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Monmouth Meditations

The wheat harvest is on and it is hard for an able bodied man to find an excuse for not being busy.

The busy bee finds it rather dry picking, seeking a living at this season of the year.

If the quakes continue they will have to build houses in Los Angeles of India rubber for special places of refuge for the timid.

The speed and ability with which the Pendleton escaped prisoners were rounded up and caught should have a salutary effect in discouraging future outbreaks.

Besides the things which the sad waves say the editors who assemble soon at Astoria are planning to say a few things themselves.

The remarks which Judge Stapleton remarked to Attorney Kaste ought to have jarred the latter's Teutonic complacency, if such a thing were possible.

We wonder if Americans are good enough sports that they would have bought tea of a triumphant Lipton as they will of a vanquished Lipton.

Our Dallas contemporaries appear to be quite "het up" over highway developments. It is to be noted that it is always the man who realizes he has the weak side of the argument who resorts to loud and abusive language.

They say highways are bad for the communities they tap as where they prevail everybody gets in everybody's car and goes to the big towns to do trading. It surely is surprising how cities long to commit commercial suicide in this manner.

After eight years of brigandage Villa has surrendered on a plea of clemency. With the spoils of eight active years, he doubtless has sufficient to care for his declining days.

The prospect is the election this fall will hinge on a choice in the personality of the candidates and associations with the parties massed behind each. Nothing has so far transpired to indicate that the principles advocated by the two great parties differ a great deal.

That sentiment in the state at large is with the highway commission in its plan for building the state roads on a systematic plan is evident to everyone who has taken the trouble to investigate. There is also reason to be hopeful where the supreme court is concerned, for the court in its decisions has shown a disposition to look at the welfare of the state broadly and not stop at technicalities. Two opinions have been had of the road situation in Polk county, one by Attorney General Brown and the other by Judge McCourt. Both were based on technicalities as to just what action by the commission would satisfy the letter of the law. Judge Stapleton, it is evident, might have come to a still different conclusion. In the Riddle case the court ruled the commission must not be hampered by conflict with the opinions of county courts. Judge McCourt would substitute

for county courts, circuit judges who would decide where roads should be built. We gravely doubt if the supreme court, having abolished the dictation of county courts, would hold the commission subject to the dictation of circuit judges in laying out the highways of the state.

Just what constitutes a living wage is a live question just now. Shoe workmen in an eastern city recently requested an advance of \$18 per week. This little increase which seems so trivial now as to become a margin in a wage dispute was at one time a pretty fair total for the payment for a week's labor. With den and taking all that production can offer each calling is setting its own limits and nothing is so exorbitant but that plausible reasons of overhead, costs and future uncertainties can be brought forward to justify it. The law of compensation is a two-edged affair however, and deals with negatives as well as affirmatives.

A reputation for rapacity made now in the time of people's necessity will react in the day when a larger choice of service is offered.

Ten Years Ago

Sumner Ostrom was studying electricity and had a wireless outfit in operation.

L. Grounds and Chas. Leonard were surveying the peanut farm which the latter reserved from his farm when he sold it.

Visitors at the Whiteaker oil well were enthusiastic over the prospects. The drillers got down 1400 feet when the casing caved in and had to be lifted and heavier casing substituted. The well was then pumped dry and drilling renewed in oil bearing sandstone. Genuine petroleum in small quantities had been encountered and excitement was high.

W. T. Cross, a native of West Virginia, died, aged 71.

K. H. Sickafoose and wife came down from the logging camp above Airlie and Mr. S. substituted for a few days at the creamery.

The saw mill of the Spaulding company burned in Independence July 24. It was the third mill that had burned on that ground.

Thomas Boulden of Corvallis bought P. H. Johnson's property and planned to come to Monmouth in the fall.

P. O. Powell and family were camping for the week on his ranch north of the city.

Albert Sacre who had been attending school at Cheney, Washington, was home for a vacation.

J. B. V. Butler was elected principal of the Monmouth high school.

While the Whiteaker oil well was the center of attention D. M. Hewitt discovered oil in his own well. It turned out to be oil that leaked from a can placed above it.

A. B. Morlan left with the remains of W. T. Cross for Plano, Iowa.

C. H. Newman, wife and daughter left for a visit with relatives at Brighton, Michigan.

Postmaster Wolverton returned from a trip to Canada.

P. H. Johnson bought the J. R. Belshe residence and Mr. Belshe planned to go to Mexico.

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