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IN POLITICS.
(By Frank L. Stanton.)
This here bloomin' country
Is full o' turns an' tricks;
But—how a family rises
When it gets in politics!

Thar's Billy—runs the poor house,
Dick's marshal o' the town,
An' Zeke's tax collector,
A-projekin' around.

Shah is the balliff
Thar's gittin' over ground;
Tom's in the legislatur,
Dad's 'lectioneerin' round!

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HARDING HAS KILLED HIMSELF

WITH the election but a little more than a week distant the campaign finds Governor Cox waging a vigorous and winning fight for promotion of permanent peace through the League of Nations. Harding is forced to take the defensive on a subject where the facts are all against him. He has placed himself squarely against the League of Nations in any form—having stated at Des Moines and elsewhere that it is "rejection, not reservations that we seek."

The Harding claim that he favors trying some other form of an association of nations has gone to the scrap heap because article 20 of the league covenant bars any member nation from uniting with a counter league. This has been shown by Secretary Colby, by Attorney General Palmer and thus far there has been no denial from any one that they state the facts correctly. Mr. Harding sought to claim he had been approached by a "spokesman from France" but he had to retract his own words.

Mr. Taft is also authority for the statement that no sort of a new association is possible: "No one can suppose that the principal allied powers will consent to a new association or league," said Taft, "when the old one is part of the treaty of Versailles, and it would be foolish for Harding to insist on this when only through a ratification of the treaty can he make secure our rights and privileges against Germany."

In other words, by standing for flat rejection of the treaty and the league covenant, Harding has closed against himself the only door through which he might have escaped from the nefarious position of being a candidate antagonistic to any possible means of insuring world peace through joint action by the nations. The record is complete and most any lawyer can tell you that Harding has non-suited himself.

The Harding position is such that he is not entitled to the vote of any man or woman believing in the League of Nations, with reservations or without them, or in any other sort of an association for peace because no other association is possible.

People everywhere are rapidly awakening to the situation and if they grasp the plain facts in the case the election of Governor Cox will be inevitable.

NO MIDDLE GROUND LEFT

IT is unthinkable that the republican party which has always prided itself on its high patriotism should advocate the crowning disgrace of a separate peace with Germany.

This is from the Sacramento (Calif.) Union, a republican newspaper, which also says:

"We would be failing in our clear duty to our readers did we not endeavor to prove to them that the assumption industriously exploited by the republican candidate for the presidency and his intimate staff to the effect that the present Polish trouble is proof of the utter failure of the League of Nations is a bald misrepresentation.

"As a matter of fact the plight of Europe today is so plainly due to our failure to enter the league that we wonder at the temerity of any politician in maintaining to the contrary."

Senator Harding is firmly opposed to the league and Governor Cox is enthusiastically for the league. There is no middle ground. It is either the election of Harding and the scrapping of the league or the election of Cox and the adoption of the covenant that is designed to bring permanent peace to the world.

ISN'T THIS ENOUGH

HARDING declared in a senate speech that the liberty loan campaign was "unseemly." If it was unseemly for the American people to loyally help finance the war, what about the American soldiers who fought the enemy on the western front. Were they too in unseemly work Harding likewise was almost a defender of the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs. He has said during this campaign that we did not go to war for humanity's sake. He is an advocate of a separate peace with the enemy and has publicly stated that he seeks rejection of the treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations covenant.

What more do you want to know?

In offering a reward for anyone who can show he has changed his position on the league question Senator Harding has made a joke of himself. It would be more apropos for him to offer a reward for the man who could keep track of his flipflops.

Ninety two per cent of all federal income goes in one form or another for war expenses, past and prospective; reduce this colossal tax by supporting the League of Nations which is pledged to reduce armaments and preserve permanent peace.

As expressed last evening there is a friendly spirit between Pendleton and Portland. There is every reason that such a feeling should exist and one way to foster that spirit is for each town to learn more about the other.

Last evening a small boy on a bicycle was seen zigzagging on the north side paved street while an auto was approaching. The driver was careful and there was no accident but nevertheless the boy was playing with death.

That football game yesterday was a scrappy affair and the local man who was the team's star was a bit of worth while sport in which the Pendleton high school came forth victorious.



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FROM THE PEOPLE

Local Law Enforcement
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Oct. 23, 1920.

Editor, East Oregonian:

Some years ago near a southern town a Negro was killed by a passing train where with other Negroes he was working on a section of the track. The body was badly mangled. Finally the body in several pieces was assembled. Preparations for interment, "without benefit of clergy" were made. However, before the body was placed in the grave a Negro companion stepped forward saying—"Brethren, it seems to me that the occasion requires that something serious be said. There be no parson present. I am going to assume the responsibility of saying it."—So saying his words for the occasion he proceeded with the obsequies, however awkward. Mr. Editor, Mr. and Mrs. Veters of Pendleton and Umatilla county, I have waited long and patiently for some one more competent to speak—"something serious." Why haven't they? Why don't they. How anxiously all of us waited till the great political parties, in convention assembled, had formed their platforms. Then how equally disappointed and almost disgusted were the many because of their omission on the real issues before the nation. Nearer to us and of so much more importance because they stand right outside our door yard, and rub elbows with us every day, are the local elections, and the men up before us for public office in our city and county. How we would like to know their platforms, their policies, their colors, so to speak, along certain business, social, moral and law enforcement lines. Don't tell us in a general and platitudinous way that you will give us a good business administration, enforce the law and "support the constitution." Tell us definitely that you will not allow to happen again, if it be in your power to prevent it, that you will not allow to happen any more the disgusting bacchanalian orgies that did happen at the last Round Up and Happy Canyon. Tell us that you don't stand for such—"High Jinks"—then or at other times and will do all in your power to stamp it out. No, no, I will not put it down in writing, lest some one out of this community might see it in print. Last some one might misunderstand and think that I was "knocking" the town and people and show that I love so much and have taken such pride in. But surely I was not the only one who "saw things" during those three days. Wherever I have been since, out of town, those same things and their organs have been informing some my face to my shame. Yet no one more com-

petent has spoken out. Possibly they think it no worse than a three days "cold in the head." But I call it moral tuberculosis and moral leprosy, that will eventually ruin the good and fair name of our town, "the biggest town of its size in the world," until moral and cultured people will not desire to live here to educate and bring up their families. We might as well face the issue right now, and go out off the offending right hand; or pluck out the offending right eye. How proud I was to advertise such a town, and to tell people that I was from the town whose pennants were flying in the breeze from the truck I drove for nine months up and down France and Belgium. Are we going to keep this town such? How we would like to know what the prospective mayor and his police force stand for. What the prosecuting attorney, justice of the peace, county judge and county sheriff will do in his respective office to make a clean moral town, and keep it so, in which our boys and girls might grow up. And in which that will not be subjected to such annual bacchanalian orgies that do so much to break down morals and spiritual morale. Those very high things that the schools and churches in the town seek to build up throughout the year. Such saturnalistic of the young and puts strange ideals before them that are far below those things that are refined and cultural. In the same way should the dance halls, pool halls, and many eating places be looked after, or otherwise they could be dubbed—"Jolly Places" without being a misnomer. Perhaps I have said enough. Possibly, you will say too much. But let me assure you that it comes out of a heart that loves well this community and people. My twenty-one years in your midst, he speaks such feeling. I have no desire to go elsewhere to live or to work, nor to die. I trust that I may find my "God's acre" not far from where I write these words. But I feel that I would be recreant of my duty to keep silent any longer.

J. M. CORNELISON.

mic readjustment which began some time ago in unmistakably reflected in reports from virtually every industry and trade of importance, and in the different statistical barometers that indicate the trend of conditions. After a period of unprecedented expansion and inflation, due to unnatural stimulus, business of unsettlement and embarrassment accompanying the transition. From the abnormally low levels of last year, failures have risen abruptly in both number and magnitude. Skepticism as to the genuineness of the downward price movement has been dispelled by the progressive and rapid yielding of many markets.

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