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**Monmouth
Meditations**

This is the season of budgets and any one who has made a perfunctory study of the problems of officials who are responsible for raising and collecting revenues realizes that increased costs is something that must be reckoned with. In school district, city and county the story is the same: last year's levies were not large enough to meet expenses and not only must permanent elevated costs be reckoned with but deficits of previous years must be taken care of. The only one of the three units which is not asking for an increase is the city which has reached its charter limit during the past two years and must hold to it in order to safely finance our gravity water system and handle other municipal expenses. The school district is asking for a substantial raise and must have it or else close its doors.

Next week the county will vote on the proposition of increasing the levy of last year with an additional \$70,000. The county court has issued a statement giving figures as reasons for the additional levy. Because of under estimates last year, the expense of two special elections the refund of over seven thousand dollars and incidental road and bridge work, there will be a deficit this year of \$25,000 in the county revenues. The proposed \$70,000 is to wipe out this deficit, make necessary appropriations and keep up road work in the county.

After all county expenses are taken care of the balance of county revenue is turned into the road fund, thirty per cent being expended generally through the county and the balance apportioned to the different road districts. The Monmouth district will serve as an illustration.

Last year the district was apportioned \$801. Without a special levy the district next year will get about \$225. With the \$70,000 additional the district should get about \$90. Two items in the budget that will help to cut down district road money are bridge work in the county, \$24,000 without the special tax and \$30,000 with it, and an installment of \$15,000 paid to the highway commission. Both of these items interest Monmouth people and in view of the figures quoted and all the circumstances it is hard to see how or why any one in Monmouth should oppose it.

Uncle John's Josh

COUNTER REVOLUTIONS IN THE FORM OF SQUARE MEALS FROM AMERICA ARE REACHING RUSSIA



The high price of rural education is giving quite an impetus to the movement to consolidate districts. The old day when a teacher could be found who would teach eight grades to a dozen pupils for \$30 per month have gone and apparently for good. As a business proposition it is now recognized that pupils can be hauled to a common center and educated cheaper than in their home districts. And this is strengthened by the additional fact that pupils do better where they have the incentive in rivalry that comes from a numbers of fellow students in the different grades.

In a statement given out by the state tax commission in Salem last week Polk county has the lowest assessment of any county in the state—38 per cent. Ranking next is Washington with 39 per cent. Counties under 50 per cent are Lane 46, Benton 46, Crook 46, Deschutes 43, Malheur 46., Multnomah 48. The highest assessment in the state is Sherman with 72. Of course low assessment does not help any county to dodge taxes for the taxes are assessed at what the state commission considers a 100 per cent valuation. Low assessment merely helps us to present a big tax rate to people who come to inquire into economic conditions in our midst. But the 32 per cent valuation gives us a new angle on affairs in Polk county. Monmouth is assessed at 50 per cent and a special effort has been made in recent years to even go a little above it. If the county average is 32 there must be other spots in the county considerably less than 32 per cent in order to make the average. This is worth looking into.

Some of the boys took advantage of relaxed vigilance to perform Hallowe'en tricks on the night after, or on Tuesday evening November 1, which does not strike us as a sportsman like performance. Hallowe'en night, with marshals and watchful property owners to dodge, the boys get some sympathy in their efforts to arouse the ghosts of the occasion, but that sort of fun on any other occasion is a different sort of thing entirely.

The Community Newspaper

By BOB ADAMS.

OF ALL the sheets from East to West the local paper is the best. Deep is our love and deep our debt to Record, Journal or Gazette. When first I landed on this ball, a bit of flesh wrapped 'round a squall, it welcomed me with joy and pride my life has never justified. It follows me my whole life through, with words all kind and mostly true; and even after I am heard 'twill tell my best and hide my worst. When in Oshkosh or Wickiup I wander homesick as a pup, or if in foreign lands I roam, it brings me pleasant news of home. Across the sands, across the sea, the old homopaper comes to me. It is a friend both true and tried, and to it, gents, I point with pride; yea, I will hock my Sunday pants to pay up six years in advance.

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