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Monmouth Meditations



It is a poor prune orchard that will not bring a large selling price these days.

Independence bears that hops are due for an inning in financial favor and picks out a soft, smooth seat in the prosperity wagon which it plans to occupy.

He is incorrigible; nothing can reform him; although it is still January the early gardener is already telling about having planted spuds and peas.

The Kaiser wails that Germany has forsaken him and that he no longer expects to be called back to his own. He may well be happy if he succeeds in staying where he is.

Columbia men are booming Nicholas Murray Butler for the presidency. A man in the back seat arises to remark that we have had enough university president presidents to last us a long time.

Those various citizens who deserted us on one pretext or another a year or two ago and went to the city to get rich, are now quietly and without ostentation, resuming their former places in our midst. If you have not sought them you may not know it but houses to rent are becoming scarce in Monmouth.

Rhode Island has been given the privilege of suing the government as a sovereign state and seeks to declare the Prohibition amendment unconstitutional. It is a delicate point but we fail to see how a part of the constitution can be unconstitutional and the balance all right.

It appears quite plain that when the race has got down to the home stretch certain gentlemen named Wood and Hoover will be close to the front.

When Mr. Bryan talks on temperance his remarks are always pithy and to the point. He has cut out a big job for himself, that of keeping democracy on the water wagon; but here's strength to his efforts.

With rain and lots of it, mud just of the right consistency to stir with a stick and breezes of the kind that blow over the islands of the south seas; every one in the Willamette valley is smiling and happy.

In a recent declaration, Gov. Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts made these statements which mean as much in a few words as the English language is capable of conveying.

"Saving and production govern distribution. Greater distribution comes from greater capital. If we can produce and save, economic law distributes. No power can prevent it. Capital must accrue to the use of the people or it perishes"

"If we want more coal and wheat and sugar we shall get it by giving more clothing and shoes and machinery. Changes in prices will give no ultimate relief. Shortage is met only by saving and production."

"Taxes have to be paid by the public. They can not be imposed on any class. There is no power that can prevent a distribution of the burden. The landlord may be the one who sends a check to the public treasury but his tenants nev-

ertheless make the payment. A great manufacturer may contribute a large share of his income but still the money comes from the consumer."

"It is impossible to escape the conclusion that high taxes make high prices. As long as the cost of government is high, the cost of living will be high."

Probably no stronger statement could be made of the attitude of money in the situation that now confront us. In other words it says, "If the profits of business must be paid in taxes to the government there will be no surplus with which business may expand and thereby supply catch up with demand."

From the standpoint of one who sees on'y production carried on in its highest state of efficiency the above assertion is not to be refuted. But to one who realizes that in small business there is a certain benefit to localities through which it is scattered, a benefit that goes far to even up the extra expense it entails it will be realized that all of the income and profits taxes do not necessarily come out of the consumer. Such taxes with their consequent handicap on the large producer are certain to place opportunities before workers who never would be thus favored otherwise.

Not having been able to arrange matters so as to attend the special school meeting Saturday we take the liberty of presenting a few opinions on the subject here. People who have visited the rural centers at Elkins and other points will recall that these people have used their school as a real center of social activity in their sections. What they have done, we can do on a somewhat larger scale in the Monmouth district. In the school district we have an ideal basis for fellowship. With no differences in politics or creed or of grades of social equality, we meet on a common level on school property. We would have the gymnasium built with due attention to acoustics so that a stage could be located at one end with a gallery at the opposite end allowing commencement exercises to be held therein with occasional dramatic or other entertainments and with a floor space large enough for the physical exercises which are coming to be recognized as essential. We should also like to see it built with a concreted basement below large enough to include a supper room and kitchen as well as equipment for shower baths, lockers, cloak rooms, etc. It was agreed at the meeting that a gymnasium would cost as high as \$20,000. How will we pay for it? We offer this as a suggestion. Property secures improvements through the Bancroft bonding act by which payment is made in ten annual installments. Why could not the district do the same? With this plan the payments each year and the interest can be figured to a nicety in advance. Call a special school meeting which will have to be done in any event and vote a special tax to take care of these payments, the tax to be discontinued automatically when the debt is paid. Figuring at \$20,000 the tax at the end of the first year would be \$3,200 and the amount would be \$120 less each year with the assurance that at the end of ten years the whole would be paid for and forever out of the way. Warrants can be issued in payment of \$100 each. This will give an opportunity to local capital to invest in the warrants and doubtless many will do so. If not enough offer the balance can be sold to a bonding company. This will give us an opportunity to get something which the district needs badly and at the same time finance it with an assurance of success.

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