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Monmouth Meditations

The West Side highway from Independence to Monmouth may now be said to be at our doors.

Come to think of it we are all doing stunts from time to time, although few have the candor to name them such.

There appears to be a slight disagreement between the league of peace physicians, Doctors Taft and Hughes, although they do not think the patient beyond possibility of benefit from mild remedies.

If the Chicago police were strategists they would roll a few water melons among the colored mobs, when they manifest symptoms of becoming violent.

The trouble with vacations is that it is always someone else who gets them.

While some people are wont to imagine the average farm as a small gold mine, none but the farmer knows better that that magical combination, good crops and good prices rarely come the same season.

Monmouth bids goodbye this week to something like four hundred maidens who have been the city's guests while attending summer school. A very agreeable, pleasant group of students they have been who have earned the respect of all by their gentle conduct.

Monmouth also bids goodbye this week to a member of the Normal faculty who has well earned a place of high esteem in our midst. Miss Parrott will be missed by citizens as well as Normal people for she has taken a decided interest in local matters and her energy and inspiration have been many times in evidence each year. She will be missed also in the Herald office where her Normal notes have reflected her talent as a news gatherer. We hope she may some day return to again take up work in the Normal.

Opportunity is at present knocking at the doors of Monmouth and

Independence in the shape of a gravity water system, and here's hoping they may have the enterprise and the foresight to give an appropriate welcome.

Mr. Abbott's definition of a poet as one who nudges your elbow and calls your attention to sunsets and robins is not so far off at that. Consciously or unconsciously the poet becomes a nudger, compelled to resort to unusual means to attract attention because through lack of association with other minds he too frequently forces his art to supply the lack of ideas.

It was in that part of Chicago now made notorious by the race riots, in a restaurant just off State street on Thirtyfirst, that the mediator entered with a companion one evening some years ago. A negro man and woman ran the place and to the latter our companion gave his order. "Ditto", we added. The waiter paused with a blank look on her face and then started for the kitchen. She soon returned. "Guess you'll have to change dat order boss" she said, "We doan serve any of dem fancy French dishes. No sir. We doan talk nuything but jest plain United States."

We hear many explanations now days of why prices are so high, the principal one being that owing to the doubling of the volume of money in the country, prices may expect to remain at double former values. This may be true but it is probable that the fact that supply is just a little under demand has also considerable to do with it. If prices drop within a year or two, some new explanation will have to be dug up. It is a curious fact that in a world there are certain amounts of necessities and luxuries and a certain number of people who can dispose of them, but we have not yet learned how to adjust the distribution.

The voyage of the American war fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific recalls another celebrated occasion when the war fleet made such a trip before the canal was completed and had to go around Cape Horn. Contrasting the two the rapidity with which our fleet now gains the Pacific is bound to be an object lesson for the world. It is hardly likely that the president's plan to review is entirely spectacular either. Nothing will serve better to focus attention of the world that the fleet is on the Pacific and it will work to the forwarding of national aims just at present. The Pacific ocean will see more of American enterprise and hold more of American interest during the next half century than it did in the one just past.

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