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Monmouth Meditations

The melancholy days are headed this way.

This is the border season wherein the picking of hops overlaps the picking of prunes.

If the price of flour continues to climb it will be hard to distinguish a five cent loaf of bread from a biscuit.

Medicine show farces are like the original jokes, not very numerous, but they appear to hold their age well.

Come to think about it, it is just as desirable for a school boy to stand ninety percent in the art of growing a fat pig as to stand ninety percent in geometry.

"Freedom Imperilled," "Slavery Threatened," "Liberty Jeopardised," are some of the scare heads of the anti Sunday law propaganda. Oh, come now! It isn't as bad as that, is it?

It took a brother editor with an investigating turn of mind to make this discovery: "A woman, as a rule, does not have to wait for her wooden wedding to discover that she has married a blockhead".

The sorrows of life come to the great as well as the small and for the second time in his administration death has disturbed the domestic life of President Wilson. His wife died during the second year in the whitehouse and last week his only sister died in Connecticut.

A thing that is of immediate interest to Monmouth people is a crossing west to Monmouth avenue from the district east of the railroad track and north of Main street. When Main street is torn up it will require a wide circuit to go by team from the depot to the Normal. There should be closer connection and to obtain it is one of Monmouth's problems of the future.

The Sheridan Sun, one of the best papers that comes to our exchange table, is meeting the high cost of print paper by dispensing with ready prints. Economy is not the only thing gained, however, for additional self respect goes with the absence of the patent medicine and other advertising which the ready print houses are apparently unable to do business without.

Perhaps if Mr. Hughes should pattern after our old friends Alphonse and Gaston he would better satisfy his carping critics. Such a thing would be courteous and polite and would turn our campaign into a pink tea affair. But Hughes appears to be bothered with the conviction that a different plan of action is desirable in our domestic and foreign affairs.

What a versatile power is electricity. It transmits sound and carries messages across widely separated distances. It illuminates night, bakes bread and drives machinery. But even electricity can not do everything at once as was demonstrated when the telephone wires and the electric light wires made a connection to their mutual damage. As the old saw has it the "cobbler should stick to his last".

County fair time means work for a few as well as entertainment for the many. Public spirit is necessary to give a community a good exhibit in competition with others and the exhibits of the various communities may be taken as a barometer of their public spirit. The man who will leave his own work to promote the benefit of his fellow citizens is the exception, but the more exceptions of this kind in a community the better for its advancement.

The Polk County Observer gets out this week a creditable booster edition to observe the opening of the fair. Many things are found in the county and its cities and farms are commended to the stranger for further investigation. Polk county is in the oldest settled section west of the Rockies but many of its corners are yet new and there is still much room for development. The special edition of the Observer is a good one and well worth sending back to eastern friends.

The industrial world is always restless, always looking for efficiency, and the trend of progress sometimes makes radical turns. The indications are that the mail order house has seen its best days and that co-operative buying with a chain of small stores will succeed it in the handling of staples. The time was when the big thrasher would handle the grain of a large neighborhood. Now comes the small thrasher which single farms or a group of small farms will own for mutual use.

The children engaged in the industrial work who do their own work and take an interest in it are the ones who will get the most out of the work. The boy who learns how to feed and care for a pig so as to get the best results, how to apply fertilizer to land, the effect of cultivation and care on a garden, the seasons for planting, the treatment of the harvest is acquiring knowledge that is valuable to him. Likewise the girl who undertakes similar work or attains experience in domestic duties, is supplementing her education in a very practical manner.

Here is a classic handed in by

a Herald friend which has done valiant service but which may be new to many. It would be funny were it not so soberly serious. The clipping is from a North Dakota newspaper:

"It is reported that one of the fastidious newly-married ladies of this town kneads bread with her gloves on. This incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others, and I am one of them.

"The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on; needs bread with his shirt on; needs bread with his pants on; and unless some of his delinquent subscribers pony up before long, he will need bread without a damn thing on—and North Dakota is no Garden of Eden in winter time".

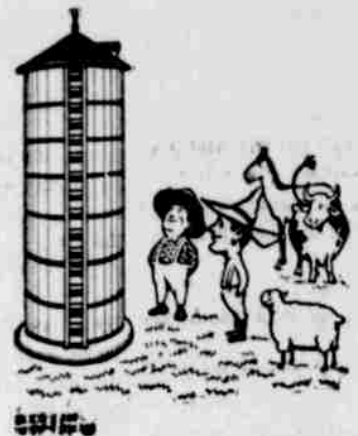
The outcome of Bennett Thompson's trial at Hillsboro appears to have been distressing to many of the lady attendants at the trial. Since women are voters it is a matter of speculation as to what the outcome of the trial would have been had the jurors been women. Also, had the accused been a woman charged with killing a man, would the male jury have been equally swift with justice? Sex and sentiment and the wheels of justice make a grand combination. Again, this Thompson case is an indictment of our parole law. With capital punishment abolished the criminal, out on parole, has little to fear in his punishment. Caught in a crime he can commit murder to avoid detection since in any event the punishment is the same. He will be jailed if caught in a lapse in his good behavior; he will be jailed if he commits murder; on the other hand if he can commit murder successfully and get away with it he can escape detection and the jail sentence. The system puts a premium on murder as the convict has nothing to lose and everything to gain.

At this season of the year the race for the base ball pennants tightens and the absorbed fans from Maine to Kanass eagerly seek the daily newspaper for news of the latest standings of their favorite aggregations. Each year there is an admiring circle of fans who insist that the winner is the grandest, fastest aggregation of all time. Nevertheless it is still true that while many are called, but few are chosen. One test of a great ball team is the number of great leaders it has left as a legacy to the game. In this respect there are within the memory of the writer of these random remarks, two that stand out before the others. These are the Baltimore Orioles, who flourished about 1895, and the Chicago Cubs, whose prime was about a dozen years later. From the Orioles came McGraw of the New York Nationals and Jennings of the Detroit Americans, two of the giants of base ball. From the Cubs came Moran of the Philadelphia Nationals, Evers of the Boston Nationals, as well as a list of lesser worthies in both teams. The Orioles were a great team as well as the Cubs. The infield of the latter was a remarkable aggregation and to watch it in action was one of the privileges of life.

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L've Portland 7:15, a m.	Gerlinger 10:33.	Independence 11.	Monmouth 11:10
" Salem 9:45, "	" " " "	" " " "	" " " "
" " 1:40, p m.	" " " "	Dallas 2:55	" 3:20
" " 4:00, "	Gerlinger 4:38.	Independence 4:55.	Monmouth 5:05
" " 6:15, "	" 7:00, "	" 7:20, "	" 7:30
" Portland 3:20.	Connects with above		
" Corvallis 6:45, a m.	" " " "	Independence 7:35	Arrive Monmouth 7:45
" " 1:15, p m.	" " " "	" 2:20	" 2:30
" Dallas 7:00, a m.	Arrive Monmouth 7:25		
" Airlie 8:30, a m and 3:55, p m.	Arrives Monmouth 9:05 a m and 4:30 p m		
Leave Independence, 7, a m, 7:35, 8:45, 11, p m 1:30, 2:20, 3, 4:15, 4:55, 7:20			

Trains out of Monmouth

L've Monmouth 7:15 a m.	Independence 7:35.	Gerlinger 7:49.	Ar Salem 8:30
" Same as above	" " " "	" " " "	Portland 11:10
" Monmouth 1:50, p m.	" " " "	2:14, "	2:27, Salem 3:15
" Same as above	" " " "	" " " "	Portland 5:55
" Monmouth 4:35,	" " " "	4:55, "	5:10, Salem 6:00
" " 9:05, a m.	" " " "	Dallas 10:10	" 11:10
" " 4:30, p m.	" " " "	" 4:55,	" 6:00
" " 9:05, a m.	Independence 10:50.	Corvallis 11:50	
" " 5:10, p m.	" " " "	7:15, "	8:15
" " 7:25 a m and 3:20 p m.	Arrives Airlie 8 a m and 3:50 p m		
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