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Monmouth Meditations

The signs of spring increase; the rugs are beginning to decorate the clothes line and the wall paper hanger becomes a personage of importance.

There are numerous newcomers along Monmouth's Main street and it is about time we got together for a get-acquainted meeting. (A hunch for the Commercial club.)

As a dairy section, Oregon is naturally interested in the cow beat, and the profits of the sugar industry interest all in the sugar beat and all require application and hard work, but the kind of beat that flourishes without cultivation is the dead beat.

C. C. Chapman of the Oregon Voter appears about the most ardent good roads advocate in Oregon. Chapman is working early and late and is putting in some telling strokes for the bond issue that is to be voted on shortly.

About the time that George Walker becomes a star in the vaudeville circuit as a monologue artist or a slap stick team leader we expect to note a distinct revival of interest in that particular form of amusement.

It is all very well to denounce Senator Lane, to demand his recall, and to hurl various epithets at him, but to call him a "coward" is overdoing it a little. It appears to us that it took real courage in the face of the popular clamor to line up with the dauntless twelve.

The Ford seems to be a popular car with the auto thief, who can not be accused of not knowing a good thing when he sees it. Seven times in the past few weeks Marshal Moreland has received postal card notices of stolen autos, all Fords, and all from the Portland sheriff.

If Monmouth's butter maker can win second prize in an exhibit with the dairyman of ten states, without special exertion, what could he do if he really got down to business. Again, if the general run of butter from the Monmouth creamery is good enough to win prizes for excellence it ought to be sure of a welcome in any market.

It is reported that Dallas is so "miffed" at Marion county on the bridge proposition that it would agree to a separate county bridge at Independence and allow Marion to build whatever it likes at Salem. Which isn't a half bad idea either. There is a good crossing at Independence and such a bridge has many features to recommend it.

The rural mail carriers, if they might, in convention assembled, be consulted, doubtless might express a few opinions on the subject of good roads. One would suppose that as the summer draws near they would welcome it, but there are some at least who assert that they prefer the wet and mud of winter to the heat and dust of summer.

The dancing of the Highland Fling by the girls of the 8th grade,

at the meeting Tuesday night was very graceful and very pretty, as were also the minuet, the flag drill, the blacksmith drill and the singing game and the Virginia reel was a show in itself. The children are fortunate to be given the services of a teacher as capable as Miss Taylor, and their physical instruction is an important part of their education.

The famous lost bridge bill has been found and has been mailed to the speaker of the house and president of the senate for their signatures. This will give the lawyers an additional chance to try their hands at it. They were anxious to test its constitutionality anyway and here is another weighty matter for the spare time of the supreme court. Is it constitutional for a bill to get lost? And still the old world wags on.

Don't be too ready to believe all you hear. Stories never lose anything in the telling and many times great yarns are built on very small foundations. One day last week the report was current in Monmouth that the summer school session of the Normal was to be held in Portland and it created quite a little stir until it developed that the students of the Normal were to spend one day there during the session of the educational convention.

Recently we came across a book dealing with "Modern Inventions" and published in 1900. Scarcely any of the inventions described are modern, this being especially true in the case of the experiments of Prof. Langley with flying and descriptions of the submarine. The "modern" phonograph, illustrated, looks about as modern as the large sleeves worn by the ladies of those years. Which goes to show that in the invention line the word "modern" is only a temporary affair.

The president's latest note is addressed to the people at large and he says the coming session of the senate must positively pass cloture rules that will make impossible the thwarting of the will of the majority by a minority. While they are about it they might abolish the senate and house entirely. It has become the custom for the executive branch of the government to draft bills and insist that they be passed without the change of a single word. With the minority gagged in the senate, with the majority dominated by patronage and party expediency, we might as well have a kaiser and be done with it.

Courage, character, intelligence and common sense are requisites to the successful execution of the duties of the office of state dairy and food commissioner and Mr. Mickle seems to possess them all. It takes courage to combat the exigencies of business when they are furthered at the expense of the careless public. The man, or group of men, who are prosecuted will remember but the average public is indifferent and forgetful. Important auxiliaries are the men and women who are public spirited, who realize the necessity for sanitation and regulation and who act together to make regulation possible. We are not content with conditions such as our fathers contended with. New occasions teach new duties. Much of the unsatisfactory conditions with which officers of public sanitation have to deal is due to rapid expansion in the development of the United States. As new sections have been settled we have been glad to get any kind of service whatever. Expanding needs have monopolized our attention in directing new growth and the requirements of health and the niceties of culture have come trailing along in the rear. Now their turn, too, has come in the course of events and these questions of sanitation and pure food are bound to receive more attention from the general public.

Senator LaFollette is very much in the limelight just now for the reason that it is LaFollette's nature

to be in the forefront in any matter that deals with questions of public policy and his iron nerve and uncompromising disposition make him peculiarly qualified as a leader in an unpopular cause. It was the fortune of the writer to spend one day with LaFollette, one of the critical days in his career, the day that practically decided that he was to be advanced from the governorship to the U. S. senate. Beginning at 6 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 11 o'clock at night, it was a day brimming with action. Subsisting on crusts of toast and milk, his private secretary, John Hannon, handled him very much as a trainer would handle a prize fighter. His name at that time in that section would attract a crowd at any cross roads hamlet and such was his ability as a stump speaker that he turned literally hundreds and thousands who were opposed to him into his friends. LaFollette's strength laid in the fact that the big newspapers hated him so thoroughly that they never gave him a fair show. The man's arrogance, his very narrowness on questions that affected his career would have been a handicap hard to overcome had the newspapers not played into his hands. They were so manifestly unfair to him that all LaFollette had to do was to take his story to the people in person and the reaction always won for him.

A letter from German Minister of Foreign Affairs Zimmerman has been the sensation of the past week. The letter written to his nation's representative in Mexico stated that Germany was about to enlarge her submarine operations, which might cause war with the United States, and in event of this the minister was asked to urge Mexico to attack the United States and to ask the assistance of Japan, Mexico to receive the states of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona as a reward. For cool effrontery the letter was a masterpiece, the more so as President Wilson was, at the very time it was written, engaged in securing a hearing for the German peace terms with her enemies. It shows the present German government up in a very repugnant light and has encouraged the element clamoring for war so that it has seemed impossible to avert hostilities.

The climax was reached when twelve senators, numbering among them some of the ablest men in the upper house, successfully killed by filibuster the president's armed neutrality act. In all probability they could not have done this had the president not insisted that the bill must pass exactly as he had prepared it. Two objectionable features that had weight with the opponents of the bill were that it did not provide that ships carrying munitions to a nation at war with another, should not be given armed protection by us when we were at peace with both nations. Also, that the government should not engage to financially insure cargoes owned by people who are getting large profits from the business. It the president would have agreed to these exceptions it is quite likely the bill would have passed. As it was the incident created a greater stir of interest than anything that has happened in many years.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Henry S. Portwood and Mary Mable Staats have been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County administrator and administratrix, respectively, of the estate of Joseph Ansel Haines, deceased, and have qualified.
All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present them, duly verified, with the proper vouchers, within six months of the date of this notice, to the said administrator and administratrix at Monmouth in said County of Polk.
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HENRY S. PORTWOOD
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Administrator and Administratrix of the estate of Joseph Ansel Haines, deceased
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