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Too Much Standing Pat.

The policy of standing pat may be an admirable one at times but the present industrial upheaval it is apparently being carried to extremes.

The steel strike is a fair example of this. Shows they are going down mostly at the heels.

The strike leaders are in a defiant mood and are standing pat. The public is holding the bag and is wondering if a time will come when it can get loose.

The strikers may be right in tying up the great steel industry for the United States, if they have not, you see it.

Justice Gary may be justified in his silent defense or he may not that also according to your views.

But one thing is certain between the two elements a great international industry is at a standstill and it will require a long time to recover the ground that is being lost.

Justice Gary should come down from his lofty perch and talk with the workmen. If he is too proud to meet them face to face he might delegate the task to one of his officials who is more democratic in his tastes and in his views.

The steel trust is powerful we concede. But an aroused public opinion is even more powerful.

Throw out the radicals and bring the more conservative brains of the two contending forces together and something tangible and satisfactory will result.

Standing pat in this instance is becoming a public calamity and is leading to individualism and national peril.

Community Spirit.

It requires many people to make a community, and at that community are many shades of religious and material beliefs. It stands to reason that there is and will always be much variance of opinion.

Never are two people found whose views are identical on every subject, not even on any subject. Somewhere the dividing line is found, and there the community trouble begins.

Each of us is prone to think himself right and all others wrong. His human nature and will always be so. But there is a common ground upon which all may meet, and that is the arena of free speech and open discussion of community affairs.

Where there are selfish feelings and each gives his views as he sees them, the moment is recklessly spent, arriving at a momentary conclusion on any subject concerning our local welfare.

Such a course might be employed to good advantage in this community. The opinions of our local people are filled with wisdom and foresight for collective advancement. All that is required is an opportunity for them to be heard.

Shall we supply the opportunity?

The Sky Pilot.

In time past we have been accustomed to refer to the preacher as a sky pilot. The name stuck, whether it pleased the preacher or not.

But it remained for a preacher himself to justify in fact the appellation applied to him.

Lieutenant Maynard, a chaplain in the United States army, carried off the honors in a cross-country airplane flight, in which ten aviators lost their lives.

As a sky pilot he is a pronounced success, for his feat required nerve and judgment of an exceptionally high order.

Now if he can preach as well as he can fly, he should be able to hold his own to all the truth to the average congregation and get away with it.

Score one for the sky pilot.

After the Royal bank robbery, out of 1,267 suggestions given to the two banks in Birmingham, only two were of the same opinion—carry adequate insurance.

The "flying parson" has one great advantage over his fellows. He knows how to pray when a small rock is loosed.

Origin of Blackguards. The original "black guard" or improperly "black guard" consisted of the whole body of the ramp followers of an army in the field during the wars of the middle ages.

Everyone has observed trees that have been hollowed out by ants. It is apparent that their biting powers are equal to working in the hardest woods. In tunneling, ants are expert and authentic cases are known of their tunneling under ditches and streams.

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Slightly Mixed. Mrs. Mix—There was a time when you mind what I said, but now it's the water on a duck's back—in at one ear and out at the other.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Williams, formerly of Haddock Park, has moved to her new home on the corner of Adams and Brantley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ross, visited Mrs. Ross parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bates, on Sunday.

Harry Madge and family moved Wednesday to their new home on Eastland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Allen have just chosen a home in Pontiac.

Mrs. Marshall, of sports, can't say, seeing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Marshall, at North Woodward.

Misses are going down mostly at the heels.

Miss Engelman has resumed her work on the D. C. B. after being in the service for two years.

Roland Reynolds and Earl Franklin spent Sunday in Windsor Can.

The K. P. will give a masked ball at Castle hall Friday evening, 9:30 to 12.

Miss Minnie Deak has returned from Kentucky, where she has been visiting.

Miss Schell has sold her car to Roy Montgomery.

On Sunday a truck running through town smashed into Fort Brink, which was parked in front of Goble's store, causing Mr. Brink's car to be crushed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bailey of Detroit spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith of East Maple avenue.

John Chastler is returning from Chicago, where he has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Mary Russell has returned to Los Angeles, after spending several weeks with her sister, Miss S. W. Brown of Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davenport spent Sunday with relatives in Royal Oak.

Mr. F. Richardson and family have moved from East Maple to Pleasant Hill.

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KODAKS AND SUPPLIES THE WOODWARD. The Big Bear Ladies' Aid will give a Supper and Entertainment at the church building on 11th and 12th streets, beginning at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening, Oct. 11. Entertainment consists of musical numbers, songs and sketches.

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