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Business Propositions

No measures before the legislature would accomplish more in the way of economy than those placing all commissions and bureaus under the budget commission and turning receipts above budgeted expenditures into the general fund.

At present it keeps the commissions busy figuring out ways to spend the constantly increasing receipts, for which no accounting is required, other than the commission's own audit. This is done by enlarging fields of operation and employing more tax-eaters, and raising salaries of employes.

There is no reason why the Industrial Accident commission, the Fish commission, the Game commission, and all the other boards should not be placed upon the same business basis that governs the institutions, and the commissioners be made to demonstrate their need and use of moneys received and held down to actual necessities.

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Another practical method to cut down the cost of government is the abolition of all special forces of law enforcement. The prohibition laws, the highway laws and the game laws should all be left with the sheriffs, constables and police, the regularly constituted law enforcement agencies, who are on the payroll anyway and might as well earn their salaries.

All the special forces do is to build up political machines and spend the tax-payers money in the employment of scores of superfluous tax-eaters. They handicap the regular officials by dividing authority, scatter responsibility and needlessly increase expenditures.

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Consolidation of state bureaus is another means of simplifying government and reducing expenses. The bills introduced providing special commissions to investigate and report to the legislature are simply evasions of the issue.

Commissions for this purpose have been appointed, conducted their investigations and reported their recommendations for the past ten years, only to have them thrown into the waste basket and another commission named for another report.

There is ample data at hand, other states, such as Illinois, Idaho and Washington, have shown the way, the subject has been thoroughly discussed, and there is no reason why the legislature should not act. The way to consolidate, is to consolidate and not beat around the bush to keep political spoils.

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These are all simple business propositions that any business man or corporation would adopt in the management of affairs and there is no reason why the legislature should not put them into force, instead of wasting its time in the making of countless new and unneeded laws that only make for confusion in a law oppressed state, and benefit only the lawyers.

The Veil Again

Dispatches convey the information that since publication of Dowager Queen Alexandria's photo showing her majesty wearing a veil with her toque, manufacturers have noticed a decided demand for expensive chenile veiling and fashion experts foreshadow that all fashionable women will be veiled this spring. "The new veils are fine, covering only the eyes. The mesh and pattern are made to add lustre and mystery to beautiful or even ordinary eyes. Some have an eyelash pattern on a plain net and make the wearer look like one of the latest French dolls—a damsel mostly coiffeure and ey lashes."

All of which is interesting as showing how fashions originaate. That is the principal function of royalty today, now that it has outlived its usefulness in government, to preside at functions and set fashions, in which it has only the competitiin of the demimonde of Paris.

No matter how a fashion starts, and few are interested in the origin, no matter how inconvenient or absurd, it is slavishly copied, under stimulus of manufacturers and merchants, until it reaches the rank and file, by which time the upper circles have discarded it for something new and another style is inaugurated.

Veils are about as useless an appendage as could be imagined, but let us thank the stars that the royal decree is not for the hoop skirt, the bustle or the wasp waist, that have so frequently deformed femininty and defaced beauty.

BANK CODE INTRODUCED BY BUTLER

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be filed by authority from which the original appointments issue. In the appointment of any official in the employment of the commission, or in the determination of any permanent policy, the approval of four-fifths of the commission would be required.

Underground Waters

Application for authority to appropriate underground waters could be filed with and passed upon by the state engineering department, in the same manner as surface waters are now administered, under a bill introduced in the senate today by Senator Davis.

Curry county will have a county court session on the first judicial day of January and on the first Wednesday of other months, and Wheeler county will have a session of the county court once a month under a bill by Senator Hall that passed the senate today. Wheeler county was not originally in the bill but it was amended to include that county when the measure came up for final passage.

CLEAVER LETTERS POUR IN AT RATE OF FIFTY A DAY

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goer, was sent to Eugene by Cleaver and the governor to get evidence of misconduct in office on the part of Johnson and, while the evidence was not secured, the episode was the cause of a lively tilt between the governor and Johnson in a session in the executive offices several months ago.

Johnson is due to return to Salem about 2 o'clock this afternoon and will testify immediately before the committee, with all of the newspapermen present.

Today there are persistent reports about the capitol that the sheriffs, now in session in Portland, are cooking up a lot of trouble for the prohibition commissioner, and that the adjournment of their session will be the signal for a general exodus Salemward.

Some inkling of what may be expected from the sheriffs was gleaned from the wrath of Sam Starmer, veteran Douglas county sheriff, who called upon Senator Eddy, one of the probers, yesterday afternoon. Brandishing a copy of Cleaver's report on arrests, convictions and fines in his hand Sheriff Starmer declared it to be "padded, false and unfair." Starmer will present his side of the matter to the committee in writing.

Reports also also drifting in that the district attorneys of the state are checking Cleaver's report closely as it pertains to their own counties and that the results of this check will be submitted in documentary form, together with data on specific instances of flagrant "bobbles" made by the prohibition forces. Particular interest is being manifest in the contents of a report which, it is said, will be forthcoming from Clatsop county.

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Upward
3. More pale
7. Toward
8. A sailor
10. Largest body in solar system
11. A title of respect
12. Discoverer of Greenland
14. A short stocking
15. Small sunshade
16. Percolate
18. Russian weight
20. Thirteenth letter in Roman alphabet
21. The native town of Abraham
22. Rind
25. Pertaining to air (prefix)
27. Indigo
28. Island south of Florida
30. A kiln for drying hops
33. United States ship (abbr.)
34. Bog
36. Owed
37. Exist
38. Bonds
40. Elevate (abbr.)
41. One of the great lakes
42. Filter

VERTICAL

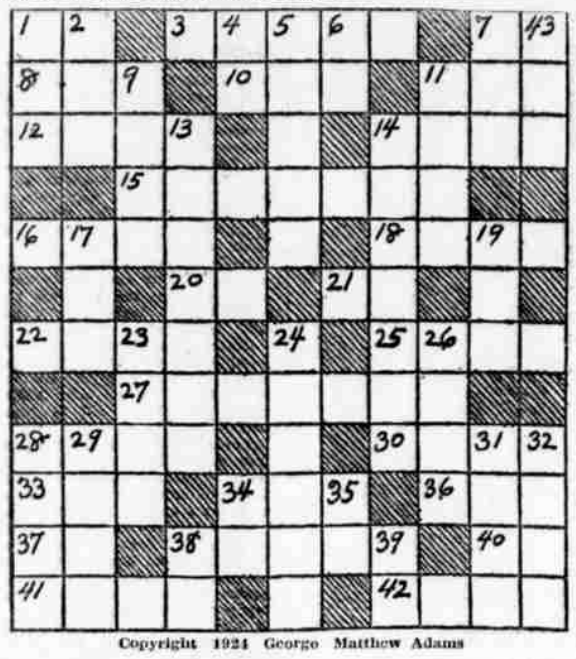
1. A North American Indian
2. Value
4. Roman weight of one pound
5. Pertaining to the moon
6. To enter (prefix)
7. Muscular twitching
9. Matured
11. Composition for a single voice
13. Brightest star in Auriga
14. Singer
19. Possessive pronoun
23. Recedes
24. Goddess of moon
26. Ejaculation
28. The third power of a quantity
29. Utilizer
31. A gulf of the Red Sea
32. Telephone (abbr.)
34. Fourth note in octave
35. North Dakota (abbr.)
38. To have existance
39. Provided that
43. Orkney Islands (abbr.)

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 spaces remain uninterruptedly.



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A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

IN THE SHADOWS

"Doctor," said Dick Starmount, "when I rode past your garage today I saw a detective talking to the manager. He was probably trying to find out if what I had said you had told me was true."

Hastily Starmount ran over what he had said at the inquest for the benefit of the doctor. When he had finished the physician nodded his head.

"That is all right. The man was short and thick-set, and I really thought he was crazy to be out in that rain without an umbrella.

"I am going back to the garage now, and if I find that sleuth there I shall tell him you repeated the conversation exactly."

"How long have you had an office in the village, doctor?"

"For eight years. Even since I came out of college."

"Do you have many patients with tuberculosis?"

"My women patients can be divided into two classes—those who have tuberculosis and those who have babies.

"There are a lot of girls down here who are virtually hiding out. They literally die in swarms from undernourishment and cold, but they are too proud to tell anyone their plight. I have a half dozen right now who will be dead in six months. Some of them are so pretty and pitable that it breaks my heart every time they come in for a bottle of cough medicine."

"Are you coming back here again tonight, doctor?"

"Yes, about 7 o'clock."

"I'll meet you here about that time. Youll probably hear a lot of gossip among your patients today, and if you find the slightest clue which might give us a chance at finding the man who killed Foss you will do as much for us as you are doing for Miss Leonard. I expect Mr. Evans is with his wife?"

"Yes; he came in just before you did. He did not hear my controversy with the police. I don't want to worry him any more than is necessary. Poor old chap, I keeps asking Mrs. Evans is she knows him when she doesn't know anything."

"Then she is no better, doctor?"

"She has the same pulse, but half a degree more temperature than when we left her studio this morning. Unless there is a change for the better tonight, I don't think there is a chance for her."

"Do you think I can get Rod away from her for a minute?"

"I wish you would try to do so. I think his constant talking to her is bad. Keep him away from her as long as possible and impress it upon his mind when he goes back he is not to talk."

Rod just shook his head when Dick appeared at his wife's door. The nurse told him that Mr. Starmount said it was of the utmost importance to the welfare of his wife that Mr. Evans should go into the hall to see him.

"What do you want with me?" he asked belligerently. "Kathlyn is going to die. What those police say or do won't make any difference to her. The only thing that I can do for her now is to stay with her every minute she is alive."

"You can do her no good, Rod. She does not know you are there."

"But, Dick, you nor no one else seems to understand that she may become conscious and then I want to be there—I want to tell her that I didn't mean anything I said when we quarreled and I left her to go to the theatre. I want to ask her forgiveness."

"Did you quarrel with Kathlyn earlier in the evening?"

"Yes, we quarreled about that scoundrel Foss. The man who wrote that anonymous letter was right; he deserved his fate."

"Rod, you must not talk like that to anyone but me. It will be used against you."

"What do I care what is used against me? All I am concerned about is what is being used and will be used against her. I tell you, Dick, this whole terrible city could be swallowed up and I would gladly see it sink out of sight if in return I would know that fate had given life and happiness back to Kathlyn."

"Tell me a little more about what you did last night, Rod."

"Well, you see, at first I thought I would not go back after the show Thank God I did. That is one thing I have to thank Him for. If I had not gone Kathlyn would have been found alone beside the body. She could not have escaped suspicion. Dick, do you think for a moment that it might have been that short, thick-set man? Very few men go plodding through the rain at that time of night unless they are on some particular business."

"Rod, it is your heart that is groping around for someone upon whom to place suspicion. That man was probably some foolish lover who was going home from his sweetheart's and he was saying all the while to himself, 'It is not rain to me; it's raining daffodils,' or some other foolish thing like that.

"However, after I leave here I am going to talk to Kirby, of The World. I have a great respect for him as an unraveller of crime problems. I have known him a great many years and during that time he has solved more mysteries than any two detectives at central station. I have been wondering all day why he has not been around. Usually he's the first one on the scene on a case like this.

"You say that you and Kathlyn quarreled. Can you tell me just what it was all about?"

Tomorrow—The Accusing Finger

Those who keep their word will never lose our trust.

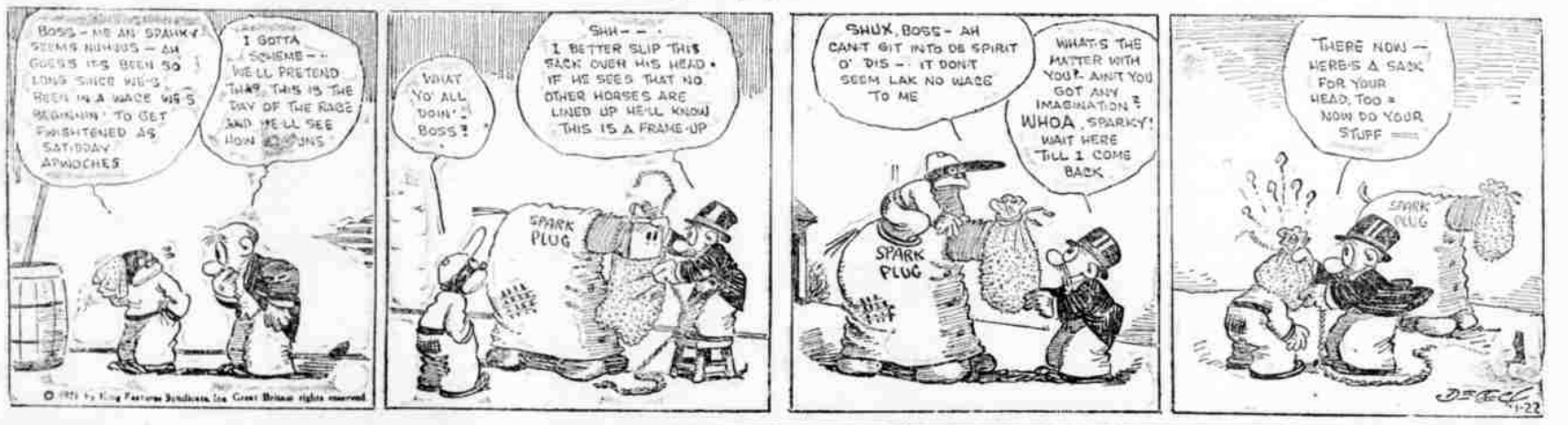
BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

Barney's Keeping It Dark

By Billy de Beck



KRAZY KAT

That Mother Instinct

By Herriman

MUTT AND JEFF

They're Still Quite a Ways From Sunny Florida

By Bud Fisher