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Defeating Its Purpose

By a vote of 34 to 18 the house passed house bill No. 164, three days after it was introduced by Hurlburt. It is one of the measures sponsored by the Anti-Saloon League and provides fines of not less than \$500 AND not less than six months imprisonment for violation of provisions of liquor making laws. This statute makes it compulsory upon a judge upon a plea of guilty or a conviction to inflict both heavy fine and long term imprisonment and is therefore likely to defeat itself.

Recently the Capital Journal pointed out that an important fundamental in law making is that excessive and inhuman penalties for slight offenses tend to increase crime—and there is no surer way of destroying a criminal statute than by providing such penalties. Juries find themselves confronted by the alternative of finding an offender not guilty or sending him to jail for a long term and to pay an exorbitant fine—and invariably acquit, because the penalty outrages their sense of fair play and justice.

President Coolidge recently refused to permit an amendment to federal prohibition laws providing both fine and imprisonment for violations, because of its violation of the fundamental in law making, but that does not deter the Anti-Saloon League from seeking to impose severer penalties for prohibition violations than are imposed for any other offenses, thereby helping make the law unpopular and therefore unenforceable.

Led By a Child

A boy of 14 held an audience of 15,000 red-bedecked men and women spellbound last night in Madison Square Garden, New York City, while he exhorted them to bring about a fulfillment of the plans of Nicolai Lenine, in whose memory the meeting had been called. He received an ovation when he shouted "down with capitalism! Down with its system! Up with the soviet republic!"

A boy of 14 is about the ripe age intellectually required to lead a Bolshevik movement, having all the knowledge of history and perspective of civilization necessary to advance convincing arguments for its destruction.

The appeal of the Red is an appeal to ignorance, an appeal to emotion, and communism becomes a religion to its fanatical adherents, and it is better that a little child should lead it than those inspired by selfish motives of loot and power.

That 15,000 people could be held spell-bound by a child and roused to frantic enthusiasm by his appeals, shows how many morons we have in the country.

Farms Can be Sold

(By Wells "Alban.")
Good farms priced at their true value will soon be in demand, but not for speculation, as speculators can hardly be expected to invest in land as long as there is so much agitation from every source, tending to the public that the farmers are still living on, or depending on government aid. However, the farmer who did not yield to the better judgment and speculate and get heavily in debt during the exceedingly prosperous years of the World War period, can now handle their farms prosperously, and very few of this class of farmers are offering their farms for sale. These are the farmers who saved up their surplus money received from the high price farm products, to tide them over the lean years, which any carefully thoughtful person could not fail to anticipate, as a natural result which would follow the extremely high prices caused by the tremendous destruction of all kinds of farm products, due to the sinking of vast numbers of ships loads by the submarine warfare.

Well, some will say that the farmer who was so thoughtful as to not lay by and save his income while the opportunities were so unusually favorable is not deserving of much sympathy. Now this view of the matter, I think, would be unjust due to the fact that practically all the people engaged in the various industries and occupations during the peak of world war prices seem to have been terribly intoxicated with a mania for speculation. So why should we criticize the farmer alone. I am sure the farmer is far more deserving of our sympathy than those of other occupations who still had an opportunity to quickly reimburse themselves, due to the high scale of wages, and the still higher prices maintained for all kinds of manufactured goods, whose the farmer's products suddenly dropped to a price far below the cost of production, while the price of what he had to buy, with the high priced labor and excess profit added into its cost; all attended to impoverish the farmer to such an extent for several years during the period of low prices for farm products, that it was no wonder the farmer began to stagger under the load and ask for some kind of relief, and while the farmer still has to pay excessive prices for his farm machinery, and all other factory goods, he can now make good with the greatly advanced prices paid for all farm products, and many who left the farm during the period of farm depression, are now turning back to the soil once more, as the surest and best way to obtain a permanent home and steady employment.

LEGISLATURE ENTERS UPON FOURTH WEEK

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Laughlin, head of the Yamhill State bank at Yamhill, in a letter to Senator Zimmerman, sets forth a suggestion that Zimmerman and others are likely to attempt to get into the measure as an amendment. It would change the bill radically. Calling attention to the large overhead expense that would be necessary for the state to deal directly with the individual farmers, in the way of clerical work, etc., Mr. Laughlin suggests that as far as his district is concerned the aid money could better be sent directly to the bank, and by the bank loaned to the farmer at the same rate that the banks pay the state for deposits of state money, which is 2 per cent. The bill provides that the farmers pay the state 6 per cent, so the Laughlin scheme would top off 4 per cent interest. The money so put up with the banks would be secured by gilt edge collateral.

A survey in the last few days shows from Lawrence to Yamhill and Washington county grain farmers to the extent of \$400,000, and it is suggested by Senator Zimmerman and others that if the Laughlin scheme is good for that part of the state it should be good for all parts of the state.

Besides the farmer relief bill there will be before the legislature this week several important irrigation bills, the proposed by the electric legislation, the pre-primary and the post-primary convention bills, known respectively as the Jackson county and the Mills plans, the fish and game measures which propose to take appointment of the fish and game commission out of the hands of the governor and place them into the hands of the state board of control, and some others. The Clearer investigation should be concluded early in the week and possibly a bill embodying the committee's recommendations introduced.

I am sure I cannot speak too highly of the wisdom of this class of converts, when I see so many unemployed persons who left comfortable farm homes to seek the high priced jobs in the cities, where many fall to find employment and their expenses while idle, soon consume all they earned through short periods of employment at high wages. This condition, coupled with the high price of farm products and the much brighter future outlook for the farmer, is now not only encouraging to the present occupant of the



TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

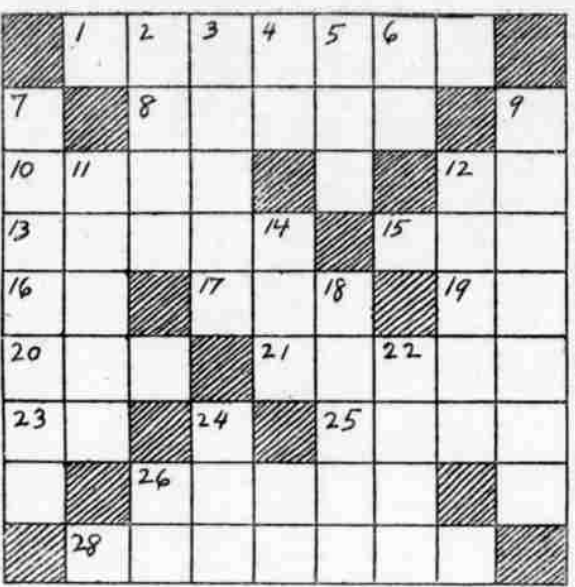
The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram. Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown 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.

VERTICAL

- Dull pain
- Ensnare
- Depart
- Piece out
- New York (ab.)
- A lexicographer
- Redrilled
- A light yellow
- One who sharpens razors
- Flap
- Article of furniture
- Final
- Seventh month
- Exist

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

B I L L O W S
R B O O N E L
A M P O I M A
D U N N O M A D
I C O R N O D E
A R M O R B A M
T O B A A M E
E A L I C E N
O N E N E S S



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A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH MCGELONE GIBSON

FROM THE HEART
After Richard Starnum left her, Kathryn Evans wept until her heart seemed to break. At last she pulled herself together and took the advice of her nurse who told her that probably if she got to work on her story she would forget some of her great trouble and grief.

The nurse placed before her a writing board with sharpened pencils and plenty of paper without being asked. In doing it Kathryn understood that the woman had been interested in the conversation she had just heard. Kathryn began by writing down the sentence she had told Dick.

It was at Lucile Thorne's and Vernon Stedman's wedding that my plan of marriage began to take form. I remember it as if it were yesterday. As I emerged from the church into the blaze of sunlight I drew a long breath of relief. I had felt stifled in the dim light and close atmosphere where I had sat through the tiresome wedding ceremony.

I had caught the eye of the bride as she trailed back from the flower bedecked altar on the arm of the suzer groom in his conventional morning-coat, a conventional smile on his somewhat vacuous face.

My friend Lucile looked very tired and worn and although her lips registered a faint smile for me it was most fleeting. It did not reach to her eyes which were unutterably weary.

Vernon Stedman, the bridegroom, had a kind of expression which reminded me of the old cartoons of the "cat which had eaten the canary." I grew rather risk as I realized that I had seen that expression of Stedman's face when he had married Edith Melville four

I saw you and it was there that the look of utter disgust with the world in general was hatched. I think surely you want your friend Lucile to marry. No woman wants to go through life unmarried. I tried to smile at Rodney's banter but I could not answer. "Why are you so prejudiced against marriage, dear. I have been hoping to make you promise to marry me soon."

I gasped. The casualness and unceremoniousness of Rod's remark surprised me. "Am I to think that what you just said is a real proposal, Rodney, or merely one of your jokes. If he real you should know that after this marriage we have just seen this is certainly not an auspicious moment to propose to me."

"Why didn't you want Lucile to marry Stedman, Kathryn? He has plenty of money and certainly he is as wild about her as I am about you, dear."

"That's just it, Rod, you men rush into matrimony because you are 'crazy' about some girl. You are 'crazy' about me this afternoon in my new frock but you see I can't wear it all the time and if sometime you would happen to see me in an ugly gown, perhaps you would not be 'crazy' over me any more."

"Do you realize, Rod, that Vernon Stedman was 'crazy' about Edith Melville when they were married five years ago. They lived together only a year. Vernon became 'crazy' over Corinne Ackers and married her before the year had elapsed, between the interlocutory and final decree. That gave Corinne a chance to have her marriage annulled for at that time Vernon was 'crazy' about another girl. This case, however, did not reach the marriage ceremony for he promptly got over it when he met Lucile, whom we saw married to him this morning with all the pomp and convention that church and society can give. The whole thing is an insult to real love. I hid marriage, Rod. I shall never marry." I declared.

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BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

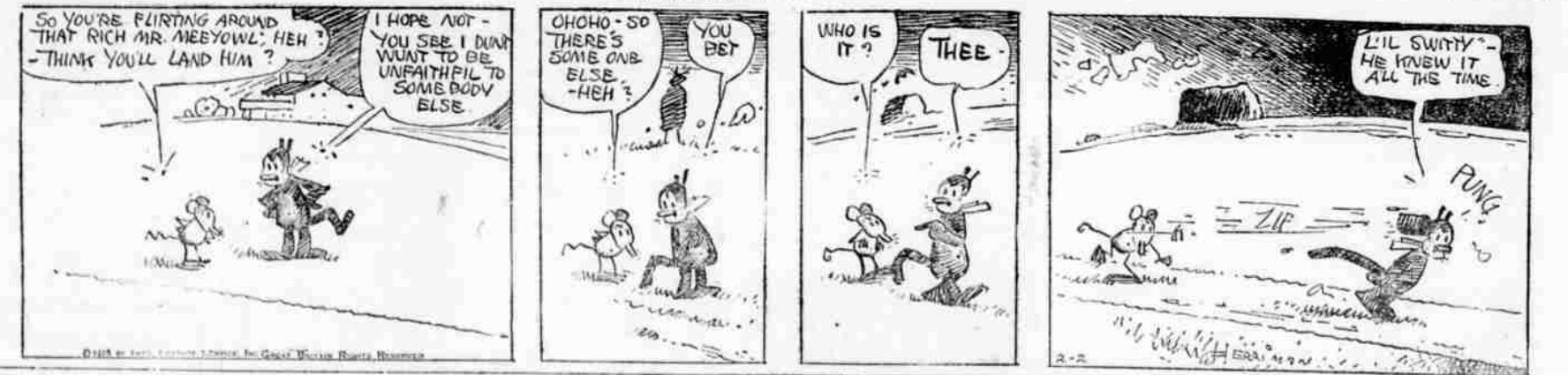
BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG



Barney's Appetite Is a Little Impatient.

By Billy de Beck

KRAZY KAT



By Herriman

MUTT AND JEFF



It's Always Fair Weather When Millionaires Get Together

By Bud Fisher