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THE SONG OF IT.

(By Frank L. Stanton.)

Let's sing on the hilltop an' sing on the plain
Of sunshine that's comin' just after the rain,
Of the light on the hills
An' the song of the rills
An' a word rollin' heavenward just as God wills!

Let's sing o' the mornin' with song an' with light
When the dim stars are folded far back with the night
Of the mornin' that seems
With its dewy-bright beams
The beautiful answer to all of our dreams!

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THE BLUE LAWS

(By Dr. William E. Barton)

JUST now there is frequent reference to the "Blue Laws." These references are often accompanied by the assertion that in Puritan Connecticut, and perhaps in other colonies under the Puritan regime, it was a penal offense for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday.

There is, indeed, a record in the Massachusetts courts of a man's having been accused of kissing his wife in public upon the Sabbath; but the code of laws which made it an offense for a man either privately or publicly to kiss his wife upon the Sabbath is supposed to have been a Connecticut creation. It is assumed to have been a part of the original law of Connecticut in 1639.

It is safe to say that no one who makes these affirmations or allusions has ever done the very simple thing of looking in the nearest general law library to discover whether there ever were any such laws.

There were no such laws. The so-called "Blue Laws of Connecticut" were first published, not in New Haven in 1639, but in London, 142 years later. We know the name of the liar who invented the so-called "Blue Laws." Among his 45 statutes were:

- "18. No one shall run on the Sabbath-day, or walk in the garden or elsewhere, except reverently, to and from worship.
- "19. No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair, or shave on the Sabbath-day.
- "20. No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath or fasting day."

There was more of this sort and there were people in London in 1781 so devoid of a sense of humor that they believed this nonsense to have been genuine Puritan legislation.

The colonial laws were admittedly severe, and the Sabbath as observed there was rigid; but the "Blue Laws" owe their origin to malicious falsehood, and their preservation to unpardonable ignorance.

AN INDUSTRY THAT SERVES HUMANITY

THE automobile business is a wonderful industry. The motor car is not only of extreme importance from the standpoint of recreation and health but it supplies an economic need that in many regions has become of more importance than the railroads. Eastern Oregon is especially adapted to the use of motor cars because of the magnificent distances here and for the further reason travel conditions are favorable during the greater portion of the year. The automobile and the truck are here to stay and they are going to stay. Like some other lines of business the industry has gone through a period of depression. It will be but temporary and our local dealers are correct in facing the future courageously and with a smile that won't come off. The auto show deserves the support of all.

THE COLOMBIA TREATY

ONE of President Harding's first acts has been to prepare a message to the senate urging ratification of the treaty with Colombia under which we pay that republic \$25,000,000 for having taken the Panama canal zone. This treaty was urged upon the senate by President Wilson for several years. It calls for a simple act of justice and fair play. The treaty should have been ratified long ago and would have been ratified save for a misguided notion in the senate that the senate should play president as well as senate. Let it be hoped the new executive will have his way upon this subject. Our government cannot expect to carry due prestige abroad so long as the senate follows pettifogging tactics with reference to subjects vitally affecting our international affairs.

THE WORLD AS IT IS

THIS is a queer world and some queer things are revealed in the day's news. For instance, at a time when business is slow and starving people in various parts of the earth are crying for food, a \$15,000 funeral was held in New York City. The chief figure in the ceremony was laid to rest in a \$4000 silver casket, a room in the funeral chapel was banked to the ceiling with flowers that cost \$2000; there were 150 carriages in the funeral procession and they cost another \$2000 and two bands provided music for the occasion. In view of such an outlay of cash it would be easy to surmise that some millionaire had passed away. Not so. The man upon whom all this grandeur was bestowed was the son of an Italian shoemaker. Can you beat it?

AN EXECUTIVE DUTY

THERE are reports from Washington that a group of senators desires to prevent the appointment of Col. Harvey as ambassador to England. But the constitution gives the president the power to name his ambassadors. That power is not lodged in congress and the senate should not try to infringe on the plain duties of the executive. Whether or not Harvey is a good man to be sent to England is not the question. If President Harding wants him as ambassador he should be named. The senate has ample duties of its own to attend to without trying to run the executive department of the government.

PENNSYLVANIA ROAD CUTS PASSENGER TRAINS

MEMBERS OF SPANISH FAMILY ARE GUARDED

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 10.—(A. P.)—Curfew in train service, including amendment of several through trains, was announced today by the Pennsylvania railroad. The changes will become effective Sunday and form part of the company's plan to cut expenses.

MADRID, March 10.—(U. P.)—Extra precautions were taken today to guard King Alfonso and members of the royal family, in a belief that attempts may be made to kill them, following the assassination of premier Dato by syndicalists.

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HEAVY COST OF NEGLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Disease, largely due to neglect, takes a direct annual toll of \$200,000,000 worth of livestock, government reports showed today. The indirect cost may be more. Dumpy, poorly-ventilated stables are a chief cause, experts said, being contributory to tuberculosis.

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