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Too Many Laws Now

Something in the vicinity of a thousand new laws to save the people will be proposed by the solons who today begin their 40 days wandering in the legislative wilderness and at least three or four hundred new laws will be added to encumber the statute books—nearly all of them superfluous.

As the new laws either conflict with old laws or carry a clause repealing laws in conflict therewith, and since we are perpetually tinkering with the constitution by amendments, and thereby nullifying old laws, we have attained the enviable condition of government by courts—since courts only can construe a path through the maze of legislation and create some semblance of order. If it was not for the courts, we wouldn't know where we are.

Special interests, trusts, cliques, blocs, secret societies, reformers and uplifters are all on the job, each with a panacea for real or imaginary evils in the form of a statutory remedy. And the ordinary legislator, no matter how well meaning falls a victim to the scientific pressure put upon him, because of his ignorance of fundamental law.

There are those who think that every existing evil, every economic reverse, every social injustice, can be remedied by a law, even if in conflict with natural law, and so the free and unlimited coinage of statutes proceeds merrily. And the net result is to overburden the courts, increase the bureaucracy, and multiply taxes without in any way alleviating conditions.

The best service a legislator can render his constituency, is not in the passage of more laws, but in the defeat of unnecessary laws, for there are laws aplenty on every conceivable subject.

The Ross Removal

Governor Pierce would have been in a better position had he refused to give any reason for the removal of Dr. Thomas W. Ross as fish commissioner, and contented himself by asserting the ouster "for the good of the service." The reasons given are specious and illogical, and merely camouflage for the Governor's own particular brand of politics, which he has played ever since in office.

The charge of purchasing liquor made upon an unsupported affidavit, was dropped during the public hearing by the Governor and the commissioner given no chance to disprove it, the Governor accepting his denial. As to extravagance, if there was any, Commissioner Kendall was as much at fault as Dr. Ross and to be consistent, the Governor should oust him also.

The new appointee is evidently amply qualified because he knows nothing about the salmon industry and it will take him a long time to familiarize himself. Meanwhile one of the state's greatest industries, which furnishes the revenues for the fish commission to operate, will drift at the mercy of politicians, playing a political game for the patronage available.

Fish and game are always bones of contention in legislative sessions and Governor Pierce has thrown down the gauntlet for another fight—and will be in luck if the legislature does not take the commission out of his jurisdiction.

Salem Man Former Training Partner of Vanquisher of Lewis

Wayne "Big" Munn, who last Thursday won the heavyweight wrestling championship of the world by defeating "Strangler" Lewis at Kansas City, has an old chum and training partner living in Salem, it became known today. E. F. Mahoney, who operates a grocery store on South High street, lived in the same block in Sioux City with Munn, and clerked in a grocery store where the present champion trained.

"There were three of us to go out and run with him when he was training," says Mahoney. "One of us would run at a pace while the other rode in the car." At that time—the fall of 1922—Munn was training to be a boxer. It was not until a year ago that Munn, moving from Sioux City to Omaha, began his training to be a wrestler. Commenting on Munn's meteoric rise as a wrestler, Mahoney says: "He doesn't know how strong he is. He would have made a pretty good boxer—clever and everything—but he couldn't stand punishment. He was in two fights there in Sioux City, but each time the other fellow landed him one in the head and that made his groggy."

Munn's weight ranges between 275 and 290 pounds. Mahoney says. He is 6 feet 7 inches tall, and a man 6 feet in height looks like a dwarf when standing beside him. He is 4 or 5 inches taller than Firpo, who is supposed to be a giant.

Having closely followed Munn's career, which has brought him to the top of the wrestling world in a year's time, Mahoney states that Munn has had less than a dozen matches and has never lost one. Most of his contests were scheduled as preliminaries to Lewis' matches. Mahoney believes that Munn had an object in this.

"He was studying Lewis," says Mahoney. "He figured Lewis didn't have anything but that headlock and he could beat that." Mahoney states that Lewis must have tried to "pull something dirty" at the match. "The paper says Munn picked Lewis up and threw him over the ropes," says Mahoney. "He wouldn't have done that unless Lewis had done something to him—Munn's the cleanest sport you ever saw." Mahoney moved to Salem last July. He likes it here, he says, "all but the rain," and he intends to stay.

ified that he had been there. The inquest following the death of Mr. Downing was postponed Saturday and will be resumed at 1:30 today.

BEND WOMAN HELD IN DOWNING MURDER

Bend, Or., Jan. 12.—Mrs. Beale Norton arrested Saturday on a charge of perjury, is still held in the county jail. Her bail was fixed at \$2000 but had not been provided this morning. Time for her hearing has not been set but it will be set some time this afternoon for another day.

The perjury charge was the result of contradictory testimony given at the inquest following the suicide of W. P. Downing, local restaurant man. Mrs. Norton is not connected so far as is known with the shooting but she testified that Mr. Downing had not visited her rooms before the time when he came there and shot himself. Two messenger boys tes-

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

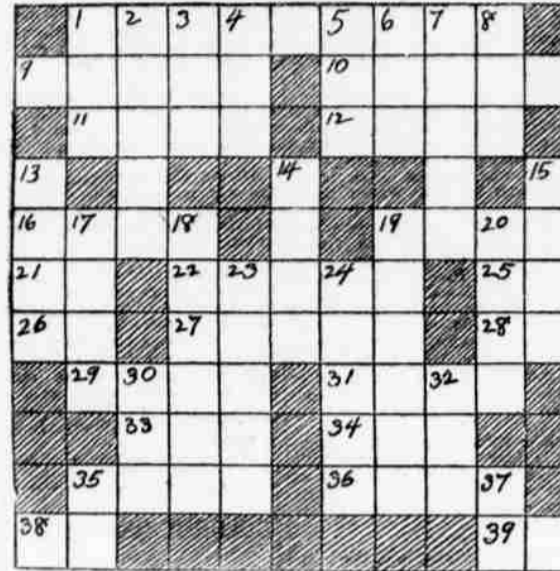
1. Diametrically opposed
9. Constellation
10. Pertaining to knots
11. Collection of dwellings
12. Golf-ball on its case
16. Puffed
19. Valley
21. Exclamation
22. African graffe
25. Order of Merit (abbr.)
26. Prefix indicating long lapse of time
27. Centaur killed by Hercules
28. Long Island (abbr.)
29. Rise and fall of waters
31. Small stream
33. Department (abbr.)
34. Enclosure for swine
35. Bols
36. Belgium river
38. Fourth nose in octave
39. Preposition

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 uninteruptedly.

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 uninteruptedly.



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VERTICAL

1. Skill
2. Daughter of Tantalus (Gr.)
3. Draw
4. Tavern
5. Canadian province
6. Female deer
7. Swelling
8. Gloomy
13. Capable
14. Exclamation
15. Hair
17. Plunder
18. Marvel
19. Calls
20. Lie at ease
23. Holds
24. Short breathed
25. Mountain in Crete
26. Used in soap making
27. College degree (abbr.)
28. A Sun God (Egypt)

A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

A SURPRISING REVELATION

"Rod, you're mad!" Richard Starmount said wildly. "No, I'm perfectly sane." "But you just told me that you did not know whether you killed him or not." "I know it. This is what I want you to get into your mind very clearly. Kathryn is liable to be accused of Foss' murder and I shall confess that I shot him." "But you didn't Rod; you didn't do it."

knew Foss. That he had been calling upon her earlier in the evening. "We told them nothing else. At the station house where I went with them I reiterated the story to Skelton, the detective." "Did they search you?" "No, but I was afraid they would and left the revolver that I had placed in my pocket with Kathryn. The policeman found the other gun in Foss' pocket, and, remarking that it was wet, carefully put it in his handkerchief. Later at the station it was dropped and picked up by another man. I went from the station directly to Kathryn's house. I knew she would be terribly frightened. I didn't want to leave the gun in her house here it is."

reporter in the city here. I'll be back before that and help you out." Rodney Evans did not immediately read the paper. Instead, he laid it beside his plate while he deliberately ordered breakfast for two.

By the time the fruit had arrived Dick Starmount returned and seated himself.

"The inquest is called at ten o'clock this morning. I had the good luck to find Skelton, and by a little judicious questioning found that you will probably be indicted."

"Thank God!" fervently dropped from Rod's lips.

"I'm not so sure, Rod," said Dick earnestly. "In any case Kathryn will be called upon to testify."

"She can refuse to testify, Dick."

"Oh what grounds? You would not want her to say that she might incriminate herself, would you?"

"Certainly not. She has a perfectly good excuse for not testifying."

Rodney paused a moment as though choosing his words. Then he added:

"Dick, the girl known as Kathryn Leonard has been my wife for over a year."

(Continued Tomorrow)

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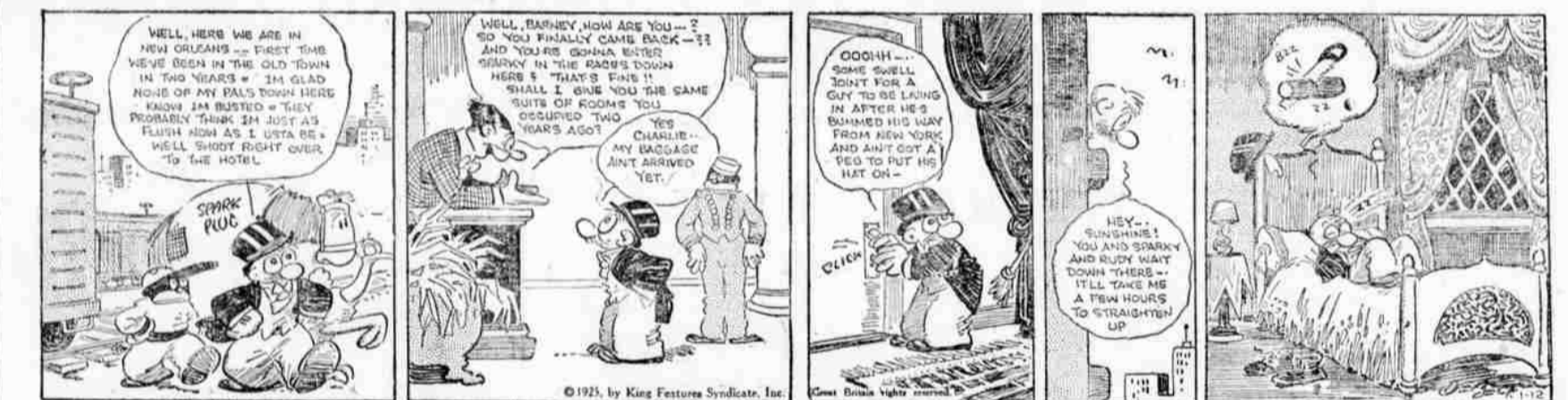


By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG



KRAZY KAT



MUTT AND JEFF



SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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