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Meditations

The delays in the receipt of material for paving has a familiar sound. It is reminiscent of other delays on other paving in other days gone by.

The appearances are that any lack of attention in the way of a celebration of the Fourth in Monmouth will be amply made up for elsewhere. There are few cities in this section of the valley who are not advertising celebrations this year.

While grain and grass are waist high this year the fruit crop appears to be an indifferent one. There are, practically speaking, no pears at all while the cherry and prune crops are neither as heavy as common.

The vote in the precincts of Polk county outside of Monmouth on the reconstruction act shows that the prospect of adding a hundred thousand dollars in public building to property in the county of Polk did not stir our fellow countyites with any degree of enthusiasm

worthy of notice.

Although we have had a fine strawberry spring there have been very few strawberries, this because the two dry summers past have been unfavorable to the strawberry plant and not many of the local beds are in first class shape.

We believe it was a mistake for the commissioners in Paris to revise and resubmit the terms of surrender demanded of Germany. Even if the terms are agreed to at the point of coercion the result will never be the same as if the Germans had been held to the first terms submitted. The fact that they had some effect in the matter and have been able to modify in the least degree the original terms offered will be magnified in the fatherland and bolster them up with the idea that the peace is one of negotiation.

Organized labor appears to have given Mooney the go-by. After staging protest after protest and scheming for a nation wide strike in his behalf, there is now a tendency to let Mooney fight his own battles. There is, said Secretary Wilson, no reason to think that either, in the prosecutor or the trial judge was there anything but fair treatment giving Mooney. The statement that Mooney has always had anarchistic leanings and has persistently advocated violence in the industrial conflicts that have come to his attention is bound to tell against him in any cold and impartial consideration of the accusations against him. We predict that the new stand of labor in favor of John Barleycorn will be as equally short lived and think the stand is equally ill advised.

Labor never had a worse enemy than John Barleycorn. The testimony of the Seattle delegates that prohibition had increased their bank deposits and gone a long way to abolish misery among them is too plain in the evidence to be denied.

It is said that easy writing makes hard reading. The man who with little inspiration can sit down and dash off "ream" after ream of copy usually finds it difficult to find any one willing to work hard enough to read what he has written. The nicely polished phrase, the sentiment tritely expressed, that sticks in the memory is usually something thought out with the accompaniment of strenuous mental effort. The poetry that reads the easiest is invariably the hardest to write. Likewise with a painting. The picture before which you pause in the reverent quiet of the art gallery, marveling at the skill that has faithfully reproduced a scene or a specimen of "still life, is produced only after years of tedious experience and long hours of labor. Such reflections as this must come to the mind after witnessing the splendid class play of this year's Normal commencement. The scenery was so harmonious, blending with the positions of the actresses, the acting stages of the morality followed one another so subtly that it seemed a thing of life and natural growth. The orchestra selections fitted in so nicely that they appeared to have been composed for the purpose. It was something which one followed so easily that it was difficult to realize that a distinct moral theme had been inculcated at the same time. All of this indicated there was thought and study necessary, from the composition of the book down to its harmonious representation. It was in the mind of the meditator a distinctly creditable performance.

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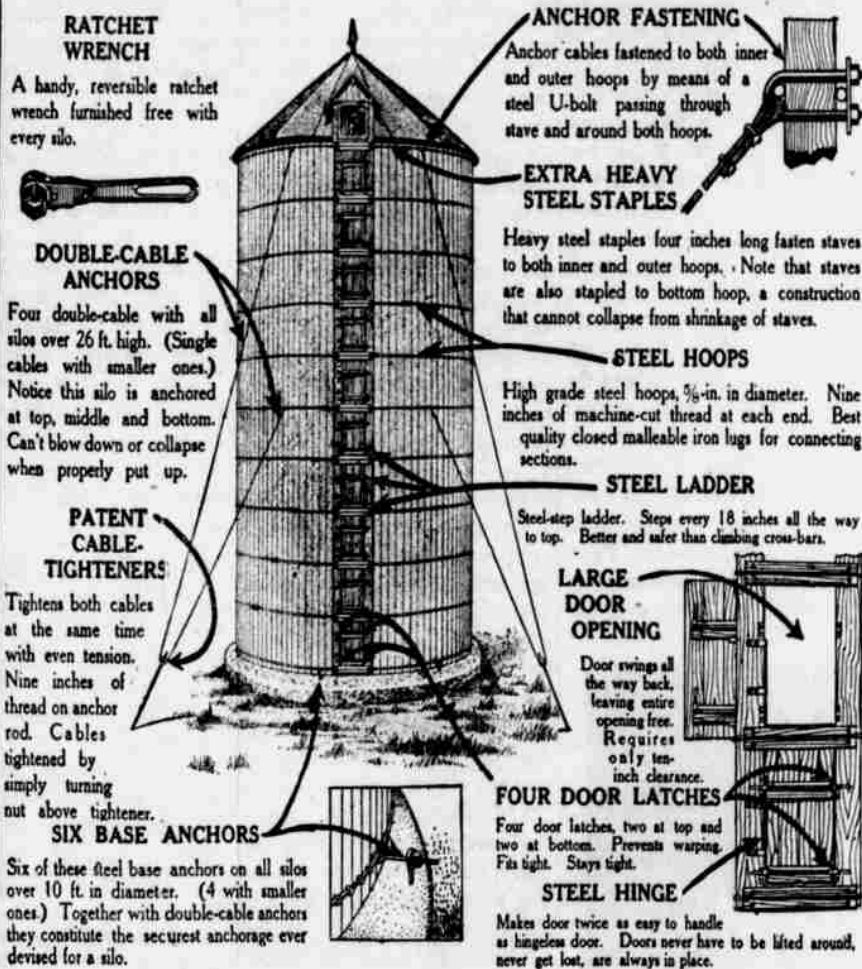
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