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Monmouth
Meditations

A biography of Brigham Young, and incidentally of the Mormon church, now being published in the Ladies' Home Journal, recalls a number of interesting facts in connection with the rise of that modern sect. In the early days of the organization, it moved often. Founded in New York, it was transplanted to Ohio, moved to Missouri, from there to Illinois, and finally to the last and final home in the far west where they hoped to be let alone. Moving with them was like taking up a whole community and transporting it bodily. When the Mormons left Missouri their farms and much other property had to be disposed of at forced sale. The big objection to the Mormons as neighbors was that they were too thrifty, similar to the objection frequently raised against the Japs. Wherever they settled they crowded out the easy-going original inhabitants. At first Prophet Smith's idea was that all property of his followers was to be handled by him for the Lord, the individual accepting such portion as the prophet thought necessary or sufficient. Later the title plan was adopted which worked better.

As a matter of speculation, would not any agricultural community prosper in a higher degree, financially, if it would accept the direction of one capable hand; especially one of Brigham Young's caliber? Such kaiser like course would probably improve the grade of cattle and potatoes raised, but it sure would be hard on the human individuals.

Last week a local dealer advertised in the Herald a certain manufactured article at a lower price than it at present is being sold. But when he found customers and sought a supply he discovered the articles would not be furnished him unless he sold at the regular price. Behold, the difference between the city manufacturer and the rural farmer, each of whom has produce to sell. Can you imagine a grower of farm produce taking steps to see that the middleman gets his profit? Yet, eventually, if the co-operative idea works out, he must do that very thing.

Cut Lives to Pattern; How We Get That Way

"Was she pleasant?" asked John with a smile.

"Yes, pleasant—as usual!" Mary smiled back at him, and then recounted her meeting with the lady in question.

"There was the usual tea-party crush, but she greeted me across the room with the cry of a long-lost friend. When I could extricate myself from her embrace, she began on you: 'How is dear John? . . . I wish I saw you often. . . . How is John? I tried to explain that a cold, an appendicitis operation, an infected tooth had left you not in your usual spirits. But she smiled on—hadn't heard a word I'd been saying. 'That's nice!' she cooed. And then she caught sight of someone else."

John, in spite of all his troubles, laughed.

"The last time I saw her," said he, "she was telephoning. She held up six people in a busy office who had a million things to put through in a hurry while she was telling some fool woman always to wear blue—blue was the color of her eyes and she looked divine in blue! Then she hung up, but stayed there sitting before the receiver to explain to all six how ashamed and sorry she was to have kept them waiting."

"I always thought," went on Mary, "that the best story about her was her insisting upon saying good morning to the policeman on a certain bent. He thought she was trying to pick him up and almost ran her in once!"

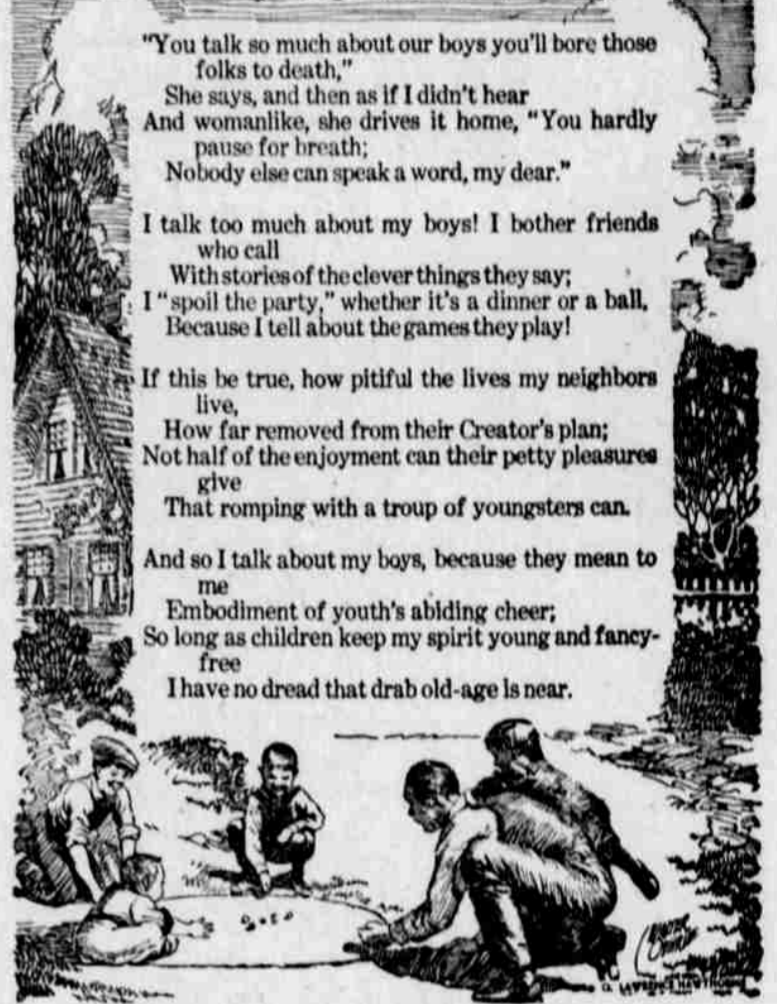
"I can forgive her anything except the time she met me in the street in the pouring rain—she had an umbrella and I hadn't—and there she stood just so that her drippings ran neatly down my collar while she hoped that life was going happily for me and mine!"

How do we get that way? From theory! The minute we try to cut life according to a preconceived pattern, to mix it on general principles according to a certain recipe—the result is . . . not "pleasant!"

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My Boys

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne



"You talk so much about our boys you'll bore those folks to death," She says, and then as if I didn't hear And womanlike, she drives it home, "You hardly pause for breath; Nobody else can speak a word, my dear."

I talk too much about my boys! I bother friends who call With stories of the clever things they say; I "spoil the party," whether it's a dinner or a ball, Because I tell about the games they play!

If this be true, how pitiful the lives my neighbors live, How far removed from their Creator's plan; Not half of the enjoyment can their petty pleasures give That romping with a troupe of youngsters can.

And so I talk about my boys, because they mean to me Embodiment of youth's abiding cheer; So long as children keep my spirit young and fancy-free I have no dread that drab old-age is near.

A Few Reasons Why Normal Deserves Aid

1. **The Increased Attendance:**—Its attendance has more than doubled during the last three years. The average of the four terms of the past year was 832 students. The attendance of the summer school for 1924 was 1024. If this increase of over one hundred per year continues until 1927, the date of the next meeting of the legislature, the average enrollment will be over one thousand. It would be impossible for the Normal School to train properly that many students with its present facilities.

2. **The Present Inadequate Support:** The millage tax providing approximately \$100,000 annually was sufficient in 1920, but is entirely inadequate for the rapidly growing student body. Classes are too large, requiring more class rooms and more instructors.

3. **A Training School is Condemned:** One of the training schools is outgrown, dilapidated and condemned by the fire marshal. It is unfit for pupils to attend. It must be replaced.

4. **The Demand for Trained Teachers:** More than 1,000 new teachers are required annually by the schools of Oregon. The great majority are needed in the primary and grammar grades. The Oregon Normal School is able to turn out scarcely half enough to meet the demand. It should be enlarged to be able to train more teachers.

5. **Other States are Supporting Normal Schools Liberally:** The normal schools of the state of Washington are asking this year for \$1,950,923. The Oregon Normal School requests as a maximum not over \$300,000, less than one sixth as much as Washington. California spends more than eleven times as much on normal schools as does Oregon. Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona with much less population and assessed valuation spent nearly twice as much as Oregon, and Colorado with a slightly greater population and assessed valuation spends four times as much. Oregon, and Colorado with only a slightly greater population and assessed valuation spends four times as much. Do not the children of Oregon deserve as well trained teachers as those of other states.

6. **The Low Comparative Cost:** The per capita cost of students of the Oregon Normal School is much less than that in the other state institutions, being only \$154.94, while a student in the University costs \$243, and in the State College considerably more per year. The entire cost of a graduate of the Normal School is only \$309.88, while in the other state institutions is four or five times as much.

7. **The Benefit to the State:** The amount expended for the training of a student of the Normal School is returned directly in service to the state in the education of boys and girls of the state, and is not devoted primarily to the preparation of students for financial success or the professional honor of the individual.

8. **The Maintenance of High Standard of Training:** Oregon has recently repealed a law providing for teacher training in the high schools of the state. The normal course in the high school cannot take the place of a real standard normal training. The standards of teacher training ought to be raised rather than lowered. Normal courses established in ten or

more high schools of the state would not reduce the attendance at the Normal School any more than the courses running in over forty high schools the past two years has reduced it.

9. **The Need for a Sufficiently Large School in the Center of Population:** The large majority of students attending the Normal School at Monmouth are from the Willamette Valley. A normal school in eastern and Southern Oregon will not relieve the large attendance here. The present school should be increased to its maximum capacity before establishing another normal and thus maintaining the double expense of two institutions until absolutely necessary.

Resolutions Adopted by Oregon Civic League

Affirming our confidence in the supreme value and high efficiency of the public school system of the State of Oregon, and acknowledging our devotion to its maintenance and development, we hereby declare our loyalty to that system and offer our support to all reasonable means for its improvement. To that end, we, the members of the Oregon Civic League, announce our desire and judgement:

WHEREAS, We believe that the education carried on in the elementary schools of the state constitute the foundation of its system and that the soundness of that education expands upward into and pervades the higher education superimposed upon it, and that the proper schooling of the people of the state is dependent upon the preparation and efficiency of the teaching force of the State, and

WHEREAS, We are convinced that the growing demand for normal trained teachers is far below the supply, that the facilities for training of teachers for the elementary schools are wholly inadequate, that the provision for normal training in Oregon is far below the average national standard, and that effective teacher training can only be secured in a standard normal school or teachers' college; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That in order to raise the standard of instruction and to increase the present efficiency of the schools, it is imperative that the shortage of normal graduate teachers be relieved, and we urgently recom-



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mend to the members of the Oregon legislature at its present session, that additional normal school facilities for the training of teachers for the elementary schools be provided at once; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That in order to facilitate and extend the present high standard of normal training, an appropriation sufficiently great to enlarge the present normal school at Monmouth to meet the demand for training, until the financial condition of the State permits the establishment of other normal schools, be made at this session of the Legislature. (Passed unanimously.)

Announces Chain Store Will Locate in Monmouth

A new corporation has been formed for the establishment of a string of chain stores in the Willamette valley, and one is to be located in Independence, is the announcement made yesterday by H. H. Grady of Eugene, Stores who was here perfecting details for the local establishment.

The corporation is a valley project with F. R. Weatherbee of Eugene, a former Independence business man, its president. J. O. Holt, also of Eugene, and associated with R. M. and Dean H. Walker in the Walker Canning company here, is general manager.

In addition to the store in Independence, the new concern will establish places in Monmouth, Dallas, Corvallis, Salem, McMinnville and in other parts of the valley.

"The purpose," said Mr. Grady, "is to establish small department stores, specializing on groceries. The size of a town we will enter will in a large measure determine the size of the establishment. Running heavy to groceries, we will also feature innumerable articles selling from five cents to a dollar. We expect to be ready for our opening here in about sixty days.—Independence Enterprise

Peace Cause Advanced By Library Improvement

Have You seen them? Of course you have. More than likely you almost cracked your head on them in your mad, unseeing rush to pay your nine dollars to the school. I mean the new doors between the library and the outside world.

The whole country is talking about peace. We want peace, we need peace, and what is more we must have peace. Our school has given us an opportunity to get what we want. The library is peaceful! And our new doors did it. They shut out the sound of elephantine feet pounding down the hall and we can really get down to work. The reserve books have been put in the model library so that makes the main library even more quiet.

Miss Macpherson stayed here during vacation to oversee the work. We owe her and others responsible a vote of thanks. You bet we will make a lot more 1's to show our appreciation.

New Delphian Officers

The Delphian society elected its new officers at their first meeting in the winter term. The new officers are: President, Bernice Schultz; Vice president, Bernice Stewart; Secretary, Ruth Bryant; Treasurer, Catherine Grant; Sergeant at Arms, Alma Wilson; and Reporter, Mary Cavach.

PACIFIC DEFEATED BY NORMAL QUINT

Fast Playing Wins First Basket Ball Game of The Conference Season

Normal basket ball hopes started away in fine fashion last Friday night when we defeated Pacific in the first conference game of the season. Everything looks fine for a look up at the championship this year. The big thing the team needs is support and they surely got the support from the girls. The result is obvious.

The game started "Notre Dame style." Coach Meador picked Nelson and M. Ray, forwards, Baird and McGowan, guards and Condit center. Our quint played fine ball but they could not hit the basket. When they failed to make headway Meador rushed in his "shock troops" and "The Four Horsemen" proceeded to show Pacific the rudiments of basket ball.

With the score 8-0 against them, Condit was shifted from center and placed with Rowe at forward; Eggleston and Butler became guards and Beck showed a wonderful brand of ball at center.

Eggleston looped in a beautiful shot and Beck followed with another. Then Beck dropped in a foul. Pacific made two points. Beck tossed in a pretty one and soon after the half ended: 10 to 7.

The same lineup started the half which opened with a bang. During the half Pacific made but two points while the Normal quint made 8 points. Condit and Rowe each dropped in one and then Eggleston and Beck each

contributed one. Rowe and Condit played a flashy game at forward. Eggleston and Butler played fine ball at guard and Beck was a whole team in himself at center.

Toward the end, Baird and Nelson went in for Rowe and Condit. Pacific dropped in a double foul just before the whistle, making the score 15 to 12 in favor of the Normal.

Baird was not up to his usual form as he strained a rib during the first few minutes of the game. The whole squad gave a fine performance and are to be complimented on the showing made.

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