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Monmouth Meditations

The weather of the past two weeks is calculated to start the spring poet to warbling.

Critics of the nickel egg should reflect that it represents the entire day's work of a conscientious hen.

At one time discussion of the liquor question was confined to "What will you have?" but that was a long time ago.

While the cost of merchandise and groceries the Union through has been steadily going skyward, Monmouth has been making a conscientious effort to retard the progress.

It seems to be popular in Monmouth at present for business to change hands and the Herald was sought by a prospect last week. Which brings up the query: Where in the U. S. would we rather live than Monmouth? Echo answers, "No where." Guess we'll stick.

A record was established last year in the value of farm crops produced in the United States, notwithstanding that production fell short of records. The high prices made the aggregate crop value nearly nine billions. Texas heads the list and Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and Georgia follow in the order named.

Having explained why it will absolutely require a concrete or iron bridge to make us happy, the courts of Polk and Marion immediately set to work to do the explaining over again. The thing will be so thoroughly explained by and by that a university graduate, with a little time and application, will be able to see through it.

Manly Arant is struggling with the task of getting out his third annual seed catalogue. Considering the fact that the seeds are of his own production as a part of the industrial work, the many kinds are surprising. Since the seed list is gotten out with a lead pencil only prospective customers are welcome to ask for a copy.

Mr. Cline, the chapel orator, made some allusion the other morning to never having seen so many red headed girls and really, one would be justified in the opinion that Oregon was filled with auburn haired damsels or that there is something in the golden tresses that induces the owner to take up school teaching. The prospect is that the coming generation of school boys will have to step lively.

Did it ever occur to you, gentle reader, that the man who advertises and keeps his name before you, wants your trade? One who does not advertise, who does nothing to keep his business in front of you, indicates thereby that he is indifferent to your trade. Does'nt it logically follow that a man who does not seek your trade, will not put himself out to accommodate you and that your trading with him will be all to his advantage?

When she lived, Queen Victoria was the friend of peace. It was she who was the most important figure in preventing England and France from interfering in the United States during the Civil war. She, also, held back Lord Salisbury at the time of the trouble with Venezuela when Cleveland made his famous threat. During her long reign the Crimean war was the most important war England engaged in, and that before she had the government well in hand. In the light of her peace record it is interesting to speculate on what would have happened had Victoria still lived when the present European war started.

The signing by the governor of a "scrap of paper" one day last week saved Monmouth some possible future trouble. By that act the state and county turned over to Monmouth jurisdiction on Main street and also on Monmouth avenue from Main to the north line of the Normal property. The Oregon road laws have some queer practical workings and one of them is that by which a city may not have jurisdiction on the streets that compose a part of itself. A parallel case would be that of a man who furnishes his own clothing except what went on his feet, over which some one else had charge and might not even trim his corns without asking permission.

A Monmouth man humorously tells of his experience with holidays. He was living in a neighboring town and was preparing to move, had his furniture aboard train and went down to the bank for money with which to buy tickets for his family but found the bank closed, because of Labor Day. The bank appeared to be about the only place of business closed for "Labor" day, which struck the Monmouth man's sense of humor. There is a tendency now to lessen the number of holidays, especially for schools. Instead of letting the children out of school for reasons which they vaguely understand, it is becoming more the custom to have appropriate programs instead of no school on the days observed, which serves better the spirit of the occasion.

When people who have been long time friends fall out, the go-between pops up, making it a business to carry tales from one to the other, mean little insinuations and trivialities, magnified and distorted to add to the breach and make the existing feeling more bitter. That is what is occurring between America and Germany right now. Sensational rumors, increasing in volume as they travel from the originating point, fan the flames of distrust. Naturally these things are felt worse in Germany than in the United States, for it is hemmed in on all sides with enemies, threatening its national existence. These things should be taken into consideration when dealing with the relations between the two countries.

The prospect now is that the controversy which has arisen over the city property, now occupied by the lumber company, will soon be happily settled. Acting on the initiative of Mr. Gerlinger, president of the lumber company, a proposition is to be made whereby the half of the lot, facing Main street, is to be turned over to the Civic club and the rear half to be used by the lumber company. The half, near Main street, will be ample for park purposes for some time. The lumber company will erect a dividing fence, to which vines may be trained and which will serve as a back-ground. There are many possibilities of civic decoration on this spot and if the spaces about the depot are taken care of will give the newcomer to the city a good first impression.

If we could consider that Canada was a commercial rival of the United States; that she persisted in training her citizens to arms, that she had made a science out of the manufacture of ammunition and guns, that she maintained a line of forts along our border, that her military

men had made plans of offence in dealing with us, had plans of our means of transportation, had studied our weak spots and planned maneuvers to take advantage of them; if we could keep in mental view a picture of this sort we could reach a position that would make Mr. Bryan and his peace ideas appear like imbecility. Then we would get a conception of the Allied view point when they assert that they do not want a peace without victory but want the thing settled now, that future years may not be cursed with the nightmare that has grown steadily greater since the Franco-Prussian war.

Portland is extending an invitation to Billy Sunday to conduct a revival in that city and the combined ministers of the city announced that in order to do so it would be necessary to raise \$25,000. Thereupon the impression went out that the autocratic Billy had laid down the ultimatum that he would not appear as a savior of lost souls in that city unless he was guaranteed \$25,000, and many good people waxed wroth. It turns out, however, that the \$25,000 is for an auditorium, large enough to house the people who want to come to listen. As for Billy himself he is content to take only what those whom he has converted insist that he shall take. Certain collections, specified as for him, will be taken and he is willing to run his chances on that. It is voluntary contributions that buy automobiles and apple orchards at Hood River for Billy, and when you think about it why should not people be allowed to donate to whom they please?

One touch of nature makes the whole world kin, which is an explanation why a recital of the peculiarities and characteristics of Abraham Lincoln such as that of C. E. Cline, in the Normal chapel, is of exceptional interest. Lincoln's great achievements are all recognized and honored but it is a recital of his peculiarities that puts him on the human plane and makes him beloved. When he lived, those peculiarities were real things and frequently received more attention than his virtues. It took perspective after he was dead to form the estimate of Lincoln which we now have. We are given to hero worship, to set certain public idols on pedestals, to invest them with our realized ideals and defend them from aspersions of frailty that are common to us all. "Lincoln was wrong," said Mr. Cline, in his reference to Lincoln's opposition to the Mexican war. It was a refreshing admission and made his tribute to Lincoln all the greater. Lincoln's ancestors were common people and his son, were it not for the prestige of an illustrious father, would have been just as common. The story of Lincoln is an inspiration to every American and no true citizen of the republic would have a single one of the many stories of Lincoln lost.

Mistletoe

Leonard Niggli has gone to work for Charles Smith of Elkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lowe visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Hull before leaving for Dayton, Ore., this last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Nelson and family Sunday.

Kenneth Bursell has been having a time with a sprained ankle.

The children of this district met and organized an Industrial Club for this year.

Misses Sarah and Retta Brown are staying with their sister, Mrs. A. H. Alsip, these last two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearns from Pe-dee visited with Mr. J. F. Smith and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith and daughter Sunday.

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