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The Exposition Again

World fair boomers at Portland have at last discovered some flexible anniversaries that need celebration by an exposition, altho the date has not yet been determined upon. We quote from the official pamphlet as follows:

The Pacific Empire Exposition invites the World to this vast region of undeveloped resources, and scenic wonders, to participate in a galaxy of historical anniversaries—the birth of our flag, admission of Oregon to statehood, national liberty and world peace.

The first American flag, consisting of a Union Jack in one corner and thirteen stripes was raised at Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 2, 1776, and on June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress adopted a flag with 13 stripes and 13 stars in a blue field instead of the Union Jack. June 1927 will therefore be the 150th anniversary of the birth of Old Glory.

Oregon was admitted to statehood February 14, 1859 and 1929 will therefore be the 70th anniversary of admission.

National Liberty was proclaimed by the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776, tho not actually achieved until some years later. The year 1926 will be the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

World peace has not yet been achieved. There is fighting in progress in Albania, in India, in Georgia, in Morocco and in China, and punitive expeditions in the field in Egypt and the Sudan, Algeria, Persia and Russia. So the first anniversary of world peace has yet to be discovered—but the exposition boosters are tireless explorers in the realms of history and can be counted upon to manufacture a few more anniversaries if necessary.

We are informed that at a preliminary meeting held recently in Portland "it was unanimously decided that the West Coast states should hold an exposition and invite all nations to participate," and that there will be no serious difficulties in financing the project up to \$5,000,000 "if the public makes good its promises and gets squarely behind it."

That is just the trouble. There is no evidence of the public's promising the millions. It is easy for a bunch of boomers to proclaim themselves, like the three tailors of Tooley street, "we, the people," but that doesn't provide the cash, altho we are told "if you have faith, God will grant it" (the exposition).

There is no objection to Portland's staging an exposition provided the taxpayers of the state are not called upon to supply the wherewithal. But an exposition is not needed to stimulate tourist travel or colonization. The advertising being done in behalf of the northwest and our fine highway systems are increasing tourist traffic as rapidly as facilities are provided to take care of its increase and population is increasing as economic development justifies.

Boom and inflation and, their aftermath of depression, the principal products of expositions, are not worth the cost. The flag will manage to wave, the state to develop, liberty to be curtailed and world's peace continue a will-o-the-wisp, without expositions to commemorate them.

Well Done

Great credit is due President Coolidge for his firm refusal to sanction the re-entrance of the United States in the competitive naval armament race among nations. No one action could be more convincing of the nation's earnestness and sincerity for peace.

The way to peace does not lie through armament and any extensive program of armament would be evidence of bad faith and only spur other nations to equal or exceed it and the mad rivalry that kept Europe an armed camp and culminated in the world war, would continue on a greater scale and wider field than ever.

The President also believes that the way to economize is to economize. He understands that taxes can not be reduced as long as the treasury is thrown open to the raids of jingoes. Besides the money spent on armament is largely wasted, for in the rapid advance of warfare science, the costly warships are obsolete before completion.

Great Britain's new battleships, built on lines of a floating fortress and air-drome, will revolutionize navies and render obsolete the dreadnaught as the dominant factor of sea warfare. Airships, bombs, submarines and gas are the weapons of the future and war is being made so terrible that it spells annihilation of populations.

The only hope of humanity lies in establishing world peace and in substituting courts for armed might—and the President's program is along this line.

The Cow

(From the Baltimore Evening Sun)

The cow is a female quadruped with an alto voice and a countenance in which there is no guile. She collaborates with the pump in the production of a liquid called milk, provides the fitter for hush, and at last is skinned by those who have benefited as mortals consequently are.

The young cow is called a calf, and is used in the manufacture of chicken salad.

The cow's tail is mounted at the end of a universal joint. It is used to disturb motoring flies and the base of the end has unique educational value. Persons who milk cows and come often in contact with the faecal have vocabularies of preposterous and impressive force.

The cow has two stomachs. The size of the ground flour is used as a waterhouse and has no other function. When this one is filled

the cow retires to a quiet place where her ill manners will occasion no comment and devotes herself to belching. The raw material thus conveyed for the second time to the interior of her face is pulverized and delivered to the auxiliary stomach, where it is converted into cow.

The cow has no upper plate. All of her teeth are packed in the lower part of her face. This arrangement was perfected by an efficiency expert to keep her from protruding things up. As a result she bites up and gums down.

The main cow is called a bull and is lassoed along the Colorado, and shot in the vicinity of the Tennessee.

A slice of cow is worth eight cents in the house, fourteen cents in the hands of packers, and two dollars and forty cents in a restaurant that specializes in atmosphere.

WELCOME EXTENDED TO GERMANS BY MEXICANS

Hamburg—One thousand German business men, industrialists and scientists are to visit Mexico during 1925 at the invitation of the Mexican government, acting through the consul-general at Hamburg. The purpose of the visit is to reestablish and extend friendly relations between the two countries, and to give the Germans an insight into the customs and institutions of the Mexican republic.

The Mexican government promises the visitors all possible facilities. Transportation on the Mexican railways is to be free of charge. Pullman cars in which the visitors can sleep even when a stop of several days is made in a city are to be at the free disposal of the Germans. There are to be instructive lectures, visits to industrial plants and scientific institutions, lunches and banquets by various Mexican chambers of commerce, and official receptions. German merchants bringing samples of goods with them are to have these admitted free of duty.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

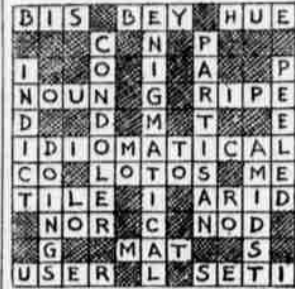
- Of public policy
- Mimic
- Enclosure
- Religious hermit
- A Greek athlete
- Agony
- Feline
- Memorandum pouch
- Hemorrhoid
- Saltate
- Prefix form of ex
- Into (prefix)
- Rhode Island (abbr.)
- Editor (abbr.)
- Splendid

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 text 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.

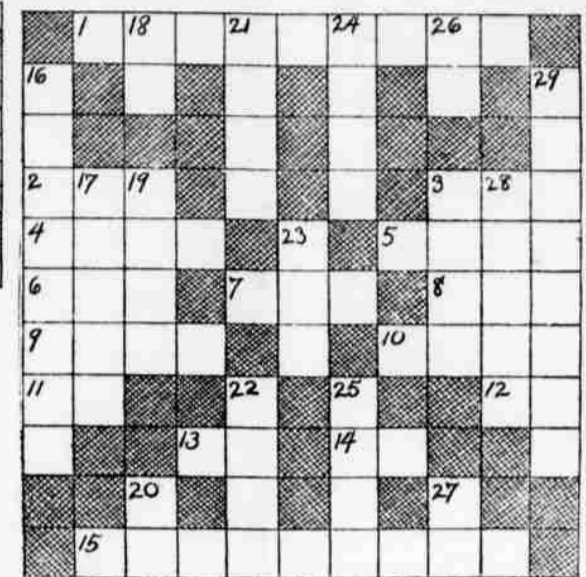
Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterruptedly.



SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

VERTICAL

- Bismuth (abbr.)
- Turkish title
- Shade
- A substitute
- Matured
- Peculiar mode of expression
- Company (abbr.)
- Myself (family)
- Myself
- Roof-covering
- Barren
- Likewise not
- Saltate
- Grass carpet
- One who uses



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A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

THE CONFESSION

Rodney Evans stood gazing down into the face of Kathryn Leonard as she stooped speaking. For an imperceptible second he hesitated. Then he said, as though to reassure her: "Someone must have shot him almost instantly after you had shut your door. What we must do now is to look for the person who killed Elton Foss. I know a reporter that is better than any detective in unravelling these affairs. I'll call him in on the case."

"Oh, don't do that! Don't do that, Rodney!" the girl exclaimed with such terror that with the greatest tenderness he took the little pale face between his two hands saying: "I want if you do not want it, dear," he promised, while before his eyes was the picture of that at the open door, vividly clear in the shaft of light, saying: "Go! Go, before I kill you!"

"Don't worry, dear. It will all come out right. It can't help but come right. The man desecrated to die. He only got what was coming to him," Rodney said solemnly. "Yes, dear, I'm sure of that—but, oh, when I think I am to blame for it all!"

"Yes, but I subjected you to this, Kathryn. My name would have protected you."

"You know, Rodney, that I refused to bear it," whispered Kathryn softly.

"But I should not have allowed you to carry out such a mad plan. I think you are right, Rodney," and her head dropped lower on his breast in utter weariness and dejection.

"I must leave now and you must go to bed. Take your receiver off the hook and do not open the door to anyone unless I give the accustomed signal."

"What! Did you do it?"

"I'm not sure whether I did or not."

"What do you mean, not sure?"

"When Elton Foss' body was found in front of Kathryn's door by the police both she and I were heading over it."

"How did you get there?"

"You know what a terrible storm there was last night. No one was on the street. Very late, I drove my car into the garage around the corner, and with my overcoat up around my ears I ran quickly to Kathryn's studio. Just as I got there the door opened and Elton Foss, damn him, came lurching out. Behind him, although in the brilliant light, was Kathryn. He told her he was going back into the room. She answered that she would kill him if he attempted to do so. He started. At that moment there was the most terrific peal of thunder I have ever heard."

"As it died away I seemed to hear something metallic hit the pavement, and with it Foss crumpled and fell in a huddled heap. Kathryn looked at him for a moment and an automatic revolver dropped from her fingers. Turning she went in and closed the door."

"My God, do you think Kathryn killed him?"

"No, I did."

Monday—A Surprising Revelation.

Portable X-Ray a Boon

Dr. W. D. Coolidge, formerly a professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has invented a portable X-ray machine which will be a boon to rural residents using valuable in commercial life.

The machine may be carried around like a small hand grip. It will enable plumbers to see pipes hidden in walls, gem buyers to detect false gems and will enable the country doctor to carry modern curative science into the inland home.

Journal Want Ads Pay

By George McManus

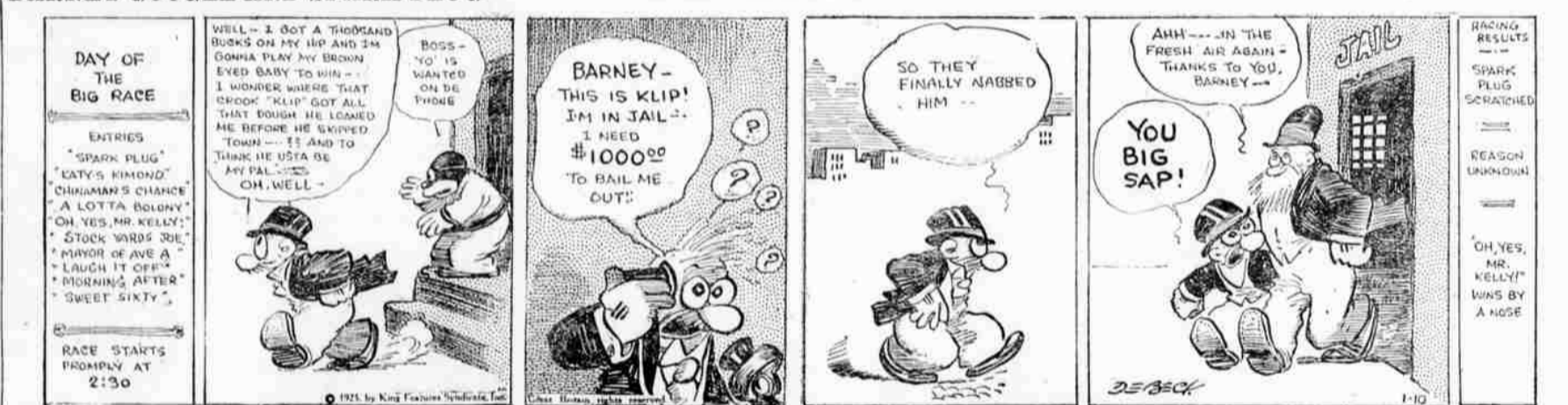
BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

Scratched! And for a Good Reason.

By Billy de Beck



KRAZY KAT

A Speedy Arrival.

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

Just Imagine What An Imagination Jeff Has.

By Bud Fisher

