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SUBSCRIPTION RATES (IN ADVANCE)

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

I don't want any hymnbook when the Methodists is nigh, A-linin' out the of ones that went thrillin' to the sky in the of campractin' seasons, when 'twus 'Glory imilelut'

An' "Brother, rise an' tell us what the Lord has done fer you!" Oh, when it comes to them of songs I alius does my part; An I've got the of-time Bible down, as you might say, "by heart!" When the preacher says the furst word in the givin' of his text,

I smile with satisfaction, 'cause I know what's comin' next! The wife says, "That's amasin'!" an' the preacher says—says he, With lots er meanin' in his voice, an' lookin' queer at me—
"Since you know more o' the Bible than the best of us kin teach,

Don't you think you orier practice what you're paying us to preach?" Well, that gits me in a corner—an' I sorter raise my eyes An' the tune about them titles to the "mansions in the skles!" I want the benediction then—I'm ready to depart! But when it comes to singin', well I've got the hymns by heart!

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. THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

N his inaugural address President Harding said some splendid things. He is a good speaker and a good writer and he enters the white house in a spirit of service that cannot be questioned. He desires to be a good president, to have the nation prosper and to be a force for peace and harmony throughout the world. It is a laudable ambition and in that ambition the world will wish him well. .

"No one justly may deny the equality of opportunity which made us what we are. We have mistaken unpreparedness to embrace it to be a challenge of the reality, and due concern for making all citizens fit for participation will give added strength of citizenship and magnify our achievements.

"If revolution insists upon our overturning established order, let other peoples make the tragic experiment. There is no place for it in America."

Trade Ties Bind Closely.

What he says is true. Let those who want revolution turn to Russia or to South Dakota. They have it aplenty. At the same time the antidote for revolution is not to be had from the ultra conservatives. It must come from intelligent progressivism. The stream must be kept open so that the channel will not be obstructed. To hold back the waters too long means an inevitable break as czarism in Russia proved.

"Our best assurance lies in efficient administration of our chosen system," says the president. Yet our "chosen system" is not a fixed affair. It is constantly being modified to meet new conditions and requirements. The ox cart days are gone and there are some ox cart methods in government and business that must eventually go. We should not go too fast, nor yet too slow. The new president will not be too radical, we can count upon that. Whether he will prove too much of a standpatter remains to be seen.

On the subject of the League of Nations the president talks as he did during the campaign last year. He takes a pronounced stand in favor of a world court and favors an association of nations for conference but he fights from the league covenant on the ground it would impair the nation's sovereignty. He speaks of a "world super government" and of a "milipropulation of the conference as sound the propulation of the conference of a "world super government" and of a "milipropulation of the conference of the confer covenant on the ground it would impair the nation's sovereign-ty. He speaks of a "world super government" and of a "mili-tary alliance." Needless to say this view of the league is not held by the league champions in this country or abroad. They assert the covenant would infringe on no country's sovereignty of all civilization to the obselfishness

or independence of action. They will claim that the covenant as it stands will meet the Harding specifications.

It is not clear whether President Harding will seek an amended league covenant or will insist that this country go no farther than to cooperate in the formation of a court. If he is for a court and a court only the test will come in securing the assent of other nations to that view of affairs. Will a war stricken world feel that a court without force behind it can serve as a guarantee of peace. Will France put faith in a court to deas a guarantee of peace. Will France put faith in a court to defend her against a possible revengeful Germany? Will Poland and Rumania feel that a world court can assure against aggression on the part of Soviet Russia? Can a world court bring about assurament and security? Possibly, but it must be admitted the Hague tribunal was not very effective in stopping the kaiser's horde in 1914.

There is an ambiguity about the president's position and it may be some time before it is cleared up. His inaugural talk squares with his platform and with his campaign speeches, but he has Hughes and Hoover in his cabinet and these names appeal strongly to people who believe in a forward looking policy. Are they there to guide the president or were they named to appease a certain element of the public? Time will tell. The record of the Harding administration is yet to be written and the president will do much of the writing thereof. That he will do his utmost for true service to the country cannot be doubted. Let it be hoped he has the vision that the position calls for and Let it be hoped he has the vision that the position calls for and that the politicians will give him a chance to do his best.

PENALIZING THEMSELVES AND EVERYBODY ELSE

N allowing the telephone compary to make a further heavy advance in rates at a time when prices are falling and all are asked to take their losses and get upon a readjusted basis, the public service commission made a blunder. It is a blunder that is likely to be as expensive to the phone company

as to the public. The railroads have learned to their sorrow that rate advances do not necessarily mean more profits. The new rates have stifled business and the roads are making less money than

The phone company may face the same experience. Telehone and telegraph charges are now far above the pre war basis. It costs a small fortune to phone or wire a message from Pendleton to Portland or any other distant point. The only re-course is for people to use the wires as little as possible. This they will do and many who can dispense with phones in their homes will do so.

Instead of seeking higher rates the telephone company should retrench by providing improved equipment that would reduce costs. In that way the company could have increased its volume of business. The result of the rate advance will be to curtail business

In allowing the phone rate advance the public service commission has acted in characteristic fashion. The chief business of the commission for some years past has been to grant rate increases. From a public standpoint the commission is about as valuable as a tallow dog in August. Some stronger men should be chosen for the commission or it should be abalished.

The new president has a hard fob but he is a man of rugged physique and he has a noble wife to encourage him; he should be able to stand the strain for a time at least.

Please pass the prosperity.

(Continued from page 2.) adherence to the things which made us

what we are,
"Today, better than ever before, we know the aspirations of human kind
We have come to a and share them. We have come to a new realization of our place in the world and a new appraisal of our nation by the world. The unselfishness of these United States is a thing proved, our devotion to peace for ourselves and for the world is well established, our concern for preserved civilization has had its impassioned and heroic expression. There was no American failure to resist the attempted rever-sion of civilization, there will be no

failure today or temerrow. Rest on Popular Will Rest on Popular Will

"The success of our popular government rests wholly upon the correct
interpretation of the deliberate, fnteilizent, dependable flopular will of America. In deliberate questioning of a
suggested change of national policy
where internationality was to supersede nationality, we turned to a referendum to the American people.
There was ample discussion and there
is a public mandate in manifest under-

"America is ready to encourage, eagamerica is really to encourage, er to initiate, anxious to participate in any seemly program likely to lessen the probability of war, and promote that brotherhood of mankind which must be God's highest conception of human relationship. Because we cherish ideals of justice and peace, because we appraise international comity and helpful relationship no less highly than any people of the world, we as-pire to a high place in the moral leadership of civilhation, and we hold a maintained America, the proven reublic, the unshaken temple or repre inapiration and examples but the high-est agency of strengthening good will and promoting accord on both con-Mankind needs a world-wide enediction of understanding. It is eded among individuals, amo needed among individuals, among peoples, among governments, and it will of peace as we have practiced it. I be stargering loss of life and measure-insugurate an era of good feeling to lieve the last sorrow and the final scriffice of international warfare will are still grouping for return to stable.

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We can reduce the abnormal extended to the substitute of the "We must understand that ties of irritade bind nations is closest intimacy and none may receive except as he gives. We have not strengthened our in accordance with our resources er our genius, notably on our own continent, where a gniaxy of republics received the glory of new world democracy, but in the new order of finance and trade we mean to promote chlarged activities and seek expanded confidence.

"Perhaps we can make no more help all contribution by example than prove is republic's capacity to emerse from he wreckage of war. While the world's embittered travail did not are used to be a superior of the mistakes of years of the public's capacity to emerse from he wreckage of war. While the world's embittered travail did not are used to be a superior of the mistakes of years of the mistakes of today. War never left such an aftermath. There has been to be considered and consecuted and consecuted and consecuted and consecution make our defense impregnable, our triumph assured. Then we should make our defense impregnable, our triumph assured. Then we should make our defense impregnable, our triumph assured. Then we should make our defense impregnable, our triumph assured. Then we should have little or no disorcant to must face the grim necessative with full understanding that the task is to be solved, and we must proceed with a full realization fhat no statute endeted by man can repeal the inexorable laws of nature. Our most family realization fination, no pits table slackerism, no outrages of treasion, envy and jealousy would have no soil for their menacing development and revolution would be without the passion which encenders it.

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