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Monmouth Meditations

Strawberry time is about here.

It is a happy frost that is tempered to the tender bean.

With three engineers to direct the resurfacing of Main street, a good job should result.

For a chunky man Johnson appears to be lively on his feet. He is still running in the back counties of Oregon.

There was a ring around the moon the other evening. Let's see. What is it the ring around the moon signifies?

We don't think the league of nations cut much of a figure in the election Friday in Oregon. As far as we have noted the average voter is decidedly indifferent to it and has not taken the trouble to reason out in his mind whether he is for it or against it.

It looks as if the peak of high prices had been reached which will put the buying public to practicing a different sort of strategy. When prices are going up the tendency is to buy an extra amount to anticipate the rise. When prices drop the buyer will get as little as possible, anticipating the drop. Each action is calculated to speed the process.

People said at the time the special session of the legislature finished its work that not a measure of those referred would get the approval of the people, especially anything calling for an increase in taxes. What, therefore, is to be thought of a victory for all the measures so large that the result was assured almost as soon as the work of counting the ballots was well under way. Credit for this change in public sentiment is due to many things. For one thing, it indicates a considerable measure of prosperity in the state. The combination of the educational measures and the highway measure also served to draw out the progressive voters who supported the whole program from top to bottom.

The passage of the so called millage bill means a great deal to Monmouth and to the Normal school. For the Normal it puts an end to the pinching parsimony which has acted as a drag on its development. It will enable it to fill existing vacancies in the faculty with new and strong members and to give to the present faculty suitable recompense. It will enable the school to care for its rural centers and training schools without asking help from the biennial sessions of the legislature. It will enable the regents to formulate some sort of a building program. It will assure future students training of the best character a normal is capable of and should result in a wider field of activity and greater usefulness for the school. For the city it is a vindication of the enterprise of our citizens who have bonded themselves to put in a gravity water system. It should at the same time spur us on to an increased pride in our city and greater efforts to make it attractive. Nothing is too good for Monmouth.

Reading of the account of the highway meeting held in Dallas last Thursday night as detailed from the viewpoint of the editor of the

Independence Enterprise on another page will doubtless awaken various emotions in the breasts of citizens of this territory especially those citizens who reside between Monmouth and the Luckiamute river. All the rest of the county was provided for in the way of hard surface roads in the bond project adopted a year ago, and now if the highway is diverted, this territory with some of the finest agricultural land in the state of Oregon will be left with no improved road prospects whatever.

Everyone is entitled to a guess or two and ye editor surmises that right now Dallas does not expect to get a relocation of the highway nor do we imagine it plans to go to the length of starting litigation that would deprive Polk county of any share of that seven million dollars which the passage of the road measure Tuesday assures to the highways of the state. For if a relocation is sought there is no need to wait until operations are started south of Monmouth. Paving from Amity to Holmes Gap and from Orr's corners to Rickreall is now in progress and these are both counter to the Ballston has. If Dallas and Independence wish to thwart the commission these projects invite their attention.

We surmise that Dallas realizes that Independence has a very small chance for getting the highway relocated and is merely using our neighbor to the east to create a demonstration that will cause the commission to back down from its position on the Rickreall-Dallas road. They have a clever group of promoters over at the county seat and the attitude of Independence fits in nicely at present with their plans just as the attitude of Monmouth and other towns helped them in getting an exceptionally favorable adjustment of the roads projected under the bond issue carried a year ago.

These bonds were the result of a meeting that practically pledged the county to agree to the plans of the state commission for building a direct route through the county. If the meeting did not mean just that, a pledge of acceptance of the direct route and the adoption of a road program based thereon, it put the men who participated in it in an unfavorable light.

Citation

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County.

In the matter of the estate of Fannie L. Talkington, deceased } Citation.

To Leona Mason, James Franklin Kelly, Arris Kelly, L. D. Brown, the Guardian ad litem of said James Franklin Kelly and Arthur Arris Kelly, minors, and to all others unknown, if any such there be:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable County Court of the State of Oregon for Polk County, at the Court House in the City of Dallas, on the 16th day of June, 1920, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, to show cause, if any exist, why an order of sale should not be made as in the petition of B. F. Swope, administrator with the will annexed of said estate, prayed for, to-wit: for the sale of the following described premises belonging to said estate: Beginning at a point which is 27.60 chains North and 9 and 13-22 chains West of the S. E. corner of the W. J. Matney D. L. C. Co. 61, Not. No. 2268, in Township 8 S. R. 5 West of the Will. Mer. in Polk County, Oregon, running thence South 11 chains; thence West 4 and 6-11 chs. thence North 11 chains; thence East 4 and 6-11 chains to the place of beginning, and containing 5 acres more or less situate in said County.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed this 1st day of May, 1920.

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