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DR. STANFIELD AN ALARMIST

Because President Harding refused to continue the Wilson policy regarding the League of Nations, Dr. Stanfield, one of Portland's most prominent ministers of the gospel, has worked himself into white heat and is beating back and forth across the pulpit refusing to be comforted.

It is apparent that Dr. Stanfield belongs to that large number of the clergy who swallowed Mr. Wilson's League feathers and all, without asking questions, and quite probably without thinking of results to America.

The learned should bear in mind that soft words of a peace treaty or a league mean but little where nations refuse to be bound. For instance, look at Germany and her peace treaties. He should also remember that theory is beautiful, but with the world as it is today America needs and must have an army and a navy.

The very ones who speak loudest about disarmament are the ones whose tears of joy will flow when in times of trouble a "Black Jack" Pershing and his trained soldiers parade the streets.

It is with considerable regret that we notice that the Colombia matter has been put through the senate of the United States. President Harding must have had some reason for his action which has not been made public. If the state department sees the necessity for the act giving Colombia \$25,000,000 it can see more than many of us can. It looks like a political mistake.

It is taking front page stories in the Portland newspapers to get the "for hire" cars out of the business district, in order that regular business traffic may proceed without interference. Just why it should require such an effort is hard to understand unless the charge that many "for hire" cars furnish "refreshments" for Portland people is correct.

From the long line of crippled locomotives in the yards one is forced to believe that if railroad business picks up, men by the hundreds will be needed to put the motive power in shape. Evidently the railroads are going on the theory that they must live within their cash receipts and therefore when one engine flunks it is sidetracked and another engine put to work.

Col. Bryan has paid a friendly visit to President Harding and so far as is known nothing of a political nature was discussed. Strange, for these two men could engage in quite a political discussion if each should express his thoughts.

The Japanese have insisted on keeping the island of Yap and thus forthwith drafted her soldiers who are in foreign lands. It will take more than that to make Charles Evans Hughes recede from his position in the Yap matter.

That huge skeleton found near Arlington may be the cause of Dr. Donnelly telling some new frontier stories. Also Dr. C. T. Bacon was at one time located in Arlington and perhaps he can give a little light on the subject.

According to an interview recently given out by Simon Benson on the expensive upkeep of California hard surfaced roads, every taxpayer has a perfect right to shudder when he gazes into the future.

Anyway, salesmanship has come back into its own. The man who sells anything now has to practice his art with considerable vigor and diplomacy after several years of merely handing it out to the public.

The city took on a big job when it contracted to haul off all the tin and trash. Another evidence of the permanent need of a scavenger department that will function the year round.

The Observer would like to give publicity to a story about the music of the hammer and saw on new construction but for some reason we cannot do so yet.

Adams avenue macadam is getting its back scratched with a scarifier, and the people living on that thoroughfare are actually scarified into joy over the work just begun.

The six per cent limitation spending habit of every political unit in Oregon will eventually confiscate property and wreck the ship of state.

Portland people are still worrying about their taxes. There are others outside of Portland doing the same thing.

The County Club will cover an every day, the lot of it until the new road is completed.

Get the thrift habit—it's easy now

But how can a wheat farmer quit when prices are low any more than a daily newspaper can cease publication when collections do not meet the expenses?

If twenty-five automobile accidents occurred in Portland during one rain storm, as reported, what will happen when the rainy season fastens upon the metropolis.

Forest patrol is essential and the location of an airplane station here to handle the patrol from the air is quite the sensible movement.

After all, you must pass it up to England when it comes to avoiding nation-wide strikes. But English diplomacy is hard to beat.

The Allies have demanded German's gold reserve. Probably that is gold Germany took from France once upon a time.

Somehow Secretary of State Hughes tells other nations just where Uncle Sam stands on everything. Some relief.

These April showers may bring May flowers, but in these times we could do without May Day decorations.

The community chest in Portland still has room for about \$300,000, which is quite an admission to make.

Travel on railroads is said to be picking up—picking up all the loose change you've got if you travel.

Hello Salem, what's going on? Answer: Just a telephone rate re-hearing and the line is very busy.

Yes, wheat is the barometer of general business. If you doubt this statement just watch results.

Who traded off Eastern Oregon's sunshine for these Willamette valley rains?

The music with charms is promised for April 30th at the Tabernacle.

The narrow highway is always a death trap.

How is your garden growing?

Soon, the graduate.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

Some Poet
Mary had a motor car
Propelled by gasoline
And everywhere that Mary went
She rode in her machine.
The motor struck a stone one day
And from its course deflected
Doc, Higgins says
"Now Mary is as well as could
be expected."

A local doctor had a patient the
other day and as he started to
leave the house the lady said:
"Why doctor you did not look to
see if my tongue was coated." To
which Doc replied: "You don't find
grass growing on a race-track."

Onward, Ever Onward
They may ban the home brewer
As much as they will
But the peaky home brewers
Will keep brewing still.

Box, Hang Out the S. Q. R. Sign
A mysterious stranger, who wore
green goggles and a pink necktie,
called at the sanctum early today
and informed us that Ivy Pity lived
at Wabash, Ind. And H. L. J.
has discovered that the Rev. J.
Drover Forward is an Indianapolis
clergyman.

Freddie Welsh, former light-
weight champion, says he is
through with the fight game. But
Jesse Willard seems to be trying
to keep it a secret.

It's a great paragraph that does
not get of fast away on the third
reading.

Keep With—Don't Think Again
Six memories of one bellman
days were recalled yesterday when
a dairy lunch counter was bewailed.
"One frank!" it was me thinking
with the following result:
Ere long we'll come again no doubt
To galling liberty cabbage about.

TOOPER CENT

For sheer enterprise, may we not
point with pride to that Kansas
undertaker who was caught, not
dying, but mule?

Just bear in mind, ye droopers, that
the law of compensation, the law of
feeling fine; the law of good
reputation, the law of adjustment—call to us. A friend came along and said
it anything you please, but it will
take right good care of us, we only
give it a fair, the

In line with the "They won't last-
long" where, a tire company an-
nounces, most solemnly, that "We
have never been able to build
enough—tires to go round."

Belligerent Ballads
The fellow would like to kill,
By boiling in a vat,
Is the pink who mixes all he says
With "Whaddya know 'bout
that?"
All bad, enough—
But the abominable jay
Is the loud-mouth bird
Who says "I say,"
I'm an easy going party,
But I'd like to take a knock
At the shoe clerk who exposes
My foot in a frazzled sock.

We have been offered the wine
and true statement that a hole in
a little girl's stocking goes un-
noticed but let it be a little hole in
a big girl's stocking and it starts
a parade.

He—If I should kiss you, would
it be petty larceny?
She—No, it would be grand.

Judge: "Did the prisoner offer
any resistance?"
Copert: "Only a dollar, yer hon-
or, and I wouldn't take it."

Oh! Joy!
I know that Spring is on the way—
The sporting pages every day
Are running cols and cols of dope
Of pennant chances and new hope
Of managers and training camps
Of scouts now shining up their
lamps,
Of shamen getting into form,
Of stars who'll take the fans by
storm
Why, it will be no time at all
Before we hear the cry: "Pay
Ball!"

Don't be Too Skeptical
Mary Twain once said "don't get
more out of an experience than
there is in it." For example,
cat will sit on a hot stove—once—
and having sat on a hot stove once,
will forever refuse to sit on a cold
stove.

Best Remedies
For cold feet—Keep moving.
For snakebite—Let it alone.

Spring This on Your Collector
"Collections can't be very good."
"What makes you think so?"
"I noticed you rubber stamped
my last bill please remit." There
must be a lot of slow paying fel-
lows on your books if you've had
to have a rubber stamp made for
you.

Face and Feet
How do these grouches get
into it?

Many of them were, no grouches
until they did.
Speaking of the law of suggestion,
this is the way it works. Yesterday
morning we started for our office
feeling fine; the world looked good
and a friend came along and said
it anything was going to be the
worse. We knew better, but re-
fused to take a slice off the opti-

ism. After we had been at work for
an hour or more, another friend
breathed the old office, slapped us
on the back and said, "Old Boy, ev-
erything is coming fine" and we im-
mediately poked up and secured the
motion. Funny old world isn't it?
We either cry with it or laugh at it.

The Ayes Have It.
"Laugh it out of court," is an old
saying, the gist of meat of which is,
that sometimes, many times, the eas-
iest way to rid one's self of opposi-
tion or trouble is to laugh it away.
Are we taking life too seriously?
The ayes have it.

You have attended horse races, of
course, but if not you should, merely
has one of life's object lessons, if for
no other reason.

Every owner of every horse in the
race, confidently expects his horse to
win. Now, of course it goes with-
out saying that they cannot all win,
but what do the owners of the de-
feated nags do? Do they hie Bonnie
B. and Lester D. back home and quit
the game? They do not. They shoot
Bonnie and Lester over to the next
race town, entering them with just as
much enthusiasm and hope as they
would had they always pulled first
money.

Did you ever see the owner of a
horse, its driver, or even the black
boy who rubs it down, pull a long
face? Just in order to save time we
will answer that question for you;
you did not! They may beat their
wives and sour the milk in private,
but they are always cheerful before
the crowd.

Now of course you are expecting
us to say that life is a race and also
do a lot of other moralizing along
the same line. Well, we are going
to fool you. We will say this, how-
ever, that we are going to work in
a laugh at every opportunity and if
the opportunity doesn't bob up, we'll
try and joggle the bob.—Chas. En-
merick.

We sure will.

One of these days and before many
days we will look upon these present
days and wonder how and why we al-
lowed ourselves to sag and droop as
some of us are now doing.

Then too, there is that little law of
suggestion which must always be
reckoned with.

Self-Explanatory.
Strange manuscript found by a
Wichita teacher on her desk: "Please
excuse Jennie. She was sick and had
to stay home to do the washing and
ironing."—Wichita Beacon.

America imports almost twice as
many nuts as it produces.

CALL FOR LETTERS
List of advertised letters for the
week ending April 23, 1921.
Gentlemen: Holbert Hall, Frank
Henderson, O. O. McDonald, H. R.
Hendell, J. C. Shirley, Dr. Frederick
Riley Wilson, Alfred A. Young.
Ladies: Mrs. Ethel Brown, Mrs.
S. Hartman, Mrs. Mary Johnson,
Mrs. Margaret Taft, Mrs. M. M.
Gratt, Mrs. A. Paterson.
The above letters will be sent to
the dead letter office if undeliver-
ed by May 6th.
In calling for the above please
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lead amongst the wonder soda drinks
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favorite. All the old popular drinks
but improved in quality. Well crush-

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A paper service which will spell the
latest word in cleanliness. More
comforts and conveniences for those
who desire to while away a pleas-
ing cold drink. Make an early ap-
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