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## Monmouth Meditations

The time was when trust busting used to occupy a prominent place in party political platforms but now it is overshadowed by a number of other things. Perhaps the reason is that both parties have taken a whirl at this variety of sport and not accomplished anything to brag about. The old notion that combinations of capital should be dissolved is losing a great deal of its popularity. Some still hold with Bryan and LaFollette that business can be made to return to the primitive conditions of individualism but nobody really believes it. Combinations of capital are an economic necessity. The effort to destroy them has been half hearted because nobody believed it should be done. When the trusts are regulated instead of being treated to a farcial dissolution and then ignored, they will begin to achieve some of the economic results they are capable of.

There must be a fellow feeling among the Normal faculty for the preacher who is asked to shift his pulpit every other year. Only in their case it is the congregation and not the minister that shifts.

The dray war of last week proved entertaining for some and developed into some examples of extreme enterprise. Competition sometimes is the life of trade and again it may be the death of trade.

This is the season when the clover grower keeps tab on the efforts of "old probability" the weather forecaster. It is pretty hard to suit everyone but such rain as there was was appreciated in many quarters.

This will be a more efficient world as soon as people cease wasting time and endurance in the dubious adventure of "breaking in" new shoes.

Practically all the news from Athens these days seems to be to the effect that Greece is about to send somebody or other a strong note of protest.

Warring nations, like baseball teams, require a plentiful supply of pinch hitters.

The militia will get a chance to enjoy a summer vacation on the Mexican border, a region that does not advertise heavily as a summer resort, but where there may be entertainment suf-

ficient to make up for uncomfortable quarters.

The Mexican situation has taken another kaleidoscopic change; a change distinctly reminding on the part of the army to that of the navy at the time Vera Cruz was taken. For the sake of our own future peace and quiet let us hope it will not have a similar ending.

The donkey having made one successful race inclines to stick to the same jockey in the hope of repeating. Mr. Wilson's record and character appeals to a large body of our citizens in that he is honest, clean and upholds the ideals of righteousness. He will make a strong campaign, and it goes without saying, a clean one.

Mr. Hughes, who is the son of a Baptist preacher, has so far shown good taste in his public utterances and lack of them. He realizes the value of that silence which is to be compared with white space in advertising which serves to set off and make more prominent the type used. By not talking too often what he does say gets a better hearing.

The race meet at Independence is reported to have been not so well patronized as expected. War and politics occupy the popular mind at present and the automobile is pushing the driving horse from the highways. The draft horse is the best bet among horses and the traction motor and truck are encroaching on his territory, too.

The advance guard of the cherry pie is treading on the heels of the rear van of the strawberry short cake.

British might call their naval budget a sinking fund.

The pupil in the grades is apt to look upon summer school as something of a confidence game. But school is made so attractive now days that most of the children are responding to the invitation to attend.

While the National guard will spend its summer vacation on the Mexican border the Monmouth boy scouts will content themselves with two weeks in the Siletz.

Just now is when Monmouth should make a united effort to maintain an attractive front. The city has a natural setting far beyond the average and its natural and artificial beauty is an asset that should be cultivated.

As far as reasoning can go the threatened hostilities with Mexico are leading direct to real war. The average Mexican is too ignorant to be intimidated with a show of force. He does not realize the power behind it and the sight of the oncoming ranks will serve to goad him on to action. Neither will the administration be apt to hold back at this time. It has been evident right along that the watchful waiting policy which was boasted by many as something that would keep us out of war, has really worked us steadily toward war. What a more firm policy at the beginning would

have accomplished is a matter of speculation but, being in, a united backing will uphold the authorities in the hope that the conflict will be short, sharp and decisive.

Backers of the movement for the recall of one of the county court do not appear to find the movement nearly as vociferous as they had imagined it was. While the people are learning that the recall is a valuable privilege it is also expensive and should only be used in times of grave emergency. It is better to stand the ills we have than go post haste into those which are not yet charted.

The man whose avocation is sedentary and keeps him too much indoors and who longs for a vacation trip to mountain or to seaside will find a pretty fair substitute if he will arise early these mornings and apply himself to the hoe handle.

While the action of a few leaders give rise to the suspicion that they seek personal profit in a movement to organize German-Americans for political purposes; back in the Central States where the Teutonic sons are thickest, it is a rare picnic or re-union with them where patriotic American resolutions are not adopted. The average German-American is too shrewd to allow himself to be the tail to anybody's political kite.

The propoganda to convince us the country is prosperous has been worked with vigor and persistence but countless stauws, like the wobble in the price of lumber, constantly indicate that prosperity still stick to a secluded spot in the tall timber.

### TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Dallas and Monmouth, as follows: Commencing Wednesday, June 28, 1916, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, July 1, 1916, at 4:00 o'clock p. m.

#### Wednesday Forenoon

Writing (Penmanship), Music, U. S. History, Drawing.

#### Wednesday Afternoon

Reading, Physiology, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

#### Thursday Forenoon

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

#### Thursday Afternoon

Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate, Education—Science of.

#### Friday Forenoon

Theory and Practice, Orthography, Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Education—History of, Physical Culture.

#### Friday Afternoon

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government, Education—Childhood and Adolescence.

#### Saturday Forenoon

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