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Monmouth Meditations

France evidently has felt it has a mortgage on Germany and now is taking steps to foreclose on the same.

One of the features of the legislative program is a law to compel the amortization of bonded indebtedness in the state. The plea is too commonly made that bonds can be passed on to posterity. Posterity will have plenty to do to look after itself. It should be impossible to issue bonds in any manner without making positive arrangements for their payments.

Of course the acquittal of the Indian Warren on a charge of murder does not prove that he is innocent. It does, however, indicate that he had the judgment to retain a good lawyer.

Since Senator Borah was strongly against participation in European quarrels when England and France would have been the beneficiaries and strongly for it when Germany would be the gainer, the appearances are that his international viewpoint is decidedly one sided and we might even suspicion it is colored by his ancestry.

We have patriotic societies and farmer and labor groups uniting to influence legislation through the selection of law makers and some day we will have one bigger than any of these to see that no law maker is elected who is a friend of booze. The move is already getting a strong foothold at Washington and repeated exposures of liquor sold and consumed under the dome of the federal capitol will add strength to it. An encouraging prospect in Oregon is that Governor Pierce is heartily in favor of enforcing the prohibitory laws and every move he makes in that direction will strengthen him with the people.

A high school girls' glee club at Palo Alto, California was disbanded by the school authorities because limburger cheese was smeared on the faces of new members initiated. In Vienna, that capital without a nation, women and children of the middle classes search through the garbage for bits to eat. When families stroll each takes a chicken under his arm and then releases it to scratch in the rubbish heaps. The child of the party scouts ahead to discover foraging opportunity. Some difference between Palo Alto and Vienna, we should say.

The Herrin murder defendants have been acquitted. Five to one the same result will attend the trial of Ku Kluxers in Louisiana. Since we have taken to law making by popular vote it is only a step farther to the conclusion that we may adapt the laws to suit ourselves. Says Lamartine "The murderer has but his hour; the victim has all eternity." Acquittal, the kind referred to, may temporarily ease a guilty conscience but in the long run justice always prevails.

The prospects for war would be decidedly graver if Europe was as thoroughly prepared as it was in 1914. There were any number of polished and well oiled war machines then itching to be put into action. War is a different matter now.

Two men are kept busy in the

terminal station of the Pennsylvania system in New York removing wads of gum which have been thrown down by travelers. The next time you enter a city restaurant feel under the sides of the chair and note the wads of gum deposited there. If all the gum chewed in the United States were put into one hunk it would be a mouthful for a giant.

Glen Holman and C. B. Hodgkins of Dallas were callers at the Herald office Monday. Mr. Holman, a graduate of the old Normal, spoke in chapel that morning. Mr. Holman has always taken an active interest in politics and a few years ago he made a new classification of party affiliations. This was after the November election and noting the difference between the totals in November and at primary election time he said voters should be classified as Republicans, Democrats and Dash Liars.

The audience at the double program in the Normal chapel last Friday night got a whole series of laughs that possibly were not a part of the schedule. In the dramatization of the old Scotch poem, "Lord Ullin's Daughter" the method used to imitate "the dark and stormy water" struck the audience as so funny that a roar of laughter set in that continued throughout the production. The ferryman and his boat were quite realistic and the boat rested on a sea of sage green cloth under which several human forms produced wave imitations of a choppy sea. It was realistic but it was also funny. As the laughter increased, the reader of the poem raised her voice to be heard. With stilted heroics the old classic lent itself surprisingly well to burlesque, and this number became the hit of the evening.

Later during the presentation of "Dr. Jack" where the "sick well girl" is being treated by the German doctor who insists on quiet, the shades drawn, etc., something went wrong with the film. During the wait the Normal girls started up a song. The picture came on the screen again and with it came the title to the next section with the words of the physician to the effect that they should stop the uproar as the patient could not stand the singing. The coincidence started everybody, including the singers to laughing. The building was filled to capacity to see this picture and all were pleased with it.

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