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Monmouth Meditations

The suit brought by Independence business men against the county court to prevent the selling of \$400,000 in road bonds for the improvement of the West side highway and which was heard before Judge Bagley of Hillsboro in Dallas last Friday, is what might be called "rubbing it in". The right to issue \$400,000 in bonds as granted in the popular election in 1929 is attacked on the ground that it does not specifically describe the road to be improved. Any one who is familiar with the facts concerning the road meeting which agreed to this measure knows that in the original resolution the road was specifically described. But the court in preparing the election notice changed the wording of this one project for the purpose of aiding the ambitions of Independence. As far as that description of the project went it could apply on the road south from Independence, as well as on the road south from Monmouth, which alone was the original intention of the convention. Now as an example of how both ends are worked against the center to prevent the completion of the road from Monmouth to the Benton county line, the court is attacked by the people who, under different circumstances, would have been benefited, and because of the peculiar wording of the bond act which would have helped them.

In the meantime, because of the peculiar attitude of our neighbors, through travel to Corvallis from the north is being diverted by way of Albany or Sevier. These roads are giving cut and the demand is rising that for the good of the state the Monmouth road must be taken up and finished. While the delays have been irritating to us they have also irritated others, and, unquestionably, the attitude of Independence has resulted in growth and increased prestige for Monmouth.

The writer of this column saw last Saturday afternoon his first game of football, the annual contest which is waged between the University and Agricultural college elevens. It may not seem possible that in these enlightened times any one would be permitted to reach middle age without an experience of this kind. It might also seem impossible that even a dull person can in a few minutes, grasp the rudiments of a rather complicated game and become another unit in a mass of enthusiastic rooters. The latter fact may go a ways to explain the popularity of football. But it must be admitted that much of the fascination of such a contest comes from being in the crowd. With ten thousand individuals concentrating their thoughts on two separate bands of husky young men contending in the muddy arena there must be a strong current of common mental influence generated that solitary individuals would find it hard to escape. Would the result be the same if there were but one spectator? Echo answers.

Imagine the "gridiron" or rectangular field upon which the game is played surrounded on sides and ends with banked seats. Across from the grand stand which holds the general public is the stand where the rival student rooters sit. The O. A. C. students wore fences of orange sides and black tops.

Beside them and at one end the lemon pellow of Oregon prevailed. Each group of students had a uniformed band. Before the rival stands the pell leaders with gesticulated contortions led in that cultivated noise which is the safety valve of student enthusiasm.

Headed by a band the alumni paraded through the mud. There was also a long distance running race. The track was heavy and the goal distant and there was no sprinting. It looked like slow exercise but someone must have won for there were cheers and congratulations.

Another series of cheers and the football players arrived and took their places. Oregon got the "kick-off". The ball dropped in Aggie territory and twenty two young athletes piled themselves precipitately upon it. A bald headed gentleman whose lower extremities were encased in white trousers, came officiously to the scene. He took the ball and placed it firmly on the moist dirt. The opposing players lined up on either side, on hands and feet as though they were preparing to stand upon their heads or leaps forward like frogs.

The right to handle the ball belongs to one side to be handled by a designated player. He passes it back to another player who starts toward the opposition goal, sometimes running around and sometimes diving head first into the mass ahead of him. Sometimes the gain is a few inches and at times several yards, or if his side is near enough he tries a kick for the goal.

The Aggie players made some good moves and some to deserve the cry of "rotten" frequently raised from the grand stands. The game is divided into quarters and in the first quarter Oregon made 10 points. They threatened all the rest of the afternoon but made no more scores. At one time they had the ball less than a yard from the Aggie's line but couldn't get it any farther.

Between halves the crowd was entertained with stunts. Boys masquerading as young women came on and played a burlesque game. One of them carried a sun-shade. Another had long skirts under which he hid the ball until, while the others were hunting for it, he saw a chance and carried the ball to the goal line.

In one section of the stand, with an arrangement of paper sheets, they displayed "O. A. C." and "O".

Oregon editors and friends, including "friend wife" to the number of 150 attended the game as the guests of the student body. Not only was a fine dinner served for their benefit but they were especially entertained. Such are a few snap shots of Home Coming Day at the O. A. C.

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Throw it a bone. You feed your body 21 times a week, whether it is hungry or not. Then why not throw your soul a bone at least once a week, even if it doesn't seem hungry? The poor thing may be weak from starvation, to make its wants known.

Excuses. The best excuse for absence from church is not as good as actual attendance. The sermon applied might save your soul but the excuse will not.

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L. Farris Powell, Minister.

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