Capital Journal

Salem, Oregon
An Independent Newspaper Published every evening except Sunday

Telephone 81; news 82

GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Publisher

What It Means

Los Angeles dispatches convey the interesting information that Mrs. Charlie Chaplin's expectant motherhood will not protect her from California school laws and that the screen star must continue her studies nearly two years more according to the board of education's edict. Presumably between periods of nursing the baby, the mother will be compelled by the official snoopers to do sums in arithmetic.

All of which is a practical demonstration of how regulatory laws work out. With the laudable purpose of preventing the exploitation of youth to the neglect of their schooling, the uplifters forced the enactment of this compulsory educational law, which gives the state power to interfere in family affairs and upset married life. It was never supposed by the people that such an absurd interpretation of the law would be made, but your reformer has a single track mind and is devoid of humor. It is the law—and therefore sacred and must be enforced, or the government totters to ruin and chaos.

* * * *

If the child labor amendment to the federal constitution is ratified, which gives congress "the power to limit, regulate and prohibit the labor of persons under 18 years of age" we shall have such fool interference with family control as California suffers, multiplied a thousand fold. We shall have an army of resident and traveling inspectors busying themselves all over the nation in other peoples affairs and arresting parents for permitting their husky offspring to engage in healthful and beneficial toil—instead of bringing them up as loafers.

Children could not help their parents out and earn their own way in life by working in the berry and hop fields, or garden; they could not do the chores about farm or home; the family wood-pile would know them no longer; even the carrying or sale of newspapers would be forbidden and apprenticeship in the trades would be barred by the congressional mother.

A host of other problems, necessitating new laws, new office-holders, new bureaucracy would follow, for the government, having deprived the widow of the aid of her children, must provide her a pension to support her and provide schools for the children—even though long past the age when school is beneficial.

* * * *

It is easy enough to assert that congress will exercise due judgment and not unduly interfere in family life—but the record of congress is to the contrary. Stringent laws would be passed and enforced by fanatics, which would make any parent, seeking to inculcate industry in his children, subject to fine and imprisonment, with constantly increasing penalties.

What can be expected of congress in case of the ratification of this amendment, has been demonstrated by prohibition. The 18th amendment merely prohibited the manufacture, sale, transportation or importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. Congress proceeded to ban liquor that was not intoxicating and arbitrarily defined one-half of one percent of alcohol as intoxicating, when as a matter of fact, four and even five percent of alcohol is not intoxicating. And then we have the arbitrary ruling of bureau chiefs further limiting beverages and a $55,000,000 annual expenditure of tax-payers money to tyrannically enforce what was never contemplated in the amendment but arbitrarily read into law by congress.

* * * *

Another instance of the uplift proclivities of congress is shown by the Mann act, passed to stop the white slave traffic, the importation of young girls from Europe and their commercialization for immoral purposes in city slums, mining and lumber camps. However the law is utilized principally to persecute those injudicious enough to pay the fare of some perfectly willing woman on pleasure bent, from one state to another—a purpose not contemplated at the time of the law's enactment.

It is the way of the uplifter to get a law on the books for one purpose and then proceed to utilize it for another purpose. It is laudable enough to stop the sweat-shopping of children and their exploitation in childhood in factories, but the law would be utilized principally to meddle in family affairs and prevent parents from working their children.

* * * *

It is high time that we ceased centralizing government at Washington—it is already breaking down from the strain of paternalism put upon it. Such matters as child labor are proper subjects for state jurisdiction and all but four states have regulatory laws on the subject. Oregon children are amply protected and it is not up to us to interfere in the affairs of other states—public opinion in the backward states will cure existing abuses.

The child labor amendment, put forth in the guise of humanitarianism, is the most vicious of any of the amendments offered for its is destructive of the ideals of democracy the Constitution was adopted to insure and substitutes the tyranny of a bureaucratic state. It is un-American and merits defeat.

CANNERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Portland, Jan. 9—C. K. McMillin of Bellingham was advanced from vice-president to president of the Northwest Canners' association at its closing convention session yesterday afternoon. He succeeded H. F. Davidson of Portland.

Other officers are: R. E. Mallinz, vice-president; D. J. Matthews of Everett, Wash., vice-president; C. D. Minton of Forest Grove, re-elected secretary-treasurer; C. J. Clear of Portland, H. F. Davidson of Portland, W. J. Vary of Puyallup, directors and E. M. Burns of Portland retained as manager.

Legislation prescribing processes in vegetable canning and providing for inspectors to insure elimination of all of possible chance of botulinus from canned goods may be presented uniformly in Oregon, Washington and Idaho as a result of conference between the association and representatives of the state health department of these states.

HURST SEEKING VALLEY ONIONS

Roy Hurst of Denney & company big fruit and vegetable handlers, is in this section endeavoring to rustle some onions. He states that apparently the onions here are pretty well cleaned up with 15 or 20 cars left in the Labish section and a few still left around Sherwood.

Hurst states while he has not definite figures he thinks the Denney green prune pool at the Kings plant last year ran all the way from $42 up to $53, with an average of about $47 or $48 to the grower on the car.

Whether Denney & company will be in here after green prunes again next spring he is unable to say. He stated that this depends entirely upon what the situation may be on the outside. If the regular districts look good and the company is loaded up in those districts it is likely they will not be here, but otherwise there is a chance of their coming back for more.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Bismuth (abbr.)
2. Turkish title
3. Shade
4. A substantive
5. Matured
6. Peculiar mode of expression
7. Company (abbr.)
8. Variety Bly family
9. Myself
10. Roof-covering
11. Barren
12. Likewise not
13. Bow
14. Grass carpet
15. One who uses
16. Bristle-like (prefix)

I	N	C	O	R	P	O	R	A	T	E	
N		O	I		G		S		L		
T	O	T		C	R		P	I	E		
E		T	H	R	E	E			P		
L	A	R			V		A	H			
L		I	M	A	G	E			A		
I	S	L	E				N	O	O	N	
G		D	A	U	N	T			T		
E	E	L		T		E		T	W	I	
N		Y	O		A		O		N		
T	H	E	R	M	O	P	H	O	N	E	

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

VERTICAL

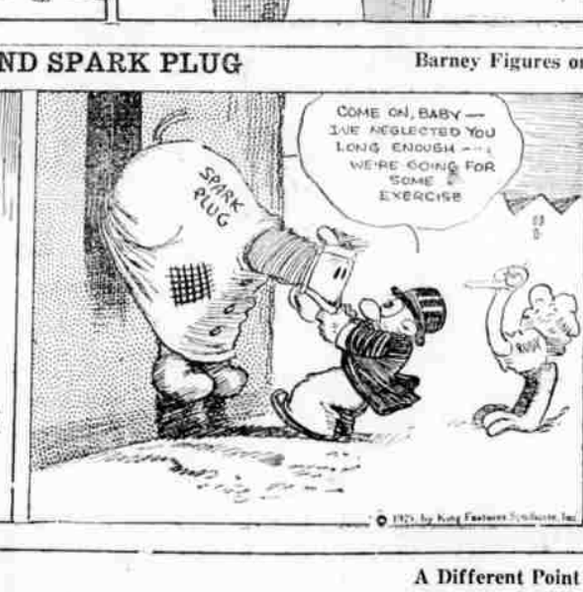
17. Accuse
18. Acts
19. Interjection
20. Sympathizer
21. Missouri (abbr.)
22. Puzzling
23. Adherent
24. Receiving office (abbr.)
25. Middle
26. Skinned

HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram.

Any word defined in the list under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black space to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares continue uninterruptedly.

Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin, in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white spaces remain uninterruptedly.



Copyright 1924 George Matthew Adams

A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

RODNEY RETURNS

"Rodney!" Rodney!" whispered Kathlyn, "you should not have come here."

"Perhaps not, dearest, but I could not stay away. I knew you would n't want to be alone and I wanted to tell you that through all the terrible notoriety that will come you must never doubt my love for you."

"And Rodney dear, whatever comes to either of us we will bear it together."

"No! No! You must not come into it at all, Kathlyn. Whatever comes must come to me alone."

"I will not have it that way. But even if I wanted to, how can I help but be in it, dear? Everybody knows I have accepted Elton Foss' attentions for months. His body being found dead outside my door will point directly to my having some connection with the affair——"

"And everybody knows that I was jealous."

"Rodney! They did not accuse you of shooting him?" exclaimed Kathlyn in sudden terror.

"Of course not. If they had, I wouldn't be here. But, dearest, if they do accuse either of us I am to take the whole blame."

"Rodney, you are saying that because you know that they will accuse you in the morning."

"Let them! I think I can easily prove my innocence. All we have to do is to stick to the story."

"What is this tory?"

"Why, the story I told to the policeman. You heard me ring, you came to your door and we both found Elton Foss murdered at the bottom of your steps. I did not tell them, Kathlyn, that I put the gun in his pocket, nor did I tell them of the other gun. You have it still?" he added quickly.

"Yes. Here it is." Kathlyn walked to the divan and picked up the automatic. Without looking at it, Rodney dropped it in his pocket.

"Oh, why did you pick up that other gun, Rod? Your finger prints will be on it. The policeman thought of it immediately. Don't you remember?"

"Don't worry, dear, there will be other finger prints on it as well. The man who took it out of Foss' pocket handled it, you know——"

"Yes, but he handled it very carefully," Kathlyn broke in.

"Well, by fortunate chance when the policeman took it out of his pocket at the station it fell out of the handkerchief, and before he could carefully pick it up, an officious young policeman grabbed it and placed it on the table. A smart lawyer could overrule any damning evidence that the finger prints on that gun might stand for. There will be too many on it. But let's don't talk about me. Let's talk about you. Dearest, you understand, don't you, that you must not come into this at all? It would be fatal."

"I don't see how you are going to keep me out of it," she answered quietly.

"That will be taken care of some way even if I—"

"You are keeping something from me, Rodney," interrupted Kathlyn, clutching him convulsively. "You fully expect that you will be accused of the murder."

"What if I am? Don't you realize that that is the least of my troubles, Kathlyn. What I hope will be done is that a verdict will be brought in, 'Shot by a person unknown.' If that is not done, then they probably will indict me."

"And I have myself to blame for this. I encouraged Elton Foss."

"What happened tonight here? What made you so angry with him?" Rodney's voice showed his jealousy had overcome for the moment his anxiety.

"Well, you see, Rodney, Elton made this big killing today. He had been drinking a great deal before he came here. He had hardly gotten into the room before he tried to kiss me. Of course, I was very angry, for you know, dear, don't you, that I have kept my kisses for you?

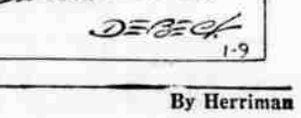
"Elton knew that, too, and when I pushed him away he accused me of it. He told me that I was a fool to be true to you, that your affair with the girl who is playing the lead in your new comedy was the talk of the town. I was very angry for you must know, Rodney, that I have always known that you were playing as fair with me as I was with you. He was too drunk to realize how angry I was, and he attempted to tell me that if I would go with him he would give me half of the million dollars he had made on change today. Then he added that it was more than you would ever have.

"I told him to get out of the house, that I never wanted to look upon his face again. He answered that he couldn't live without me, that all day while the market had been coming his way, his only thought was what the money would do for me. He said he wanted me so much that if necessary he would marry me."

"I told him that under the circumstances I could not marry him nor any other man, and he said he would take me under any circumstances if he could get me.

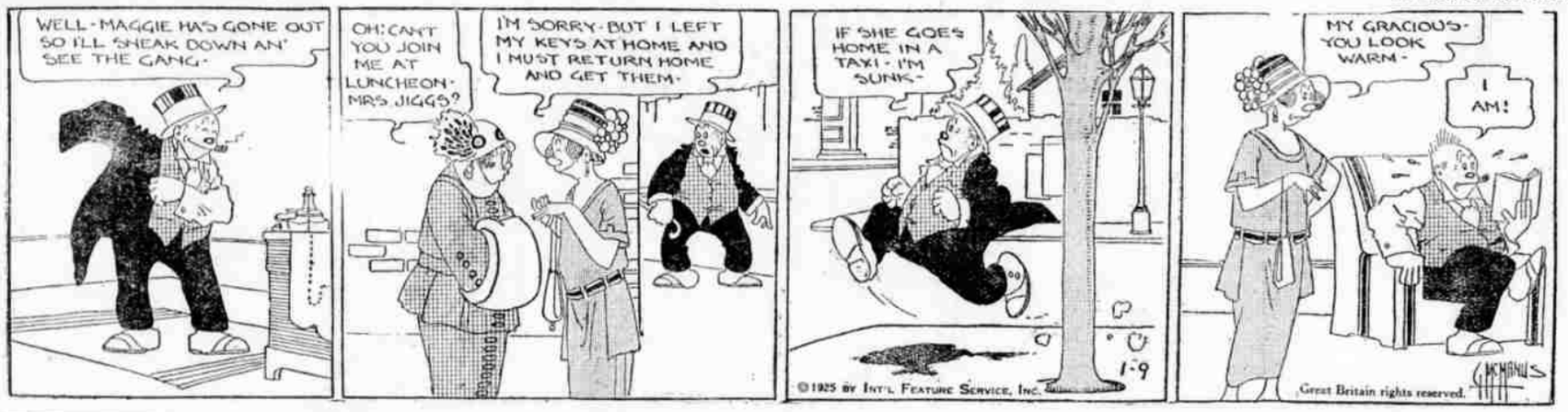
"Again I refused and he became angry and said, 'I'll take you now!' He came toward me——" After a little pause Kathlyn finished with: "At last I succeeded in pushing him out the door."

Tomorrow—The Confession.



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

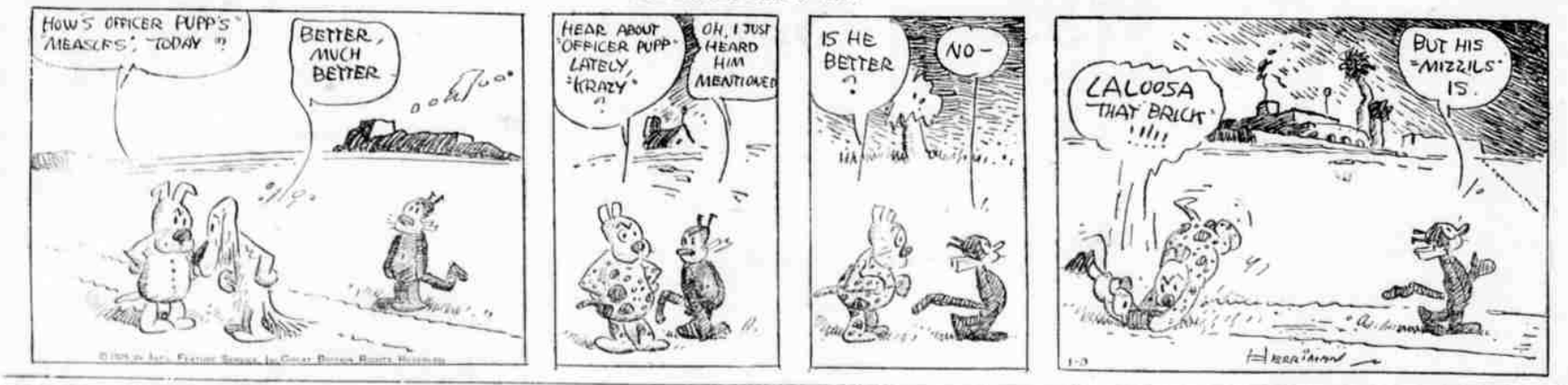
Barney Figures on Making a Big Catch

By Billy de Beck

KRAZY KAT

A Different Point of View

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

The Little Fellow Races With the Broadway Limited.

By Bud Fisher