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Monmouth Meditations

Monmouth did its best to swing the state to the president.

The wet weather has served a last cull on the man who is short of wood for the winter.

The "I told you so" men and the men who say "Well, you see it was just this way" are seeking to divide honors just at present but the latter are inclined to do the explaining in a secluded spot.

As the days grow shorter the electric light company is compelled constantly to increase its exertions. But no cry of protest has as yet arisen from that source.

As an argument for the "bone dry" prohibition amendment the men who broke in on our fenced off Main street with an automobile and plowed up and down its course, were a few hours late.

As Mr. Wilson casually lets his eyes glance over the tabulated sheets for or against him his eye may well light with pleasure as he sees the tribute of the girls of the Monmouth Normal.

The fair workers at a recent conference closed up the business for the past session and immediately started the ball to rolling for the fair this fall. There is nothing like starting in time, but the fair, to be successful, must be an all the year around affair.

There were some splendidly arranged scenes in the Masque of Pandora presented in the Normal chapel last Friday night. The measure of an achievement is the material with which it is attained and the work in this instance was surely to be commended.

The school budget in another column calls attention to the fact that Monmouth is a lusty youngster and it takes considerable coin to finance its education. But when you come to think about it there is nothing your boy or girl could receive that will do him more good than an education.

In all the heat and turmoil of dispute occasioned by a close vote, there is one name on the scroll of the victors whose triumphant entry among the elect does not show any evidence of blot or tarnish. We refer to

our distinguished fellowtownsman, John Moran, an efficient official, who was unanimously re-elected constable.

J. F. Smith of Mistletoe was in the Herald office this week with two Aberdeen turnips one of which weighed 9 pounds. It was as large as a pumpkin but at that fell short of the kind that were grown in Nebraska when the soil of that state was new. We are told that a single turnip there, was enough to supply a single sheep with food, water and shelter for the winter. As the sheep ate its way into the turnip it secured the shelter and the body of the vegetable served for food and drink.

When you read the returns in the morning paper did you ever stop to consider the enormous work necessary to place those few columns of figures before your eyes. In thousands of places men and women were grouped around tables counting the penciled crosses on the ballots. Others were keeping count, agents were traveling from one precinct to another getting the total figures, telephone and telegraph operators were busy steering the information along regular channels to the center of events as the creeks gather the water of springs and start it to the rivers. Each center gathers the small items and hurry them to the larger centers. Clerks, compositors and proof readers handle them and the large presses turn out the newspapers handled in their regular channel. But it takes myriads of workers to gather the vote from every nook and corner of this land and place it where you may see the result.

It is hard to comment editorially on the issue of an election that is in doubt but this appears the case at this writing although partisans on each side are sure their favorites are winners. On behalf of Mr. Wilson we may say, if he is elected that we believe he will make a better president for a second term than he did during the first. He will not have that alluring temptation to shape his actions to meet public approval and secure a re-election. Mr. Wilson in his earlier writings and talk has shown sentiments widely at variance with his practices as president and it is assumed that these sentiments which might well be taken as the more normal characteristics of the man will prevail during the four years to come and to his advantage.

On the other hand, if Hughes is elected it will not be because of Mr. Wilson personally but because of the abiding faith of a majority of the people of this country that confidence is best gained by putting the Republicans in power. With the banks of the nation overflowing with money, with a wide field for investment and promotion, capitalist hesitates for fear of disastrous results under economic conditions which it distrusts. The wide gain of the Republicans in both houses of Congress; the unanimity of opinion that caused discordant factions to forget their differences, was caused by a profound feeling on that side of the house that such

unanimity was imperative. We believe the weakest feature of the Wilson administration was its Mexican policy, especially that assumption that American citizens persecuted in Mexico were not of a moral character to merit the protection of the flag. No better thing could happen to the west than restored confidence, in which capital could be guaranteed a fair field and a square deal when it is invested.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of School District No. 13 of Polk County, State of Oregon, that a School Meeting of said District will be held at High School Building on the 25th day of November, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to vote on the proposition of levying a special district tax.

The total amount of money needed by the district during the fiscal year beginning on June 19th, 1916, and ending on June 20th, 1917, is estimated in the following budget and includes the amounts to be received from the county school fund, state school fund, special district tax, and all other moneys of the district:

BUDGET

1. Teachers' salaries.....	\$5296.50
2. Furniture.....	150.00
3. Apparatus and supplies, such as maps, chalk, erasers, stoves, curtains, etc.....	60.00
4. Library books.....	75.00
5. Flags.....	8.00
6. Repairs of schoolhouses, outbuildings or fences.....	75.00
11. Janitor's wages.....	600.00
12. Janitor's supplies.....	55.00
13. Fuel.....	135.00
14. Light and Power.....	60.00
15. Water.....	65.00
16. Clerk's salary.....	62.50
17. Postage and stationery.....	30.00
18. For the payment of bonds, warrants, notes, and other indebtedness, contracted prior to May 22, 1915, and for interest thereon 1824.00	
19. For the payment of bonds, warrants, notes, and other indebtedness, contracted on or after May 22, 1915, and for int. thereon 4007.39	
20. For the payment of judgments and special assessments.....	163.40
21. Diplomas.....	100.00
22. Miscellaneous Expenses.....	200.00
24. Total estimated amount of money to be expended for all purposes during the year.....	\$3,266.79

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

From county school fund during the coming school year.....	\$3635.50
From state school fund during the coming school year.....	425.00
Cash now in the hands of the district clerk.....	12.92
Total estimated receipts, not including the money to be received from the tax which it is proposed to vote.....	\$4,073.42

RECAPITULATION

Total estimated expenses for the year.....	\$13,266.79
Total estimated receipts not including the tax to be voted.....	4,073.42
Balance, amount to be raised by district tax.....	\$9,193.37

We estimate that a levy of Nine mills will be required to produce the amount of special tax money shown above.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1916.
Attest: Mina Cornelius,
District Clerk.

W. A. Wood,
Chairman Board of Directors.

Straw Man for Bed Mate

President Wilson seems to have been a popular favorite with the girl students at the Normal and there is one rooming house in the city where it is stated that all of the students but one are his friends. That one girl however was staunchly for Hughes and upheld his cause wherever it could be done. On election night the Wilson girls made an effigy of male garments stuffed with straw. They made a mask for the face and placed a pipe between his teeth and then with his clothes and boots on, laid him away comfortably under the coverlets of the Hughes girl's bed. There is said to have been a small earthquake in that section a little later in the evening.

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