

# Capital Journal

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## Uplift Bills

Senator Corbett is sponsor for a series of bills that would revolutionize state institutions by taking actual control of various state institutions out of the hands of the board of control, while leaving it financially responsible for operations. It would place control of certain institutions with the Child Welfare board, control of which is given to the governor and put a board of regents in control of others.

The Welfare commission is to establish standards of qualifications for superintendents and instructors of the state industrial school for girls, the state training school for boys, and the state institution for the feeble minded, and the bill requires that the board of control make appointments from persons approved by the commission. The measures also provide that all permanent commitments of dependent or delinquent or feeble minded minors be made to the Welfare commission, which is given sole control of the child.

The bills call for a board of regents for the state school for the deaf and the state school for the blind, consisting of the state superintendent of schools, the deans of the school of vocational instruction of the state university and agricultural college, the president of the normal school and three citizens, two of them women, appointed by the board of control. The regents will establish qualifications for superintendents and instructors and submit lists from whom the board of control must select appointees.

The Child Welfare commission is to be composed of a member of the faculty of the state university, a physician selected by the state medical association, and three members, the majority, appointed by the governor.

While there may be some merit in certain features of the bills, they would make for inefficiency by divided control and divided responsibility. They are evidently the products of professional welfare workers who desire to increase their power. They are not needed, for Oregon's institutions are best conducted of any in the country and rank among the highest. The only trouble any of them ever have is caused by the interference of uplifters with a mission, most of whom are impractical theorists holding that no expense is too great to perpetuate the unfit.

## A Boner, Not a Coup

That Governor Pierce pulled a "boner" instead of a coup, in ousting the members of the Port of Portland, is the admission of his staunchest supporters. By playing petty politics with the welfare of the Port, he has drawn the fire of even his personal organ, the Portland Journal, to whose support he owes his election. The Journal cannot be accused of partiality towards Frank M. Warren, chairman of the commission, whom it has frequently opposed, but it recognizes the value of his unselfish services to Portland. Says the Journal:

For six years Frank M. Warren has been a guiding spirit on the Port of Portland commission. On public matters The Journal has many times disagreed with Mr. Warren. But The Journal, like everyone else familiar with his work on the port commission, agrees that his dismissal is one of the most unfortunate events that has ever befallen the port.

During Mr. Warren's tenure on the commission, a most effective operating force has been built up, including a high-class traffic manager and one of the best port engineers in the country. The Journal then relates Mr. Warren's achievement in increasing the dirt dredged from the river from 3,500,000 cubic yards a year to 12,000,000 without additional cost, of installing wing dams that keep the channel clear, of increasing annual tonnage of cargo from 1,900,000 tons five years ago to 4,000,000 tons, of purchasing Swan island at a third of the price formerly proposed, and concludes by declaring "for the remarkable expansion of the port, with its attendant benefits to city and state, Frank M. Warren is entitled to much of the credit," and that it is "the governor's duty to restore him to the commission."

Mr. Warren is one of Oregon's few big men, empire builders combining vision with achievement, and therefore persona non grata with the governor. Is it any wonder that the legislature plans preventing the Port of Portland from becoming political spoils for the governor by taking it out of his control and retaining it intact?

## OPEN FORUM

Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.

To the Editor: I note that Governor Pierce threatens to open wide the prison doors if the appropriation he demands is anywhere trimmed. He is reported saying he will have to discharge 50 inmates if what he wants is not forthcoming, and this from the man who was such a pre-election economist! Now dear governor if you do have to swing those doors off the hinges make 'em last as long as possible because new ones are all possible replacement cost money.

If you must discharge those 50 let them, if possible be life termers as they or some of them, may have to be fed and clothed a long time and that costs.

If you do not have enough long timers, send us the burglars, the horse thieves, the assassins of the animals of that type.

—One kind

Christmas is a time when tax-payers of course have to foot the bill and many of us cannot afford such dinners in our own families, yet we must feed this army of angels who will find as I say, we cannot have as long as crime is made less and less odious; as long as criminals are fed and clothed and better cared for than many of the law abiding; as long as the boundary line becomes more and more blurred and obliterated; as long as crime and criminals are becoming more and more excusable; as long as our criminal courts allow technicality and petty-forging and the insanity plea to crowd out justice and common sense; as long as there are no Abraham Lincolns in our criminal court rooms; there will be plenty of Dick Turpin's and

## MAYOR OUTLINES PLANS TO SECURE CONCRETE BRIDGES

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business men and aldermen have expressed themselves as favoring. This proposed special levy will not be considered under the 5 per cent tax limitation, says Mayor Gleay. It will work, in effect, much the same as the levy for sewer building is now working. The city will be paying as it goes, with the accomplishment of building one or two permanent bridges each year, and in a few years all will be ready for high water and ice, which wreaked such damage that many of them are not yet safe for traffic, avers the mayor. "Wood bridges are a continuous source of expense. Last December the snow and ice did \$3000 worth of damage, and when the bridges are repaired, we will yet have the wood bridges," exclaims Mayor Gleay. To effect a concrete bridge built several years old on Commercial street that had never been repaired, yet was in perfect condition.

# TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

**HORIZONTAL**  
1. Eruptive mountain  
8. Fright  
10. Either  
12. Weapon  
13. Word of refusal  
14. Hatful look  
15. Observed  
16. Preman  
17. One or any  
18. To manufacture money  
19. Greater in amount  
21. In (prefix)  
22. African society  
24. Saint (ab.)  
25. Stripes  
27. Shell fish

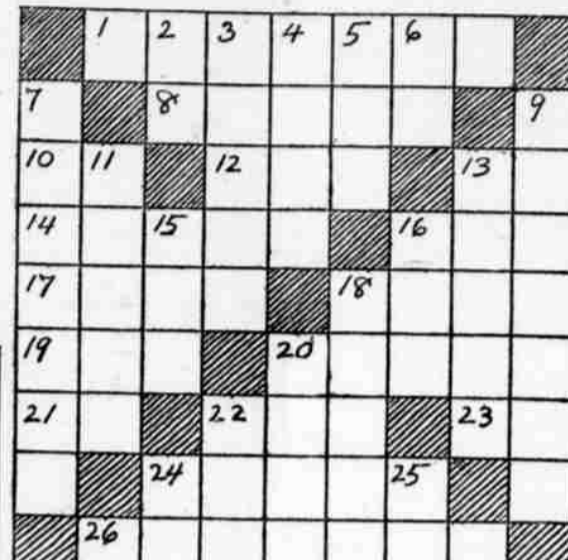
**VERTICAL**  
2. Pertaining to  
3. Royal stakesspearman character  
4. Vehicle  
5. Weapons  
6. Nova Scotia (ab.)  
7. Books  
9. Verses  
11. Rodeo  
13. Approaches  
14. The front part of a hoof  
20. Particle  
23. Spree  
25. Beside  
26. Strontium (ab.)

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 uninterrupted.

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 uninterrupted.



SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel  
By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

FOR AND AGAINST

"Gentlemen, I am sorry that I cannot stay longer with you, but I have much to do in preparation for this case," said Starmount. "Has the date for the trial been set?"

"Not yet. But it probably will be in a day or so. I expect in a day or two to tell you about some startling developments."

"That is what the police are saying," said one of the boys, laughing. "In the meantime, Mr. Starmount, it would clear matters greatly if Miss Leonard would get well enough to have her finger prints taken."

"Yes," answered Starmount. "I am hoping for that."

He spoke as though he were waiting for it, although in his own mind he was trying to devise ways and means to keep Kathryn from doing so. To do this he must have the help of the physician at the hospital, so with only a nod of his head to Kirby he left the reporter for the hospital.

"Dr. Johnson wants to see you," the doorman told him. "He said you were to come into the small room of the waiting room the moment you arrived. He has been waiting for you a long time."

"Miss Leonard is very much better," the doctor began, as Starmount crossed the threshold. "She is conscious and sane."

"I am extremely sorry, doctor," the physician looked up in great surprise.

They and there Richard Starmount determined to take him into his confidence. "Doctor," he said, "you of course know of the terrible tragedy that preceded the entrance of Kathryn Leonard into the hospital. You also probably know that Mr. Evans was arrested this morning for the murder of Elton Foss. I am going to tell you the

physician. "She came out of a comatose state just as quickly as she went into it and her recovery promised to be immediate. This is not an unknown condition where, on entering a great nervous shock, because this is well known in my profession we may run up against it again. I'll do all that I can for you, not because of your client, Mr. Evans, but because of Mrs. Evans herself. I have known her a long time down in the village. She hasn't known that such a person as I existed, but I have heard her friends talk about her and I have liked and admired her independent ways."

"Until you come to me and tell me so that I shall know beyond doubt that Kathryn Evans is either guilty or innocent no person shall see her."

"Are you sure your nurse is to be trusted?"

"Yes, I see, Mr. Starmount, that although you may know the ethics of your own profession, you do not know the most sacred laws of mine. A nurse is supposed to do only what the physician in charge of her patient demands. The greatest trouble we shall have will be in getting Mrs. Evans enough to eat. She has practically eaten nothing, the moment she begins to show an appetite it will be talked about in the kitchen. She will have to live almost wholly on fruit, which can be brought to her."

"Miss Brown is one of my best nurses. I would trust her with anything."

"The greatest thing, doctor, is to keep all the detectives and reporters from knowing the slightest thing about her condition."

"Mr. Skelton to see you, doctor," a young interne interrupted.

Tomorrow—As if in a Dream.



## BRINGING UP FATHER



## BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG



## KRAZY KAT



## MUTT AND JEFF

