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TO BE WITH YOU

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

A little while to be with you
And dream that Love's eternal—true;
To see, when sunlight leaves the skies,
The light undying in Love's eyes;
Only a little while to be
Here, where your Love is light to me!

A little while to know the bliss
That thrills me when Love's curls I kiss;
To wander with him, hand in hand,
Into his sunlit, starlit land!
A little while his face to see
Here, where your smile is heaven to me!

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LET US TRY THE WORK CURE

THE true answer to the so-called tax problem in Oregon can be found in the development of just such projects as the Umatilla rapids enterprise. Since we cannot reduce the divisor let us increase the dividend. That will bring the result we wish—through increasing the taxable wealth of the state.

That we cannot reduce the divisor, to-wit the present state, county and city expenditures, must be evident to any practical businessman.

There is not a state institution that cannot truthfully show it is hampered for lack of funds. Some of our institutions are so notoriously neglected that the thing amounts to a public scandal.

Our officials are everywhere underpaid. The governor of Oregon receives a salary that a successful salesman would scorn. The attorney general labors for a remuneration that is no temptation whatever even to the average country lawyer. In Umatilla county our county judge during the past six years felt fortunate if his salary proved sufficient to pay for his travelling expenses. He simply worked for six years without pay. Our school superintendent, who is an exceptionally capable man, is probably the lowest paid principal of the county. How are we to reduce his salary or even avoid a raise if we wish to retain such talent. Our assessor works for less pay than does his deputy.

The situation in Umatilla county is probably true of other counties in the state. Then where does the tax reducer have any chance? It is plain that the remedy lies elsewhere. If a man's income is not sufficient to support his family the remedy is not to starve his family. He should get busy with hand or brain or both and earn a larger income. He can usually do that if he had the gumption.

The same principle applies to the state. We cannot cut expenses but we can increase our wealth and that will automatically lighten the burden of the taxpayer.

It is estimated that if we could irrigate all the land subject to reclamation by pumping in territory adjacent to the Umatilla rapids an annual crop production of \$30,000,000 could be secured from land that is now worse than useless. It is a blight upon the state. Why not turn that acreage to usefulness and beauty.

Let Old Man Oregon stop playing Little Boy Blue and get to work. You will be surprised at the results.

THE FOSTER CHILD FANTASY

OF particular interest to parents is the study made by Dr. Edmund S. Conklin, head of the department of psychology in the University of Oregon, of the foster child fantasy—the notion among children that they have different and greater parentage than their own. This study has just been published by the University in a 20-page leaflet.

Dr. Conklin sent out questionnaires and received 905 returns, 640 from juniors and seniors in eight different Oregon high schools and 264 from students of the University of Oregon. Of these, 258, 87 girls and 171 boys, recalled some experience with the fantasy.

The following reasons were given by those students for believing they were not their parents' children: Suggestions from their reading and observation of actual cases; actual or supposed mistreatment; peculiar family circumstances such as prolonged absence from parents, parental disagreement, great difference in children's ages, or the previous marriage of one parent; accidental causes such as the parent misunderstanding the child or the child misunderstanding the remarks of adults; activity of mind caused by being much alone or having nothing to do; growth stimulus such as early adolescent development and desire for the different; absence of mental or physical family resemblance; and miscellaneous causes, such as self pity, lure of elsewhere or the wild, mood, desire for older brother, vivid dream.

According to Dr. Conklin, a striking instance of this 'foster child fantasy' is Opal Whitely, author of the Story of Opal, who denies her parentage and claims "angel parents."

President-elect Harding holds that a good navy is essential for the United States so long as armaments are fashionable. He is evidently not vastly in sympathy with the Borah idea of disarmament and that is encouraging. Uncle Sam is a good fellow but he should not play Quaker until all the other boys are willing to do likewise.

Some folk are afraid the Umatilla rapids project is too big to be handled now; the state of Washington is vigorously championing a project that calls for an expenditure ten times as large as our scheme calls for.

AIR PATROL CENTRALIZED BY FOREST SERVICE MEN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 28.—(A. P.)—Aerial paths to all national forests in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Nevada and Utah will radiate from Mather Field here during the coming forest fire season, under plans made at present.

Five aerial patrols will be on duty constantly during the fire season, with reserve aviators on call at Mather Field. It is a theory of the army that forest patrol work is excellent training for aviators and close cooperation between the war department and the

department of agriculture, which controls the forests, has been decided upon.

In all, five air squadrons and 1,000 men will form the complement of Mather Field under plans announced unofficially. The field, it is believed, soon will be the largest air service training station in the western department of the army.

A forest rangers' school, intended to bring better cooperation with the army aviators, is being conducted at the field. To the same end, a meeting of forest supervisors of California, with representatives from several western states and from Washington D. C. will be held January 30.

Improvements to care for the added personnel at the air field are expected to consist of twenty four sets of permanent quarters for married officers.

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