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Meditations

The rain that spoiled the mown clover is the same article that revived the strawberry and extended its season for a week or two.

No plans appear to have been made for a Fourth of July celebration in any of the neighboring communities. But why let the day pass without some appropriate notice Monmouth has enough talent for a literary program at least. Patriotism is trending upward at present and we should not let the nation's birthday pass without some effort to recall and emphasize our national opportunities and blessings.

Since his declination of the Progressive nomination there has been a noticeable difference in the way Roosevelt has been commented on in the public prints. Being removed from connection in the public mind with the idea of office seeking we believe his qualities of character will be more and more appreciated by the public. The most remarkable of Americans as well as the most spectacular, his high qualities have often been lost sight of because his methods jarred the nerves of sensitive opponents.

To our way of thinking the funeral of Blahel Foster was ideal. Who could ask for more? To live to the age of ninety, healthy and prosperous, with children a credit to their bringing up, and at the end to have neighbors stand up and tell that his life had been useful to the state and to his neighbors. It is the inspiring goal of many but one which few reach.

From a glance over the program, the Dallas Chautauqua will be worth going to see. The chautauqua enables people in remote places to hear metropolitan talent at reasonable prices.

In a prominent place on the list of Monmouth boosters will be found the names of the men who ordered and paid for the oil that was sprinkled on the dust in front of their parcels of property.

A strawberry grower who contributes to the local market, and who is picking his latest crop pushed forward by recent rains, says he has taken \$200 worth of berries from an acre patch. How many other acres in Polk county have done as well?

The Monmouth boys have taken the military fever and are drilling for mutual benefit by way of preparedness. It is from the ranks of youth that the modern army is recruited. The civil war was fought by boys, over fifty percent of the soldiers being under 21 years of age.

In figuring peace proposals for Europe with neither side the victor and neither the loser the most difficult thing is to strike a plane that will be acceptable to all. Belgium might be restored but how about its destroyed property and the sums exacted from its cities as indemnity by the conquerors? If the war is considered a draw and boundaries restored as they were how about the property destroyed in France, in Alsace-Lorraine, in Austria, Serbia and Russia? The only way peace at present could be formulated would be the merging of European nations into a confederacy with a military force only for police purposes, and the assessment of damages by a joint commission.

Here are extracts from two editorials in the Independence Monitor in the same issue and the same column between which the deadly parallel could be drawn:

"It looks as if war with Mexico would begin within a few days. The United States has passed the 'buck' to Carranza, recognized head of the Mexican government, and it is up to him to decide whether it will be peace or war. By so doing we have knocked the proverbial chip from the shoulder."

Referring to peace as something for which special credit is due the administration:

"This policy," declared Chairman Glynn, "does satisfy the mothers of the land at whose hearth and fireside no jingoistic war has placed an empty chair. It does satisfy the daughters of the land, from whom bluster and brag have sent no loving brother to the dissolution of the grave."

The offer of Latin American republics to arbitrate differences between the United States and Mexico has not been accepted because the United States has nothing to arbitrate and Mexico has no responsible government to carry out any agreement with anybody. Two very sufficient reasons. They suggest why arbitration treaties with nothing to enforce the findings are worth little other than their value as scrap paper.

The newspaper man always has a warm regard for the person who brings locals and news hints in for publication. Such people not only serve the newspaper but the community.

The handsomest man in town failed to take advantage of the longest day of the year to renew his subscription but he has between now and the Fourth of July to make good.

A youthful tramp who was sent up from Independence on the charge of robbing the home of Ed Rex of \$1.75 escaped the penalty by joining the army. It may be unjust to harbor a sus-

icion that he will still need watching.

That the Herald is finding new friends among old friends of its publisher might be surmised from the following which is the product of the typewriter of Walter T. Marlatt, city editor of the Kenosha, Wis., Evening News:

"Richard B. Swenson, better known as 'Dick' Swenson, formerly of the village of Wilmet, and for many years publisher and editor of the Wilmet Agitator, is back in the newspaper harness again. He is now publisher and editor of the Monmouth, Oregon, Herald, a copy of which has just been received by his friends in Kenosha county. The paper is the only publication in a flourishing little city in Northern Oregon and it has the Swenson mark all over it. Mr. Swenson gave up his work as editor of the Agitator several years ago on account of ill health and went to California. Later on he worked his way up into Oregon and found the Herald awaiting a publisher. The Herald is a 'classy' looking paper and it is filled to overflowing with interesting matter. It is certain that Editor Swenson will make a success of his new venture."

Vision, the power to see beyond barriers of nature or the periods of time is not of the eye-sight but rather of the instinct. But the eye is a good figure to use for the sake of comparison. A man can not expect to see the sun rise if he has his back to the east. Neither can he see material progress approaching him if he is constantly facing the time that has passed by him. Monmouth's most valuable citizens are those who have mental vision and are looking forward. That it is going forward there can be no question. Also it has not already been spoiled. People with vision see in Monmouth a very pretty place and one with more than ordinary possibilities. Here is a good slogan "Monmouth—a city of homes and a good town to live in." Let us cultivate vision; put our eyes on the future and in the development of the city do nothing that is not toward a definite plan of improvement.

Since Coos county was opened up to railroad travel it has been getting a great deal of advertising. It has many picturesque features of interest to the tourist and will for all time vie in this with other scenic points of Oregon. There is no place in Coos county more picturesque than Bandon by the sea which has an unrivaled beach with rocky formations in the ocean close to the shore which are the wonder of all visitors. If you have never been in old Bandon-by-the-sea it will be worth your while to visit it. There are a hundred points of interest in its neighborhood and along the Coquille river. A good time to visit would be during the season of a Chautauqua which is to be held in the city July 12th to 17th. An especial effort is being made to make this week the center of the camping season and many are planning to visit Bandon at that time.

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