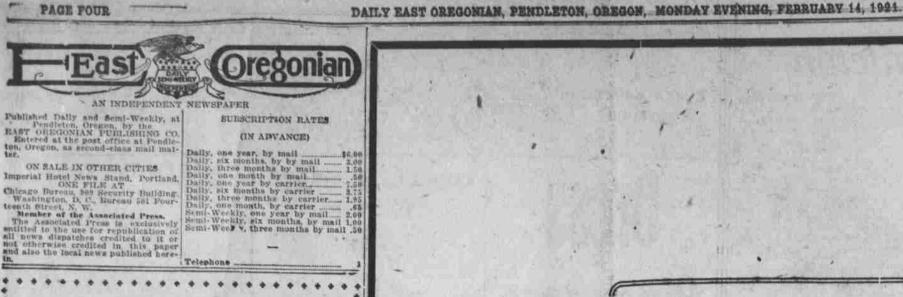
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THE CHEERFUL BROTHER.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Though the sun is like a fire that is blazin' hot an' red; 'Pears like I never mind it when there's so much joy ahead? For when the big rain's droppin' an' the combindes parched with

heat, It sounds jes' like the music of the fiddler's pattin' feet! An'I say: "Binze on, o' Summer' an' melt the world an' skies, For I see the loveliest dancin' in my sweetheart's sparktin' eyes! An' the fields will yield their riches, an paradise be found, When my sweetheart's in the quadrille, an' I'm swingin' her my and

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THE LEGISLATURE'S GREATEST CHANCE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE WORK

HERE is a joint resolution before the Oregon legislature providing for submitting to the people at the next elec-

tion a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to issue bonds for water power development. The measure is sponsored by Speaker Bean, Representative Woodson of this district, and Senators Joseph and Norblad. The plan is along the line favored by Speaker Bean in his talk before the Umatilla Rapids Power Site Association at its meeting a week ago. The general idea is sound and if adopted and properly handled can be made of wonderful influence in the development of the state's greatest unused resource. state's greatest unused resource.

While this measure was not fathered by the Umatilla Rapids association it is needless to say that future developments may reveal that some such action as this by the state may be-come essential to the success of Umatilla rapids development. For instance the federal government may be found unwilling to finance our project in its entirety. The federal water power board may rule that the project is one requiring cooperation between the United States and the two states directly affected. If so the states of Oregon and Washington will be obliged to do their part and in that event we will need just such authority as is contemplated by the measure now before the legislature. Certainly it can do no harm to have the measure on the ballot so that the people will have an avenue for obtaining state aid if such becomes necessary.

such becomes necessary. If the legislature does not see fit to pass Senate Joint Resolu-tion No. 10 as it stands there can assuredly be no valid objection to the passage of a measure authorizing state aid on hydro electric projects financed in part by the federal government with a view to fostering irrigation or Improved river navigation or both. In the case of the Umatilla rapids project if the federal government should take care of one half the total cost or more as it would be thoroughly justified in doing, it would be an easy task for Oregon and Washington to handle the remainder of the expense through bond issues repayable from the income de-rived from sale of power. The financial obligations for the states would be comparatively light and the reimbursable pro-vision would absolve taxpayers from any cast whatsoever. The states would be justified in extending such help because every foot of territory in both states would be within the transmission radius of the project and there would be material benefits to all from such an industrial development. from such an industrial development.

The province of Ontario, Canada, has tried self help in the matter of hydro electric development and has succeeded. Ontario has an abundance of power for cities and farms at low rates and the plan is costing the taxpayers nothing because the bonds are redeemable out of the income derived from sale of power. Industries formerly located on the American side have moved over into Canada to obtain cheap power and the state of New York is waging an uphill fight to adopt something like the Ontario plan.

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There are those of course who will say that hydro electric development should be left to private capital. We have done that in this territory for 100 years and not a drop of water from the Columbia, one of the world's mightiest power streams, has been utilized. It is hard for private capital to handle such big projects and furthermore, there is grave question if private capital is what we want. By the nature of things private capital when engaged in such development seeks a minimum expenditure and a maximum charge for current. We need the reverse, maximum development and the lowest possible charge for electricity. These can be had only through federal or state aid or a combination of the two.

If our legislators want this session to go down in history with a record for constructive legislation it can find no better field for activity than in that of hydro electric development. It is all very well to have galleys of talk about teacher tenure and other subjects but after all such matters get us nowhere. We want development and we have the chance to obtain it if we show the proper gumption. Let us go forward and put this old state really upon the map.

The appeal of Senator Lodge against any anti-Japanese legislation for fear of embarrassing the new administration has familiar sound. That same appeal has been made before in behalf of various administrations of different political complexions. Since we are shortly to have a new man in the white house the request is worthy of attention and doubtless should be granted. Nevertheless the time is at hand when western states must take a firm and united stand to see that the interests of the west upon this subject are thoroughly respected. Otherwise the day will come when the west will be "embarrassed" by a race problem of large proportions.

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