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Monmouth Meditations

It is about time for Kerensky to bob up again.

Some men's charity consists in a willingness to pass the hat.

"Jerusalem has Fallen". That surely sounds better than would have been the case had the headlines said "Venice has Fallen".

Speaking of Christmas gifts, the Kaiser has not yet been able to get possession of everything he had planned to give his six little boys.

The saloons of Los Angeles are closed, the boomers of that town having discovered that its excellent climate is stimulant enough for any one.

This generation happens to have the burden of fighting the war. But this carries with it the supreme privilege of being able later to tell posterity all about it.

When a man takes three spoons full of sugar to one cup of coffee he invites the query does he love his country or his stomach better.

The bakers of Portland promise that they will produce a pound loaf for nine cents provided the people will buy of them instead of baking at home. Baking at home, the bakers claim, wastes thousands of bushels of wheat annually in the U. S. This from the dough washed off the hands that knead the bread. This reminds us that the average small boy carries around on his neck a small quantity of dirt which in

the aggregate would be quite a large amount. If the dirt on all the necks of all the small boys in the United States could be collected it possibly would make an acre of good rich soil which would produce, say one hundred bushels of wheat which at \$2 per bushel would save the magnificent sum of \$200.

Just how the capture of Jerusalem by the allied powers will affect the future of that city is at present a matter of speculation. If its defense by its new masters is successful during the remainder of the war, doubtless that part of Palestine will be given at least nominal self government. A sentimental rather than a commercial value attaches to the conquest of the city, for aside from its storied associations and traditions, Jerusalem is not of a great deal of importance. A city of 20,000 people, practically without commerce, with narrow, unpaved streets, and unsymmet-

rical, gloomy houses, no city in the world has had so varied a career. Regarded as a sacred city by two distinct religions, contending armies battled for its possession for centuries. The Romans destroyed and rebuilt it in the early years of the Christian era. For fourteen years in the seventh century it was under the domination of the Persians and in 1077 it was taken by Omar the most remarkable of the Caliphs. For twenty-two years the Christian pilgrims suffered the contemptuous treatment of the Mohamedan Arabs, when stirred up to the first crusade by Peter the Hermit, the city was captured in 1099 and held by the European invaders until the rise to power of Saladin who retook the city in 1187. Since that date the Turks have been in control. There are in the city 5,000 Mohamedans, 10,000 Jews and the remainder Christians, principally Armenian and Greek.

Monmouth Twentyfive Years Ago

The "Northwest Progress" was the name of one of Monmouth's newspaper ventures. It was published by F. S. Barzee and was strong for temperance and the state Normal each represented by an associate editor, A. W. Lucas and T. F. Campbell, respectively. The first issue of the Progress was printed February 5, 1892. A. N. Halleck has preserved a copy and through his courtesy we were permitted to look it over. Number 1, Volume one, naturally contains detailed list of the business situation in Monmouth twentyfive years ago.

P. L. Campbell was president of the Normal and the building as shown from a cut was two-thirds the length of the present building.

The bank, in a two story building on its present location was known as the Polk County Bank with L. A. Macrum president and I. C. Powell, cashier. Smith & Jordan with general merchandise, also occupied the bank building.

Across the street was the opera house block. The hall was on the upper floor. F. Anstine occupied one of the rooms below with furniture and the newspaper occupied another room. With the newspaper was located the office of the Monmouth water company. Next door was the Catron block in which C. F. Wheeler with cigars and confectionery was located; also L. Grounds with hardware, and W. J. Mulkey with groceries. Hewitt & Son, druggists, were in the Parrish block as were also C. H. Morris, jeweler and T. G. Fuqua, gunsmith. On the upper floor the meetings of the I. O. O. F. were held.

The hotel then nearing completion was owned by J. Jordan. Opposite on the street Chas. Taylor sold tobacco and confectionery.

L. D. Jones, barber, was in the next building and on the opposite corner J. W. Beckley conducted the city livery.

On the corner of Main and Railroad streets, G. T. Waller operated the Pioneer book store, and on Main street and Monmouth Ave. W. A. Moorehead sold groceries and provisions.

Further down the avenue P. G. Murray operated a restaurant and two doors south was the oldest business in town, a grocery conducted by W. Waterhouse.

Next door was Miss Maude Hill's millinery store and close

at hand was C. Wood with a cobbler's stand.

R. M. Smith operated a meat-market near by.

E. S. Catron was lessee of the warehouse.

Mrs. A. Davidson was post-mistress.

I. H. Fream and F. Anstine both sold lumber.

Neal & Fream were about to start a meat market on Knox St.

J. J. Malloy and Chas. Lanktree were rival blacksmiths.

W. P. Fisher repaired wagons.

James Tatom was an insurance agent who dabbled in realty.

John Moran, mayor of the city sold city and farm property and boosted for everything in sight.

J. M. Crowley and W. H. Parrish were city physicians and Mr. Lewis was photographer.

Frank Lucas was leader of the Monmouth cornet band.

Messrs. Discus, Baughman, Haley, and Quinby Bros. were contractors.

Stacks & Rash were draymen. The I. & M. had a 5c fare.

The line to Airlie was narrow gauge. I. G. Singleton was depot agent.

B. L. Murphy was principal of the city schools.

T. J. Baughman, H. J. Butler, D. M. Hewitt, and E. S. Catron were councilmen; E. N. Hosner, marshal; Max Haley, recorder; Ira Powell, city treasurer.

Before the ink on one page of the issue was dry another page announced that G. W. Waller had sold the Pioneer book store to Curtis Hawley.

GOOD ADVICE.

YOU cannot elude him
By shutting the door
Or locking the window—
The good advice bore.

You cannot elude him
By scaling a peak,
And he'll—submarining—
Stay with you a week.

You cannot deny him,
For, do what you will,
Like the scent of the rose, he
Will cling to you still.

Yet he has no power—
You haven't, you know;
He can't do what you can't;
But, since it is so

That you can't escape him,
There's nothing to do
But try to put up with
That fellow named YOU.

—Charles C. Jones.

Handy Candlestick.

An ingenious method of using a candlestick in the cellar, instead of the untidy method of sticking the burning candle to a shelf or ledge by melted wax, is to screw the candle into a heavy burr. Such an improvised candlestick prevents upsetting, and the candle can burn down and out without danger of fire.—American Boy.

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