up to the paving proposition, should turn tail and march back again.

Much time and patience were expended in perfecting the presentation of the Senior Class play, "Queen's Masque," at the Normal, and the production was a very creditable one. The throne and its attendants made a fine picture and the dancing of the Spirits representing earth, air and water, with their harmonious costumes in the woodland background, was very pleasing to look upon.

When Col. Hofer resigned from the Normal board of regents he is reported to have stated his reason as being opposed to a waste of state funds inasmuch as three boards were required to do what one board should do. One answer to this statement could be found in the text which President Carl Doney of Willamette university used for his baccalaureate sermon. "To what purpose is this waste?" President Doney showed conclusively that the money cost of an action is not a safe standard with which to measure it. There has grown up in the state a continued clamor to reduce expenses, a very laudable aim. But it would be just as senseless to run to an extreme in the matter of economy as in the matter of excessive appropriations. The divisions of education which the different boards control are widely different. Few men can be fair in three directions. The tendency with one board would be for the individuals to have preferences and to promote one kind of education at the expense of the other. That each board should be in sympathy with the education it directs is necessary for the development of a balanced education.

Wm. Grant Webster, Oregon's candidate for vice president, seems to have cut a sorry figure at the Chicago convention. Oregon's primary law needs repairing in the regard that allowed the endorsement of Webster and it also should be amended to reduce its expense.

People in the western part of Monmouth are reported to be preparing a remonstrance to keep J. B. V. Butler from trimming his lawn so early these June mornings. They claim it awakens them too early. The China pheasants alluded to by our correspondent of last week belong to the state and can not be molested, but Mr. Butler's well known public spirit makes him amenable to reason and it is felt that if properly approached he will do his lawn trimming at more seasonable hours.

Well, it looks as though the Good Old Summer Time were here for a lengthy visit.

Congress considers the pig an ideal symbol of preparedness,

the pig having qualities that make its enemies cut it up into pork.

Had it not been for the activity of Roosevelt it is not to be supposed the victory of Hughes at Chicago would not have been so easily won. It was the looming Roosevelt that brought the Republican bosses to their senses and made them willing for the sake of harmony to name so progressive and aggressive a man as Hughes. There are more ways than one to extinguish a cat and Roosevelt has made the whole Republican party progressive in spite of itself.

And by the same token, the newspapers who have so industriously lampooned the colonel and poisoned the mind of the reading public against him, now owe him an apology. Just watch them do the courteous thing!

Mr. Keezel who leaves this week for Eugene and who will not return in the Fall, will be missed by the Monmouth high school as well as by the people of the city. Mr. Keezel is a man of advanced ideas, thoroughly alive and up to date. He is practical and has labored to make the high school education of more real value to the student. He has put his whole heart into his work and has labored to advance the best aims of the school.

In proportion to the outlay, the Hon. Coleman du Pont, de Nemours of Delaware seems to have little to show, now that the convention is over. If he wants to acquire Mr. Carnegie's satisfied feeling we suggest that he start a crusade for providing automobiles for worthy editors.

"A Place in the Sun" is what the people of Europe are killing one another for at present. Strange, but it did not seem nearly that attractive at the Senior Play Tuesday afternoon.

During the prevalence of the high prices for drugs many citizens have taken to fresh air, sunshine and good foods with excellent results.

We see by the papers that New York's Metropolitan trophy automobile race was a signal success, two men being killed.

Mr. Hugh Rank and Miss Mary Smell were united in the h. b. of m. last week at Hawarden, Ia. Aw, write your own headline!

Washington reports that Uruguay and Guatemala are strongly backing our Mexican policy. This certainly takes a tremendous weight off our minds.

The democrats of Polk county have organized with Frank H. Faulk as chairman, M. L. Boyd, secretary, and Wayne D. Henry state committeeman.

Only one applicant took the civil service examination for postmaster at Buena Vista, W. R. Bevins.

Florence Whiteaker of Independence has petitioned for a divorce from her husband, Jesse D. Whiteaker, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment.

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