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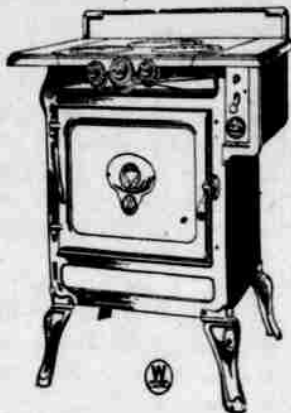
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Monmouth Meditations

The cherries are once more in the can.

Oak cord wood is beginning to drift into town.

Bela Kun appears to have been treed.

The kernel of the labor problem is the fact that too many people want to live without laboring.

It takes more than thunder to bring a rain to us in July or August.

Some people will insist that George Washington was the father of his country and the grandfather of the league of nations.

When you see a car in the early evening, loaded with the unconventionally clad, two to one that car is headed for a family bath.

Arizona is said to be the driest state in the Union but some of the thirsty who live there aver that Arizona just at present is not so dry as the region that has always looked to Milwaukee and St. Louis for moisture.

It is to be noticed that the protest against the peace treaty and its articles are growing less pronounced. It will be ratified one of these days for only the most stubborn of minds would hold up the peace of the world and the prospects of business to negotiate another treaty. As to its wisdom and the practical workings of the agreement, that is a matter for the future to determine.

When all of the contemplated highway work is in it will shorten the distance to neighbor towns and make attractions such as the Dallas Chautauqua something in which the whole county can participate as a home affair. When that time comes, let us hope county people will mingle more and in time cultivate a tolerance and friendly spirit just the reverse of that exhibited when the county voted against the reconstruction fact that would have added \$100,000 in state

buildings to the county, merely because said state buildings were to have been located in Monmouth.

One of the best things which the chautauqua offered was Mr. Whitney's reading of "Turn to the Right". Not only was Mr. Whitney possessed of astonishing talent as an impersonator but the character of the play itself was most satisfying. It was something one could sit through and enjoy every minute. No problem of doubtful propriety were offered to offend the senses and abash your faith in your fellow men. No sensations with impossible climaxes with no justification other than the mere hope of creating a thrill. Just a plain homely story of plain homely people seasoned with wit and garnished with rich humor. It was exceedingly good.

In his addresses Mr. Bryan tells how he found when visiting the Panama canal that the slides in the Culebra cut continue and a force is constantly employed in clearing away the resulting dirt. He asked how long the slides would continue and was told it would be until the wall of earth on the sides of the canal had reached the "angle of repose". This is a felicitous expression and has hundreds of applications in every day life. It is that for which people constantly seek. Some people are unable to reach the angle of repose because they are not resting on the right sort of a foundation. As fast as the tides of time tear away the projecting surface that overhangs the guif of necessity, the ground also crumbles beneath them because it is not of a substance to withstand the elements. Thus the sliding process is repeated and thus they seek in vain in a lifetime for that repose so ardently longed for.

We couldn't imagine a better time to consider a proposed addition to our water system than right now. While the pumps are doing their best and the patience and tolerance of the patrons in the city are fine, yet all must realize that some change is imperative. Gravity water is not as good as well water, but it has the merit of quantity, offering enough for the fullest domestic use as well as for lawns and gardens. Not only would it yield very much more water but it would be cheaper. There are also important prospects for commercial irrigation that could be developed and with the through highway conveniently at hand we could develop an important market garden industry. There are commercial industries, such as canning, condensing and packing to which an ample supply of water would be attractive. We must realize, however, that the proposal to secure gravity water entails heavy responsibilities and financial problems and these are the things we must consider and consider carefully before we act.

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