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## Monmouth Meditations

Any one who longs for a more pleasant winter than the one we have had so far would be hard to suit.

Traffic on Main street is increasing materially and the paving is beginning to show the effects of it. The number of vehicles on the street last Saturday afternoon was especially notable and gave us quite a metropolitan appearance.

This is the revival season of the year when persistent effort is made all along the line to increase church attendance, a movement in the right direction and one that deserves a boost from every thoughtful person.

Should the proposed new creamery be started in Dallas it might cut in some on the local trade, but it will also develop an increased number of dairy cows in this section. This part of Polk county is capable of sustaining many more dairy cows and the increase of the dairies will improve its soil. Also it will give the co-operative idea a chance to test itself and co-operation is capable of meeting any kind of competition.

It was a sweeping indictment that the superintendent of Wasco county made on a recent visit here. He said that Polk county has the best school houses and the sorriest teachers in its rural districts of any county in the state. Although Polk county furnishes many students to the Normal it will be noticed that the great bulk of them go away from the county to teach. Just another illustration of the saying that a prophet is not honored in his home country.

Uncle Joe Craven's crowless rooster has recovered the use of his voice and now awakes the drowsy in time for school, the same as his rivals in neighboring chicken yards. A. H. Craven was inclined to think the trouble was enlarged tonsils and advocated an operation, but it seems that all the rooster needed was an appeal to his pride. When the publication of his story appeared in the Herald last week, the neighbors all began to notice his quietness and to comment upon it and this stirred him to action.

As an example of boiled down and unadulterated stubbornness, commend us to the clashing courts of Polk and Marion counties. The gage of differing opinion has been thrown and each side has announced itself as determined to have its way or nothing at all, sir, and various backers on both sides of the river are slapping their champions on the back and admonishing them, "Good boy, stick to it." It's great sport all right, but it doesn't build bridges.

The appearances now indicate that in the matter of the state highway the west side of the Willamette will not fare as well as the east for lack of organization. The east side got up a monster petition and when

the proper time came in the framing of legislation, had the lines definitely named. Then, to give the thing the form of universal sanction they invited in the whole state population that was interested in good roads and with clever manipulation talked conflicting interests to death. The west side with its farming interests seeking a way to market, deserved attention from the highway men but just at present the prospects are not bright to secure it.

On Wednesday of this week the bone dry law went into effect. The telegraph operators of Portland are just recovering from the exhausting work they had the last day when telegrams for liquid refreshments were allowed. The only dispenser of refreshments that Monmouth has ever had is the agent of the express company, at present Mr. Deakin. Mr. Deakin informs us that he is glad to be out of the business, that he is reducing the bar to kindling wood and thinks seriously of presenting his apron to the Herald force to be used in the regular avenues of the art preservative. Now we will have the disposal of the present stock of liquid joy and when that is gone we will be bone dry in fact as well as in name.

Twenty-five thousand dollars a year for two years is the sum asked of the legislature for advertising purposes, to make known its resources and opportunities to people who might be induced to come in and make their homes with us. It looks like a big sum to a state which is working away at its finances with a paring knife, but really, if the money is economically and judiciously expended it will be worth while. Oregonians are all satisfied with their state and have faith in it. It impresses new comers favorably. It can be mathematically demonstrated that every additional inhabitant to a state adds money value to its resources. There isn't a state in the union which has the same amount of desirable land for the settler as Oregon. New blood in the state would help its finances, lower its taxes, and increase the spirit of enterprise therein.

Moderately young people can recall the evolution of the phonograph from the time it made its first appearance with the rubber tubes, which the listener placed in his ear, to the machine which is now capable of filling a large hall with its volume of sound. It has steadily been improved until its scope is wonderful, and yet its development has a great deal ahead of it. Some day many kinds of instruction will be done by means of the phonograph. The pupil will insert the record, move the lever, and the instruction will begin. This will be especially helpful in instruction in foreign languages. Books may some day be published on phonograph records and doubtless serial stories will appear in a record exchange where the affairs of Algeron and Miranda are left in the same exasperating state of uncertainty as in the magazine where "to be continued" appears. Famous orators will vociferate into a phonograph recorder and the morning "Record" will have in its name an additional significance for newspapers may appear on phonograph records to accommodate those who have defective eyesight.

From time to time the bent for colonization takes new turns and at present South America is highly regarded by people who plan to make homes for themselves. It also appears at present the best outlet for American trade and the study of Spanish is one of the necessities to any concern that cultivates foreign commerce. But there is not any likelihood that South America will ever rival North America in commercial importance, for the bulk of the continent lies in the torrid zone. Argentina has the best possibilities of any South American nation and instead of lying east and west as does the United States its territory in length runs north and south. The

United States lies between parallels 30 and 45 and between those lines in the Southern hemisphere, Argentina is only one fourth of the width of the United States. It has, however, what is said to be the largest fertile plain in the world. The capital of Argentina has nearly two million inhabitants. The products of the nation are increasing very rapidly and the nation is bound to take an important place in the world.

The break of official relations with Germany, which has not yet reached the condition of actual warfare, is what any student of the trend of affairs could have expected, although its coming fills peacefully inclined people with dread. The invasion of Belgium, the sinking of the Lusitania, incidents which have outraged the sensibilities of men and women the world over, are only two of the incidents by which Germany has sought to make war horrible. Now, asking for peace, a request which her enemies are not willing to grant her, she has evidently grown desperate and has assailed the dignity of the United States to such an extent that the president has seen fit to align us with her opponents. Before the break comes, as one American to another, we may well ask—what are we going to do? What part will we take in the big war that is going on across the ocean? Already 50,000 Americans are serving in the allied armies in France. It is not at all likely that public sentiment here would warrant the raising of an army to join in the battles in France and the Balkans. Besides, it would take a year to prepare and drill them and by that time the war will be over. An English statesman, Lord Northcliff, has seen and settled that. He said in effect: "We will finish the fighting job and America can finance Italy, Russia and the Balkans." There you have it. Who in America would be bold enough to suggest such a thing? No. America's operations are apt to be confined to the high seas. As Germany has no navy on the high seas we will have to content ourselves with chasing her submarines. As such, our enmity will not be a great deal worse for Germany than our friendship. More, it will be to her distinct advantage for now America will be one of the parties in dictating terms of peace. The war will be harder on us than peace however for it will nourish the jingo spirit. It will add greatly to our national debt. It will encourage enlistments and will give us an army, something we have tried hard to get by peaceful means. These are a few angles of the war move as they appear to us.

### NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Polk

In the matter of the estate of S. N. Gulliams, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has presented her final account in the above entitled estate, and that the same is on file with the clerk of the above entitled court, that Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. at the court room of the above entitled court in the court house in Dallas, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said final account. All objections thereto should be filed, in writing, with the clerk of said court on or before said date.

MRS. N. S. BOCHS

Administrator of the Estate of S. N. Gulliams, deceased.

### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of Catherine E. Stump, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the state of Oregon for Polk County, and that Saturday, Feb. 24th, 1917, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the county court room in the city of Dallas, Oregon, has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections to the said final account and the settlement thereof.

JOHN B. STUMP,

Executor of the Estate of Catherine E. Stump, deceased.

S. F. Swope, Attorney.

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