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THE LITTLE LADS.
The little lads shall laugh,
And go dancing as they will,
For the violet hour is theirs
And the dawns of daffodil.
For the little lads are beauty,
and they shall not feel
the stain
That is sometimes back of pleasure,
like the lightning
back of rain.
The little lads shall laugh
And the world grow glad to hear
The singing and the sound
Of their laughter and their cheer.
For the little lads are living
in the blossom and the smile,
And they'll know so much to
frighten when they come
to Afterwhite.
—Selected.

LESS OF SELF; MORE OF NATION
As the war in Europe going to bring Americans closer together and cause them to think less of their individual affairs and more of the nation? Some fine suggestions along this line were made yesterday by President Wilson in a speech:
"I believe that certain spiritual regeneration is going to come out of this thing. We have been thinking too much about our individual selves and too little about the country of which we constitute a part."
"God forbid that we should be drawn into war, but if we should be, America would seem once more to shake herself out of a dream to say 'Did any man dream that we were asleep? Did any man deem that we had forgotten the traditions of America? Did any man deem that he could tamper with the honor and integrity of the United States? And in the great voice of enthusiasm which would be raised all the world would stand once more thrilled to hear the voice of the new world asserting the standards of justice and liberty."
While this "spiritual regeneration" is on let it be hoped it will be indulged in by capitalists as well as by laboring folk. Let the armor plate and munition makers cease their howl against government plants and unite in supporting a government armor factory on the score it will be beneficial to the nation at large.
Let the shipping combine cease opposition to the administration's merchant marine bill and thus submarine their desire for immense profits and give the country a chance to obtain some ships. Let opposition politicians place country above partisanship for a time and not try to tear down the work of the president in order to make political capital.
If these things should come about even in a fair degree the country would indeed be "thrilled."

THE WORK YOU ARE ADAPTED TO

SAYS Prof. Edgar James Swift of the University of Washington: "There is no such thing as general ability; men have ability to do certain things but they may be incapable in other things."
It is an argument for specialization and there is foundation for it. A man might be successful as a farmer yet be a

failure as an artist and vice versa. The captain of industry would probably not succeed as a dancing instructor and the latter would not hold his own in the banking business.
It is of the utmost importance that a person find the calling to which he or she is adapted. It may mean everything. It is a mistake to make a work horse out of a Jersey cow and the illustration may be made to fit the human problem. Many a man fails because he does not get into the line of work where his talents will count.

STEEL BARGES ON THE OHIO

THE first of a fleet of self-propelled steel barges has been launched on the Ohio—a 200-foot freighter, equipped with motor propulsion, a traveling crane, electric winches, self-propelled carrying trucks and a wireless outfit. Few men will be required to navigate; take on and discharge cargoes, and expense all around is reduced to a minimum. With respect to certain classes of freight, the railroads cannot compete with barges able to burn crude oil, make fair time and operate with a small crew.
The near future will witness considerable development in the revival of river traffic. Added to the Louisville line and the barges now operating from Chicago to New Orleans, is promised a St. Louis line of importance. The proof that our great inland waterways in their present state are as navigable as those of Europe to light-draft craft multiplies

rapidly and similar business must be the result.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Irish rebellion seems to have been plotted for the benefit of Germany rather than of Ireland.

The man who drives a car recklessly on a crowded street takes chances with human life.

Will Verdun prove the Dardanelles of the German campaign?

It is lilac blooming time in Pendleton.

FROM THE PEOPLE

MORE ABOUT ROAD BONDS.
Pendleton, Ore., May 2. Editor East Oregonian:
One word more on the Barret-Harrah-Vert propaganda against good roads and the bond issue.
These men who control the various organizations, the names of which they use in their advertisements, are wealthy land owners. They have made their fortunes in Umatilla county. They have lived here many years but during all these years not one of these men has ever gained any notoriety for his philanthropy, progressiveness or personal endeavors toward the betterment of the county as a whole. Never a movement has been inaugurated by these men or one in which they have interested themselves unless its ultimate object was a personal gain to them.
And now these men want to dictate to the people of Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Helix, Pilot Rock, Milton, Freewater and the whole county as to what they shall or shall not do in regard to the bond issue.
These men are the millionaires wheat farmers who want to see no progress or development in the county. They want the taxpayers of the county to go on spending all the tax money in building them a macadam road and in maintaining it. They have a road, the only good road in the county, and



SCENE FROM "THE BLINDNESS OF LOVE" At the Alta Theater Today and Tomorrow.

they want no more good roads built because it would not personally benefit them. They have no interest in any part of the county except in wherein their lands are located and since the roads to be built by the bonds do not cross-cross the wheat belt and give them perfect roads they are opposing it and making the misstatement that the bonds mean increased taxes and high cost of living, when in fact, the bonds mean less taxation and a lower cost of living because the roads will provide more adequate and cheaper means of transportation and communication to the entire county.
They cry, "Protect the Widow's Mite." When before in their long years of money making did these men ever consider the widow and her mite? Have they ever protected her mite and accumulated immense individual fortunes at the same time? This is the way they protect the widow's mite, by going around and asking the poor people to donate money to them to be used in putting on a campaign against the bond issue. Why don't they put up this money themselves? They have plenty of it. In fact, the people, the dear people would like to see nothing so much as these men spending a few dimes of their many thousand dollars. In fact, they would like an opportunity to get

no interest. They have the money and more than enough and they could afford to do this without endangering the widow's mite in the least.
We appeal again to the common people of Umatilla county to assert their independence and say whether or not these few selfish millionaires dictate to them.
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