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Monmouth
Meditations

We must acknowledge that it is a pretty wet country that these rains of the past week came from.

The manner in which the country takes lowered prices will demonstrate how thoroughly it is prepared for it.

Every day lost in the matter of seeding at this time of the year counts, and it is a mighty wet day that does not see some plowing done.

The prune men who lose part of their crop may find the loss is a gain when it comes to selling. A smaller supply should mean higher prices.

Three men are to hang for the killing of the Umatilla county sheriff. If it were a matter of retribution only, several more would have to be disposed of to equalize the value of the fearless official.

The baseness of some of the base ball players causes concern for the future of the game in some places. Open prosecution, however, is better than smothered suspicion and the credit of the nations pastime will be forwarded by a thorough house cleaning.

Had the league of nations notion and the peace treaty been speedily negotiated and adopted immediately after the war they would doubtless have been approved with not a great deal of opposition. But every day of delay has developed opposition, because the notion grows that all of the influential European nations involved have axes to grind and are depending upon Uncle Sam to turn the grindstone.

With Attorney General Brown as a supreme justice it is evident there will be one member of the bench at least, inclined to the opinion that a spur to a town answers the purpose of the highway law and that "to" is not the same as "through" a town.

The non partisan league is showing up one of the weaknesses of our party system. The league, which is Republican in North Dakota and Democratic in Idaho, relies on the tendency of the voter to vote the party ticket to carry out its ends. By becoming a majority in a majority party a state minority is enabled to rule. It is facts of this character that develop the independent voter.

Eternal vigilance is the price of self government, a fact that is emphasized at each annual election. So many tricks of clever schemers who have axes to grind, so many obsessions of men who live only to put strange theories into practice, so many blunders of the careless to be corrected that only the voter who is on the perpetual lookout is the voter who is doing his duty by his fellow citizens. The five per cent law, designed to make an arbitrary rate of interest is the latest mental irresponsibility to get upon the ballot. Any voter who takes forethought of the consequences will see the fallacy of this proposition and oppose it; but unless thinking people take notice of it and defeat it the proposition may pass leaving a trail of woe behind it.

While the appearance of the symphony orchestra was an event to the audience in Monmouth Sunday afternoon, it was only an incident to the orchestra, itself. To the orchestra it was just one stop out of many on a long journey, to the audience it was an occurrence to be looked forward to and talked of for a long time. Possibly, if the soloist could have realized this she would have made a greater effort to be present. People who would have heard her would have treasured the memory to a greater degree than the more blasé metropolitan auditors. All agree that the cello player was a good substitute.

The Observer, of Dallas, came out last week with an editorial suggesting that "Polk county" seek a compromise with the highway commission. As Polk county has never had any controversy with the commission we infer that it is Dallas and Independence that are referred to. By way of a starter it might be well to admit that if any competent citizen of Polk county had been commissioner and had to help locate a road in any other county, say Columbia or Josephine, he would have acted in a manner exactly parallel to the action of the commission in Polk—that is, with an eye single to the welfare of the state and the development of its highway system. If by a compromise they seek a settlement with the above ends in view, we feel sure they can be accommodated, in a manner perfectly fair to everybody concerned.

While the mayor and members of the present common council will probably be reluctant to accept office again, especially to stand as candidates for re-election, it is hard to see how the city can better itself. They have surely made a good record. The successful completion of the water system is a compliment not only to them but to the city they have served. The street work has also been looked after as well as anyone could with the means at hand. A good start has been made in street work. The department never was in better shape. The road fund is on a substantial basis and new work can be done each year until the city has streets as well cared for as any city of its size. While it is realized that in a time of high costs it is necessary to be conservative in public improvements, a live working council is an asset which Monmouth can not afford to dispense with.

If the bride leaves a piece of wedding cake on her plate and an unmarried woman eats it, she will be married soon.

There is another old saying, if the crust of the wedding cake gets molty from standing, the marriage will not turn out happy.

If an unmarried girl wears a piece of the bride's cake in her pocket until the honeymoon is over, she will be married before the dress is worn out.

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