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Monmouth
Meditations

Any one who missed the state fair may now attend the county fair. The government exhibit of drainage and road building which was one of the features at Salem is to be shown at Dallas.

The races at the state fair attracted many but the human race was also a potent factor in drawing a crowd. The old timer who has relatives scattered from Portland to Grants Pass and whose acquaintanceship in Oregon is in proportion, found the crowd and the familiar handshake the most attractive feature on the grounds.

With prunes still on the trees and walnuts yet to be gathered, it is still a little early for the melancholy days to appear.

"Come out of the Kitchen" the Marguerite Clark comedy presented at Normal last Saturday evening was an attractive film. A clean cut comedy without any of the disagreeable accessories supposed to be indispensable to the art, it was a show worth seeing.

Libraries have boomed, flourished and faded in Monmouth in previous years, but here's hoping the time is now at hand to warrant a permanent future for the enterprise which the Rev. Pace has initiated.

Courage is a civic asset. The sentiment in a town may be to wait for some one to come and boost it into motion when really all that is needed is a few boosts by the inhabitants themselves. What Monmouth needs more than anything else is a civic stock taking. Compare our advantages with those of our neighbors and you are bound to conclude that a most important thing to us at present is self confidence and a determination to make the most of our opportunities. We have a fine farming community back of us; we have natural resources; we have some modest industries started and we have the Normal school. Now then, let everybody put a shoulder to the wheel and give a boost for Monmouth.

How readily we point the finger of scorn! Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Omaha; each has its hour of shame to be duly recorded by the muckrakers. We read it with horror and are thankful that we live elsewhere until something in our own section comes up to show that we are all alike and outbursts of public passion are not confined to any section or race. A little humility would do us all good. We are in danger of becoming a nation of hypocrites.

The plan of changing school books each six years will of course make unfairness as might be expected of an arbitrary plan working on so large a scale, but the idea is good. For while the rules of grammar and arithmetic will not change a great deal from year to year, the methods of teaching do and the change enforces an opportunity to get the latest thoughts on the subjects treated.

Whatever might be the strength or weakness of the stand they have made on current political questions, it is quite plain that the favorite sons of the west will have a new importance in the nominating conventions that are to be held next

summer. Political expediency has always dictated that the nominees shall represent pivotal or doubtful states and for this reason both parties in recent years have usually gone to New York, Indiana or New Jersey for candidates. Three years ago a new situation presented itself. The former doubtful states became certain and the issue of election hinged on California. Any one awake to the issues and methods of politics will see in this a forecast of hitherto unknown possibilities for a western man for president or vice president next year.

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