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Monmouth Meditations

Christmas is not a merry time for everyone. Some are starving, as they are in Europe; some, on the other hand, have so much wealth that they are constantly worrying lest some one should take it away from them; some are afflicted with sorrow or shame which overmasters them; some are not merry for they are constitutionally unfitted for happiness. Nevertheless we say "Merry Christmas to everybody".

A year ago while the Willamette valley was snowbound and frozen, the Rogue river valley poked fun at us for our misfortune which they escaped. Now they have cold weather down there and we still have our normal temperature. We do not believe in monopolizing anything and trust that skating along the California border will be good while it lasts.

Mark Twain has remarked that there comes a time in every normal boy's life when he longs to be a pirate or a desperado, an ambition which he outgrows with maturity. Happy the boy who gets through this period without actual accomplishment which after years will lead him to recall with humiliation. To the normal boy, exposure, the fact of getting caught, is a corrective punishment and only the abnormal requires anything more.

The shortest day of the year came on the 21st day of December and this year that date was the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. A proper celebration of the event took place at Plymouth on the 21st. Although, theoretically the event was of great interest to the whole country and the addresses have been given front page space in the large newspapers of the country, only nine hundred people gathered as spectators of the celebration. The Pilgrims and the Puritans have come to be a tradition rather than a reality and while their courage and fortitude are universally admired, they were of the seventeenth century and we would chafe and writhe if compelled to submit to their regulations now. It is astonishing what reactions, in a religious way have come upon the descendants of the Puritans. While in the old days the garb people wore and their hours awake and asleep were regulated with strict and stern authority, now no church is more liberal than that of their descendants. In fact Universalism and Unitarianism are the off shoots of Puritanism. If William Bradford or Elder Brewster should walk abroad at Plymouth now doubtless they would find many things to astonish them other than the skyscrapers and electric lights.

Not so long ago it was war and extravagance and influenza that were sweeping the country. Now it is crime. We seem to be a sympathetic humanity and all act together. Well, the crime wave will spend itself some day and then it will be something else, just what it is hard to foretell. Let us hope in the next instance Dame Fortune has something worthy in store for us.

Recall Starts

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rich of Airlie as recall candidate. Mr. Ulrich, who was present, was invited to make a speech. He did so and made a good impression. Speaking plainly and without heat he asserted that he took up the invitation to run with reluctance but being in would endeavor to give a good account of himself. The court had come to a deadlock with the highway commission and for other reasons also he felt that a change must be made. He would conduct his campaign squarely and fairly, without mud slinging and would try honorably to win.

Everybody, delegates included, stayed for the after-meeting. Ulrich's talk had taken some of the wind out of the sails of the Robinson faction, however, and there was not the pep to the reaction that might have been looked for. Holman was chairman and Editor Boyd of the Itemizer, secretary. Holman gave one or two lurid rhetorical exhibitions, intimating at one time that the proceedings of the convention would not stand law.

This inspired G. A. Peterson of Suver to remark that while he did not know as much law as Mr. Holman, he knew that Mr. Holman did not always tell all he knew. Beside Mr. Peterson, Attorneys Hayter and Sibley spoke briefly and Mayor Grant of Dallas did likewise.

A call was sent out for Judge Robinson and he was escorted to the chamber and made a few remarks concerning road affairs in this and other counties.

The delegation from Airlie was favorable to Judge Robinson and when they found the sentiment of the remainder to be against him, withdrew from the deliberations.

The recall campaign against Judge Robinson was organized in Dallas Wednesday afternoon with the selection of August Rempel of Dallas as chairman and F. R. Kadle of Rickreall as secretary-treasurer.

Less than eight hundred signatures are all that are required to initiate the special election and any one who imagines that many signatures will not be obtained is singularly blind to conditions in the county. Another provision of the law that deals with recalls is that after the papers are filed the recalled officer has five days in which he may resign and save the county the expense of a special election. Naturally an effort will be made to make a good showing in the way of signatures. A thousand or more names would materially help the judge to see the light.

Here are some of the reasons which the opponents of Judge Robinson advance for his recall: Because they believe him temperamentally unsuited to the job of county judge.

Because his office hours in Dallas have been so irregular that many people who had business with the court have had great difficulty in finding him and the public welfare has suffered.

Because directly traceable to his disagreement with the state highway commission the construction of permanent roads through the county has been unnecessarily delayed.

Because, since he entered upon his official duties as county judge many if not most of the highways of the county have deteriorated.

Because, to give one concrete instance, the route traversed by Route No. 2, from Dallas is alleged to be in the worst condition in the eighteen years since it was established, and the government has ordered it temporarily discontinued.

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