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Meditations

Now that both political parties have selected their standard bearers for the coming campaign, it must be admitted that from the stand point of expediency and practical politics both sides have named most effective combinations. The printer and publisher who has a thrill in his exalted calling must pride himself at the eminence his craft has attained when both parties draft their respective champions from the ranks of his fellows. Retrospection must convince the most skeptical that the newspaper man has made giant strides to the front within the past few decades. Time was when the people looked to the stump speaker for political information whereas such knowledge is largely obtained from the press now. As the medium through which public information is dispensed, newspapers are bound to have commanding influence.

To our way of thinking Cox is far stronger as a vote getter than any other candidate the Democrats had up for consideration. Because with the solid South behind him and the wet vote he is sure to poll in the large cities of the east and middle west, he is in position to put up a very strong fight. The Republicans have no walkover. Their only hope is in the women. The fact that Cox has a wife and an ex-wife and two sets of children will not set well with the women.

The state chamber of commerce is with us this week. While Monmouth has not as much to expect in the way of aid from the chamber as the coast country has, it can profit by the benefit of the whole state. Some of the projects which the Chamber is behind are important in putting Oregon to the front. While one of the oldest of states, Oregon is one of the most backward of the Pacific states in growth and development. It seems as if the tide from the east has flowed to the south of us in California and to the north in Washington and we have received the overflow from these states which are our neighbors. The proposal to secure the exclusive services of Frank Branch Riley as a lecturer to exploit the interest of the state in the east is one of merit and Riley might well spend a part of his time in telling Oregonians about Oregon. There are so many things about Oregon of which the average citizen is densely ignorant that we all need enlightening in order to know what we should know about the state. At the same time Monmouth now is in a position where she has important prospects for which she needs trained and skilled direction. If the chamber can give us practical aid in pointing out lines which Monmouth may safely travel in its path of achievement the amount we have contributed toward the chamber's maintenance will be well spent.

When the Monmouth citizen hears the spatter of running water the instinct is to rush and forbid it. We have been so long on water rations that it is hard to accustom ourselves to plenty. But to the friends of a more attractive Monmouth the sound of the water is music. Let us rejoice in the abundance of Teal creek which is now

with us.

By the decision of Judge McCourt in Portland last Friday on the west side highway case, everybody wins, and everybody is happy. It was a decision calculated to make the shade of his late excellency, King Solomon, turn over in his grave with envy. The Judge ruled that Independence and Dallas get the highway and the commission gets its short cut and Monmouth gets its south road improved. Therefore we all smile, the sunshine never looked brighter and the whole landscape basks in its radiance.

We have been spending the greater part of the past week in the corn belt as far as weather conditions are concerned. It surely has made the garden stuff grow.

Independence has bought literally of tickets for the Monmouth Chautauqua. It is now in order for the two towns to combine for a bigger and better season next year.

With the main shows over we now arouse to take a languid interest in the side performance to be put on by the committee of forty eight.

The weed ordinance for Monmouth is scheduled to go into effect within a week or two. Better forestall it by getting your weeds cut.

Cherries are ripe and the man with wheat acreage is looking over his harvesting outfit.

Monmouth's first Chautauqua is here this next week. Do you have your ticket?

It is now up to the Supreme Court.

**Obituary**

Alfred L Stimpson was born in Anoka county, Minnesota, December 7, 1860 and died at the Dallas hospital, Dallas, Oregon, June 26, 1920, aged 59 years, 6 months and 19 days. His death was due to an accident which occurred on June 25 at Monmouth, Oregon, while operating his wood saw.

When a young man Mr. Stimpson went to Hensler, North Dakota where on April 8, 1902 he was married to Mrs. Alice Southy. In 1905 he and his wife drove across country by team to Oregon. They returned to N. D. in 1911 but only for a year when they again made the trip to Oregon by team and he spent the remainder of his life in the latter state.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ella M. Smith of Cable, Wisconsin and Mrs. Clara R. Coulter of San Pedro, California, besides a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

He was a member of the M. E. Church at Boring, Oregon, and also of the Monmouth Grange.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical church at Monmouth, June 20, 1920, with Rev. Conklin officiating. He was laid to rest in the K. P. cemetery beside his wife who died six years ago.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our heart felt thanks to all the friends and neighbors who extended help and words of sympathy in our bereavement in the loss of our brother. Also to those who sang and for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Ella M. Smith  
Mrs. Clara R. Coulter  
and families.

**Evangelical Church Notes**

Sunday July 11. Morning worship at 11. Subject: "Benefits and Dangers of Summer Vacations". Evening worship at 8. Subject: "What I Believe and Why." Sunday School at 10. C. E. at 7:15. Subject: Christian Brotherhood among Nations and Races. Leader, Miss Irene Deach. Prayer service Wednesday at 8. Ladies' Aid Thursday P. M.

**Seventh Day Adventist Church**

K. P. Hall, Independence. Sabbath School at 1:30 p. m. Lesson—"Eden school" Services (Saturday) 2:30 p. m. Discourse by Elder J. A. Rieber. All are welcome.

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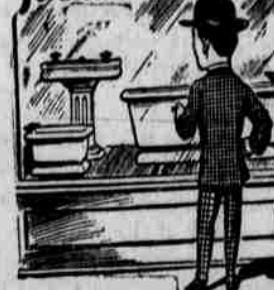
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