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Monmouth Meditations

Just enough snow to give us the letter of the customary tradition and the holiday season does not feel that it has been slighted in any way.

One of the things that it did not require Santa Claus to pass around is the measles and the recipients do not appear to be particularly grateful.

Books are very convenient for gifts at Christmas time and for this reason there is considerable reading in progress during the evenings of this week around the firesides of Monmouth.

The vacation week sends out the students to their homes and they are missed on our streets. But compensation brings back those people who are stationed away from home and now return for the holiday period.

The name of I. L. Lenroot of Wisconsin was brought out this past week as a candidate for speaker of the next house. More may develop of this for Lenroot, while never an offensive partisan, was one of the original progressives and is the direct opposite of Jas. R. Mann, at present the minority leader in the house. Lenroot was speaker of the Wisconsin legislature when elected to congress and this was the first legislature that Wisconsin ever elected that met with the approval of R. M. LaFollette, who was then governor of the state.

A movement is on in this state to cheapen some of the processes of law and our county clerk, Mr. Robinson, in an interview in a Portland paper advocated the discontinuance of the publication of delinquent taxes and instead the notification of delinquents by registered letter which would be cheaper. But will it be as effective? What the county and state are after is the collection of taxes. A personal notice to a delinquent will let him know of his delinquency. But he already knows this. It is letting his neighbor know that is effective. Publicity, of that kind, attack's a man's pride. However, a saving in cost could be made by letting the publication by bids. All county printing and publishing should be let by bids. There is nothing sacred in the county seat that makes it necessary to have all the county printing and publishing done there. Official publications add prestige to a newspaper and many would bid low to get this prestige and the consequent gain in circulation. If the county officers are really anxious to save money, here is the opportunity to do it.

To our point of view the prospects for peace in Europe steadily grow stronger. President Wilson's note to the warring powers appears to have created quite a hubbub and the usual conflict of opinion has found expression, many criticising and a few commending. It appears evident that the idea of a peace appeals more highly to the Germans than to their united opponents. There was nothing in the presi-

dent's note to warrant the bitter comment it has aroused in England and France. He asked merely that the warring sides should state each the basis on which it would make peace. In other words, that each side to the controversy should state just what it was fighting for. A most reasonable and sane request. The one criticism that may attach to the note is its time of utterance. Following the appeal of Germany it may be taken as a re-enforcement of that appeal. Really, when you come to think about it, there is no reason why the president's note should not have been written at the time of the beginning of the trouble two and a half years ago

While Monmouth will begin the new year with Main street torn up, the paving project is the one distinct gain for 1916. The growth of the Normal has been steady, the past year being the best in point of attendance the state school had yet had. Harvest in the neighborhood has been good and crops have sold at good prices. There has been plenty of work, especially through the latter part of the year, and no one is suffering in our midst from want. The year passed witnesses the turning of the creamery from a limited stock company arrangement to a co-operative concern and the company is prospering and promises well for the future. It is one of the few co-operative creameries in this section and draws patronage from a wide range of territory. The prune crop was good and sold at good prices. Fruit of all kinds was abundant during the year and helped in many ways to cut down the cost of living. A feature of the year past has been the high cost of food products due to the demand to supply the immense number of soldiers of Europe with food which has shortened our own supply. This increase has been in many cases extraordinary. But for all this, Monmouth has enjoyed good business, a steady growth and the opening week sees it facing good prospects for 1917.

It is hard for this generation to realize just what Thos. A. Edison has done for it. It might not be too much to say that no single man who ever lived has done as much for the development of civilization as has Edison. Many inventors have equalled him in a single feat but for the wide field of his activities, for the many accomplishments, in the way of ingenious and useful inventions, Edison stands supreme. The printing press, the steam engine, the cotton gin, the sewing machine, vulcanized rubber, are all great inventions that have each done, possibly, more for humanity than any of Edison's inventions, but each was the single achievement of one man. Edison has invented several things that rank with them. The incandescent light, the phonograph, the quadruplex telegraph, the improved storage battery, the moving picture machine appliance, are some of his achievements. He has the knack of being practical and while he did not invent the principle of the telephone or the electric motor, it was his practical mind that has given both of these ideas their present practical application. In his lifetime Edison has made and spent a great deal of money. His inventions have made him rich, yet in following out an idea he has never counted the cost. He conceived the idea of extracting iron from the sands that border the Atlantic. He spent two million dollars and seven years on this idea and carried it to a successful termination, producing iron that could be sold for \$6 per ton. Just at this time the iron deposits in Northern Minnesota were discovered and the ore there was so easy to get at that it could be sold for \$3.50 per ton. This made the expenditure of time and money by Edison in his own ore development in vain. But he promptly set himself to work to devise arrangements and succeeded in turning his ore mill into a cement mill as which it is now operating, the fifth largest in the United States. A man of great talents, with a physique capable of sustained activity,

Mr. Edison has given to America a service that far outweighs that of the majority of its presidents.



OUT of a very liberal collection of suitable New Year's resolutions our sporting editor has culled the following which he passes on with the stamp of his approval.

While some of those stories you have been telling are artistic and entertaining, it is nevertheless lamentable that they do not at all times bristle with veracity. Just a few less lies for the year 1917. Cut out the bunk and the capital I and let the hard and solemn facts be a little more conspicuous. This will make a good piece of material out of which to carve resolution number one.

For number two you might resolve to be a little more industrious. Cultivate the novel sensation of fatigue by some other sort of exercise than that acquired at the dining table. Mingle a little perspiration with your devotionals. It will refresh and invigorate you.

Thirdly, it would be a good plan to turn a new leaf in the matter of paying your debts. Possibly you may have been squeezing the goddess of liberty on the five cent piece out of sheer exuberance of affection for her, but she is heartless and you might as well hug a wooden Indian. Pay your debts and let your neighbor get a chance to pay his.

While the bench suffers because many of us are not occupying prominent positions on it, nevertheless, if the truth must be known, we are a little more lenient in our judgments on ourselves than we are on our neighbors. We all realize that the model from which we ourselves were patterned was a crackerjack, yet New Year's would be a good time to resolve to be a little more tolerant to the frailties of others.

While all must recognize the lemon has its uses, the uses for the human variety are few and far between. Of course this does not mean either of us but then even a lemon, with a little sugar, may be palatable. At any rate it is well to resolve to sweeten up a little.

You might resolve also to revise your talent in the musical line. You doubtless have been pleased at the noise that can be made with a hammer in the anvil chorus, but just resolve to change off this year and play the bass drum in the booster band.

And now after the ushers have passed the peanuts let us all arise and sing the doxology.

Miss Laura Kennon of the Normal faculty was registered at Hotel Portland in Portland Christmas day.

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