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Monmouth
Meditations

The Christmas shopper has only one week left.

The legislature will soon listen to our troubles and prepare the remedies.

Notwithstanding there are a few hurdles to leap the law of Supply and Demand has resumed business on the old stand.

A Maine woodsman recently ate 46 eggs for supper, which reflects more credit on his bank roll than on his appetite.

Some wish for a snow covered Christmas and it depends on whether they are old or young as to whether they are pessimistic or optimistic in the wish.

If storms like the one of last Friday were of common occurrence here we would soon learn to build our houses as thoroughly as they do east of the Rockies.

You can't tell how much energy there is in a pound of dynamite until it has been exploded. The recall proposition looks rather quiet at present and we wonder if any one will be able to touch it off.

There are very few of these drives but have merit in them but it must be acknowledged it grows increasingly harder to put them over.

Occasionally the marshal in his rounds happens upon bottles that drip and smell of the stuff known as "moonshine". He picked up such a flask the other day and brought it into the Herald office where it gives mute testimony that even in Monmouth the stuff occasionally finds its way. It is said we are undergoing an epidemic of lawlessness as regards the production and consumption of alcoholic drinks. Sooner or later the law will dominate.

Each national administration since 1880 has added power to the merit system of public office holding until now the arm of civil service will protect the new president from some of the hardships which make life a burden for the newly inaugurated. Each time an opposing political party takes possession it finds an increased number of officials protected by the merit system. Of course, each one undoes some of the work of its predecessor but at the same time the receding wave does not go the full distance and a distinct gain is to be noted.

Public ownership a failure, is the way a recent article is headed. The idea of public ownership is attractive but the war which gave many opportunities for a trial of the theory, did not prove it a success. One big reason is that people positively can not be fair with a monopoly privilege. If told to dip their hands into a sack of money and take out what they are justly entitled to, few people can be fair and few there are who would not take a bigger handful the second time than they were satisfied with for the first. Some unlovely traits have been laid bare by our war experiences. Right now, absorbed in the greed of the moment, we signally lose sight of the fact that we

are again facing an era of competition when war time practices must give way to something nearer to the golden rule. Agricultural sharps figure that wheat can not be raised without a loss for less than \$2.69 per bushel. Printer statisticians show how a thousand and one items of cost are overlooked and that prices should be twice as high. Organizers of retailers call their attention to overhead, turn over costs, wastage, bad accounts, etc., and say profits should be doubled. Teachers reduce to figures the cost of training and of keeping abreast of the times, speculate on the needs of old age, and demand higher pay. We have noticed, however, that people usually get what they earn and by improving the product of their toil compensation usually takes care of itself. It is time to think of doing your work better and increasing production, for these are the things that count in an age of competition.

The Bend city council has voted in favor of sewer construction for this winter, to involve the expenditure of approximately \$150,000.

Turkey raisers of Douglas county profited by a pool formed just previous to Thanksgiving, and a sum in excess of \$3000 was saved by holding firm for an advance over the opening price of 40 cents.

INDIAN PRINCESS IS AFTER FLYING HONORS



The Indian princess, Aniwagi Boudinot, grand niece of the former great Cherokee, Chief Sequoyah, whose statue was placed in the hall of fame at Washington by the state of Oklahoma, wants to fly. She's flying now at Washington, trying to qualify for a pilot's license and be the first Indian girl to hold such honor.

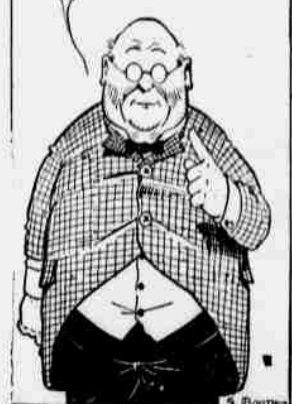
GIRL MAKES DARING PARACHUTE DROP



Miss Sylvia Boyden, of England, recently staged an act in Denmark which made ten thousand people hold their breath, when she dropped over one thousand feet from an airplane by parachute in a terrific gale. She was fortunate to land in a swamp, which broke the force of the fall and left her uninjured. A few minutes later she continued her journey by plane to Copenhagen.

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