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Monmouth Meditations

As the Mexican situation cools down the movement to enlist abates. The youthful adventurer who was not only willing but anxious to join in the excitement when there was gun work and charges to be made and strange countries to be seen, halts at the prospect of three years at blacking the boots and mowing the lawns for his superiors.

While admiring the ingenuity and heroism that devised the under sea traveler which eluded the blockade and brought a million dollars worth of dye stuffs to this country, we should be heartily ashamed of the fact that such a thing was necessary to supply our needs. Most of these dyes are made from coal tar, an article both cheap and abundant on this side of the Atlantic.

Considering the ease with which signatures are obtained it is a matter of wonder that a few initiative measures will not appear upon the ballot this fall because of a lack of signers.

Those who are familiar with the Normal situation in this state realize that the present status of this branch of the state's educational system is in a far better condition than it ever was before. The fact that the future of the Monmouth school is fixed enables its management to deal with the problems of instructing future teachers far better than they were able to do under the system formerly in vogue. The old system of rivalry and legislative log rolling kept an entirely different goal in mind, than the betterment of the pupils in the lower grades and rural school. The Normal school is the place of instruction that deals with fundamentals and comes nearer to the poor and the uncultivated than any other class of supervisory training. It is well that this training should be done with an eye single to the object to be obtained, that of instructing the children of all sorts and conditions of men. Every corner of the state must be reached and some of the students now come a considerable distance. It is said that one or two of the students at summer school came close to a thousand miles. Sooner or later a second school will be established in Eastern Oregon. Whether or not the time is ripe for this second school is something for the people of the

state to determine. A petition to found a second Normal school at Pendleton has been placed upon the ballot and this measure should receive the hearty support of Monmouth and Polk county.

Stories of the ravages of infantile paralysis awaken the horror of the mothers of the land and incite to action the health authorities everywhere. They also are eloquent of the fact that while the triumphs of medical science have been notable and startling the ocean of things yet to be discovered is seemingly boundless.

Like a great whale the German sub-marine freighter dodged the navies of the mistress of the seas and came to port in Chesapeake bay within the past week, an achievement that should read larger in history than any of her recent exploits with cannon and poisonous gases. The exploits of the Germans in the avenues of peace show the possibilities of a personally conducted nation and the exploits in war show the reverse side of the picture. We can only imagine how far the Germans could have gone in peace if they had had the right sort of a balance wheel.

Two recent decisions of the U. S. supreme court are bound to have an important effect on advertising as they deal directly with it. One upholds the constitutionality of the pure drugs act, which makes it illegal to claim for a patent medicine qualities which it does not possess. Thus it will no longer be possible to advertise a sure cure for pneumonia, tuberculosis, etc.

The second decision dealt with the act that compels good faith between the man who sells real estate by correspondence and the purchaser. An instance can be taken of the dealer who sells southern Florida land which is under water a part of the year. The advertiser claims that as he does not specifically guarantee that this land is always above water, he has not committed fraud in selling it. The law however will not overlook practices of that kind.

As July rolls steadily onward in its course the health departments of the nation heave generous sighs of relief that the danger from typhoid and malignant diphtheria and other terrible ailments is not nearly as impending as it was during the period of promiscuous osculation at June weddings.

You may read about the Chicago wheat pit from every angle but if you would get a real idea of it, you should have seen the presentation of the "Pit" at the Norm Tuesday night. Wilton Lackaye was the chief actor in Frank Norris' great story and the scenes were taken from life. The Chicago board of trade, the Auditorium, including interior views and views of Congress and LaSalle streets were all there as big as life.

That much traveled gentleman with the striped green suit, the watermelon is beginning to fill conspicuously vacant spots in the local human anatomy.

We fail to get the viewpoint of the people who think that the investments of our citizens in Mexico should not be entitled to consideration at the hands of the government. Such ideas as this do not prevail in Great Britain or Germany. If we are harboring financial thieves and cut-throats, why not put them in jail instead of turning them loose to ply their nefarious arts on our neighbors? But if we give them the freedom of our own country, why differentiate when they go abroad? According to sentiments sometimes expressed the United States is put into a position of apologizing for the operations of certain of its citizens abroad. We quarrel among ourselves but when an affront comes from without we are all united in the common defense. We may defame our own citizens but when they go abroad we should either back them up or recall them and put them in jail. Privileges bring responsibilities and we owe it to the dignity of the nation that our citizens abroad shall be given the same fair play meted out to the citizens of any other nation.

Mark a red ring on your calendar around the date of July 26th, the date of the presentation of a historical cantata, "Joan of Arc" at the Normal under the direction of Miss Hoham. With a professional quartette and a chorus of one hundred voices, it promises to be a notable event.

We can not get away from the fact that the great game of politics is losing its hold upon the dear people. Political interest nowadays is confined pretty closely to the man who has an office and the man who wants one.

A few days of summer weather appear now and then to remind us that there are such things within the realm of possibility.

Zueblin's Talk

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be used for this purpose.

We boast of our transportation systems, said he, and then he proceeded to describe a few defects. Two large depots were built in New York city at a cost of two hundred millions, enough to have built a new line across the continent. Yet so tangled up was the service between the two depots that if a man wants to get from one depot to the other and is in a hurry, he walks.

Chicago is built on a flat country where there are no difficulties in railroad engineering. One would suppose that the many railroads would enter the city as the blades of a fan, without crossing one another. Yet they crossed tracks between two and three hundred times in making an entrance to the city. He showed how three trunk lines ran a parallel course close together and close to the Atlantic ocean where an enemy could readily disturb them in event of war.

He saw no danger of war for thirty years at least. The nations who would be tempted to assail us would not be ready before that time. He advocated preparedness, always with the peace aim in view. He would make education practical, classical and vocational, with plenty of time and perhaps during the last years

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with half time in outside work and half the time in school. One year the boys and girls could spend in the army under military engineers doing the road making and trench digging and aeroplane scouting that soldiers are called on to do. Girls should be used as well as boys with the idea to make each equally self-reliant. These are a few of the many statements made by Mr. Zueblin in his effort to start people to thinking.