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Monmouth Meditations

The ballot which the Normal student body voted this week had over fifty candidates on it, which shows that the howl for the short ballot has not yet reached the O. N. S.

Having prophesied a rainy week the weather department has done all it could for the state fair and the latter may get along without a wetting in spite of its reputation.

Just the same we opine there is something that does not appear on the surface in the high price of sugar, flour, print paper, more than the price of raw material warrens. It is about the time the middleman were investigated again.

The same thing caused the Independence bridge disaster that has caused trouble in countless ways in other places. Some one was careless. A few nervous curious wags applied at the right point until the good work of a much longer time.

Now would be a good time to put something for the real benefit of the library. Educationalists to raise money for more books or a book show in which individuals would contribute what books they own, should be the code of the movement.

Shed wood is something to fuss and kick around until you can't get any more of it and then it promises to line up with pork and sugar and other items in the l. a. of l. Just for a surmise, here is where our old friend, Cox county coal, is scheduled to put in an appearance.

The worst part of the Independence bridge disaster is that it gives ammunition to people to criticize who have hitherto attacked the project along sectional lines. The "I told you so" chorus is busy and the music is produced sounds like the collision of a sledge with a sheet of boiler iron.

hindsight is better than foresight and doubtless if they had a way to do over again the Germans would have confined their attentions to the east and left the west alone. Had they never invaded Belgium it is highly doubtful if England or France would have entered the struggle and the contest with the east alone might have been there to the Kaiser's liking.

In the interest of civilization we move that the game warden be fired and his office turned over to a commissioner of noxious weeds. With as much wild land as Oregon has a game warden is a little too previous and the idea of requiring its citizens to take out fishing licenses is aggravating. But the weed commissioner is badly needed to prevent weeds from getting so firm a hold that they never can be eradicated.

A gang of blackmailers in the East were rounded up and put in the Chicago jail last week. Their specialty was to get a rich man or woman in a compromising situation and then assess them for the price of silence. They made a mistake in estimating one woman's fortune and the lady, unable to pay, took to prostitution. The government is on the trail now and that promises to be a sad and chastened bunch of crooks in short order.

It is to be hoped that Polk county does not follow the bad and make its county fair into a round-up for the sake of a bulk feeling popularity. The round-up does not illustrate anything typical of the Willamette valley and its influence will never begeth anything beyond the pocketbooks of its promoters. On the contrary, the county fair also develops competition along many lines and aids in the betterment of the conditions of farmers especially.

The neutrality of the U. S. and of Holland are entirely different articles. When we sell anything we make out our own price and demand security. When the Dutch sell the price is fixed by England as representative of the Allies and more than that everything that goes in or out of the Dutch Kingdom has to be inspected and permitted by English agents. Whatever the Dutch are allowed to buy goes through England and the English middleman gets his war profits.

As we grow closer to election the intense lightens and partisans are apt to say and do more foolish things that they would have done in cooler moments. We are apt to make a sport out of politics instead of a matter of business and we go at it like we would at a game of checkers. Happy the spirit that realizes this and does not take the winning or losing too seriously. To one of this type the genuine partisan appeals. Like the apostle he likes to see men either hot or cold and the lukewarm, who have little interest either one way or the other, he simply can not abide.

The recent declaration of the Normal Board of Regents on the new Normal proposition is strongly sensible. The placing of the responsibility of location or establishment with the whole people is a big hazard arrangement. We believe there should be one or more other Normal Schools and the beginning of the Hanoverian dynasty that will make in the right little bit. When we think that the best men in Idaho have seen the development of the automobile, the fact it stands to reason that the aeroplane, wireless telegraphy,

officers who have this work in charge are in a better position to give or withhold than the many who at best have only a superficial knowledge of conditions.

We have sometimes wondered if a sugar policy as contrasted to a vinegar policy might not have been more effective in dealing with the South. For fifty years that section has maintained a blind partisanship as unreasonable as it was unaltering. Now, for the first time in control of the government, house and senate with a southern man in the whitehouse, the southern democratic press has shown itself far more critical than its northern fellowcraftsmen. Bitter condemnation of the president's action in the railroad strike settlement has come from Southern editors and they do not hesitate to attack both the motive and the alleged necessity that prompted the settlement.

Ellis Root, in a recent address to the assembled bar of America, gave expression to the opinion that the United States has too many lawyers. He thought that about fifty per cent of them could take to the brick laying profession or to sewer contracting or to agriculture to the benefit of mankind. This is a slam on the farmer which he should be quick to resent. One thing which Mr. Root did not explain was what, in the event that lawyers were only in sufficient numbers to conduct legal business, we would do for statesmen. A statesman is as necessary for an up-to-date nation as surgeon is for patients. Remove the statesman from our national government and the whole thing would topple over into the Atlantic ocean or maybe into Mexico. So, we need the lawyers to keep our supply of statesmen up to the maximum and provide business for the judges and juries and asylums. Mr. Root was evidently misguided.

The two hundred years which have elapsed since the coming of the tea and punch found by Charles Jenry have been important ones for civilization. In just two of the great continents in the present European conflict have made their greatest development since that date. Russia in 1776 was just beginning to see visions of a career as a world power. Peter the Great was in the height of his influence and energy. Petrograd had been recently established and Charles XII of Sweden was overthrown at the battle of Poltava in 1709 and Finland and the Baltic provinces were acquired by Russia. Prussia had just been changed from an electorate to a kingdom. The whole of Germany was still prostrate from the effects of the Thirty Years war. Frederick the Great was a youth not yet ascended to power. George I who was crowned king of England in 1714, brought an end to the Stuart and the beginning of the Hanoverian dynasty that still rules in the right little bit. When we think that the best men in Idaho have seen the development of the automobile, the fact it stands to reason that the aeroplane, wireless telegraphy,

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Leave Portland 7:20	Connects with above		
Leave Corvallis 9:55 a.m.	Independence 7:35	Arrive Monmouth 7:45	
Leave Dallas 7:30 a.m.	Arrive Monmouth 7:35		
Leave Corvallis 9:55 a.m. and 1:35 p.m.	Arrive Monmouth 9:05 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.		
Leave Independence 7 a.m.	7:15, 8:45, 11 a.m.	1:30, 2:20, 3, 4:35, 4:55, 7:30	
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Same as above			Portland 11:30
Leave Monmouth 7:40 a.m.			Salem 8:35
Same as above			Portland 1:35
Leave Monmouth 4:35			Salem 6:00
Leave Dallas 2:55 a.m.			
Leave Dallas 10:30			
Leave Corvallis 9:55 a.m.			
Leave Independence 10:35			
Leave Portland 7:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	Arrives Corvallis 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.		
Leave Monmouth 7:15 a.m.	8:15-8:45, 11:15, 1:30, 2:20, 3:20, 4:35, 5:10, 7:35		

and many other things we may sometimes have in store for the wanderer who the coming two world.