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About to be Saved Again?

Why is a survey being taken of Salem by students for the purpose of ascertaining the birth, nativity and what not of every person there-in? The Capital Journal is unable to answer this query made in several protesting letters, for the students do not themselves seem to know the why and the wherefore.

It can be safely assumed that this "survey" has something to do with the uplift, because it is an impertinent interference in other people's affairs, always the inspiration of the uplift. We are probably about to be saved in some new way, and it is therefore of prime importance to know whence we came, even if we don't know where we're going.

Of course this information is already available in federal census reports in much more complete and authentic form, but to utilize it, would not employ many students in collecting useless information and annoy a lot of people, and therefore be contrary to uplift ethics.

Gas Advances

Advance of two cents in the price of gasoline in all const states, following a much greater rise in eastern states, may mean that Rockefeller is about to endow another university, or it may be a move to discourage the growing tendency of increasing the state tax on gasoline for highway revenue. With cheap gasoline, there is less public protest from auto owners on the additional state levy than with high priced fuel.

As soon as the November election made sure of closing the state stations established in Nebraska, Dakota and other midwest states, by the retirement of executives sponsoring the projects, the rise in prices began. State competition had compelled reduction on gas prices in the states affected and fear that other states would follow the example, had forced a general cut. With the national and sectional triumph of reaction, the danger passed, and the consumer once more pays the freight.

There is something mysterious in the way prices are made on gasoline—as there are in other monopoly controlled products. A few years ago, we were assured that the national supply was nearing exhaustion and the price was rapidly advanced, and the quality deteriorated. The state of Oregon was told to abolish standards or go without gas—and it complied. When prices were cut we were assured there had been a vast over-production, but the cut did not come until Brother Charlie and other governors started into the gasoline business.

Whenever the oil trust presses the button, the prices are jumped—and we can confidently look forward to a profitable season, with frequent pressing of the button the coming summer, with consequent inflation in profits and securities.

Teeth

(From Baltimore Evening Sun)
To primitive man, big, strong teeth were as necessary as brawn and cunning. Without teeth to chew the tough meadow stalks or to bury in the jugular of his enemy he had slim chance of survival. Throughout the barbarous age and until the advent of modern effete civilization the man or woman with a weak chewing apparatus was a weakling who soon passed out of the scene.

But with the fall (pace W. J. B.), humanity is fast losing many of the other appurtenances of the human system—hair, appendages, teeth, and lately its teeth. In the old days teeth were set alone until one of them ached intolerably and then it was removed, sometimes with a hammer, or by tying it to a doorknob and jerking the door, or to a ramrod and then shooting the ramrod out of a gun, and occasionally with the pliers in the toolbox.

Then came the era of scientific dentistry and within the memory of many still living it was considered something of a disgrace for a dentist to pull a tooth. He should preserve it if a bit of it still rose above the gum; if not he filed it off and set a pivot in the root. Nowadays it is considered almost a crime not to pull out all the teeth with appropriate anesthetics and at \$5 per pull.

Once nearly all diseases were attributed to humors in the blood, and the remedy was leeching or bleeding the patient, sometimes with fatal results, as in the case of the Father of his Country. In these days the humors have been exonerated or at least, the role of chief villain has been bestowed upon the once much-esteemed molar. Have you tumors or flat feet, indigestion or phthisis, headache or housemaid's knee, gout or poor eyesight? Have your teeth X-rayed and pulled out. If that does not bring immediate relief, have your tonsils, your adenoids, your appendix or one or more of a variety of glands here and there removed. If these do not cure you they will keep you too busy to think of your other troubles.

In this day of soft, mellow, pre-digested foods teeth are of not much use, anyhow, and the synthetic sort are better-looking than the old mangies. The advance in medical science is truly marvelous. All this of course, has no reference to the legislative "teeth" which are constantly being inserted in uplift statutes. The trouble with these is that they are usually abscessed at the root, decay quickly, and are incapable of chewing any except the weakest provender that may come between them. And usually the more "teeth" the less mastication.

HONEST OFFICER IS FOUND IN MANILA

Manila.—Vicente Lumanan deserves the palm for honesty, modesty and unselfishness. He is a customs inspector at a salary of \$25 a month.

Recently a big steamer, carrying an excursion party around the world touched at Manila. Vicente, busy with his duties on the docks, found a purse that contained \$2,500. A card inside revealed the owner's name and Vicente sought her out on board her ship and returned the property. Furthermore, he persistently refused a reward of \$500.

HUGE FORTUNE IS CLAIMED BY FEW

London.—The famous fortune of William Webber, Australian gold digger, has been claimed in part by Mrs. Mary Wheeler, 78-year-old resident of a tiny village in Wiltshire.

The Webber estate is valued at \$500,000,000, of which more than half is said to be in possession of the British government, and the remainder in the United States and Holland. Mrs. Wheeler claims \$40,000,000 on an alleged direct relationship.

U. S. ART SEEKERS RILE FRENCH DUKE

Paris.—The exodus of French historic antiquities to America is an immense danger, the Duke of Treviso declared in a recent address before the Fairbairn Club. The speaker, while regretting the loss of irreplaceable ancient treasures, as well as a lover of art, said he did not blame those who buy and carry off these vestiges of long ages, but that he sought to make such sales more difficult, if not impossible. "If means are not found to stop this exodus," he continued, "the towns and country sites will be deprived of their finest historic and artistic objects."

"Any property owner in France can cut his house up and sell the stones, facade, windows, roofs, ornaments and friezes, by the iron work of the walls, without even informing the Fine Arts Department, so long as it has been classified, and very few buildings are classified," the duke said.

Rene Renoult, minister of justice, in revealing these facts to the chamber of deputies, said litigation often had to wait two years for hearings, and in some instances even four.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. A follower of Christ
8. Go in
9. Behold
11. Girl's Name (abbrev.)
12. Either
13. One
15. Barrier
16. Midst
17. Age
18. Serpent
19. Procure
21. Within
22. Asafoetida (abbrev.)
24. Double (L)
25. Mimicry
27. Pertaining to Nemertes

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.

VERTICAL

1. Pertaining to Columbus
2. Second note major scale
3. Tavern
4. Celestial body
5. Twice five
6. Iridium (abbrev.)
7. Tale
10. Vegetable
12. Having webbed feet
14. Highest mountain in Crete
15. Ask alms
19. Employer
22. Monkey
23. Skill
25. Indicative of to be
26. You

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

TIC U APE
L I R E E
S L A M X E N O
E P A T E P
P A I R R I
O E E I N
Y E N S M E T E
O S U E I
I N K S I L O

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A Modern Marriage

(An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON)

THE WEB TIGHTENS

I remember asking Rod at the time why the modern marriage should not be something that would rank in solemnity and beauty with the ceremony of a great love. He answered: "These things will have to grow through the years, Kathryn. No one can replace offhand a ceremony of the kind we saw today with anything new without bringing down the vials of wrath upon his head by all society."

"But I don't want to wait until the end of those five hundred years you have been talking about and everything has been settled to your liking, for our wedding," Rod said to me in gentle raillery.
"I know you are laughing at me," I answered—laughing at myself a little—"but I may as well confess that the elaborate ceremonial of marriage and giving in marriage that we have seen today with its trappings and intimations of virgin sacrifice seem not only vulgar but quite unnecessary. I do not like the underlying provocative import of sex instead of soul which I think robs the union of two people at the very outset of any chance of real happiness."

I was mounted on my hobby and spurring him, I went on.
"Someone has remarked, Rod, that 'souls are also things' and you have doubtless learned before this that hearts are secretive things. Yet when a man and woman decide they love each other enough to spend their lives together they are expected to bare their souls before a more or less ribald crowd of unfeeling or envious people and tell their heart's secrets to a curious world."

Rodney sighed. To this day I remember that sigh was pathetic like the sigh a little boy gives when he sees a much-wished-for playing taken slowly out of his reach.

"I haven't thought much about marriage until lately," he said humbly. "I fancy no man does until he sees the girl he 'gets crazy about' as you call it in Vernon's case."

I felt my cheeks grow hot for I knew that Rod was trying to tell me that he had never been really in love with any girl before. I think that right here he wanted to change the subject however, for he remarked as to my frock by saying, "It is too bad not to show yourself in your gorgeous raiment to the teeming crowd at the Biltmore."

"None of the things that I want to talk to you about is that I sold that play this morning. That is what made it possible for me to ask you to marry me and now that I have at last gotten it out, I want to keep saying it over and over."
"To tell you, I love you, gives me a thrill I've never had before," As much as I wanted Rod to tell me that he loved me, I knew that I did not want to decide whether I should marry him or not. I had an order to finish some magazine covers; I wanted to work on them that afternoon. So I told him that I could not go to tea.

"Well, how about dining with me tonight? I promise to tell you but once I love you, during the dinner."
"I'll be glad to dine with you tonight, Rod, but don't think I'm going to wear this gown. When you see me in one of my old sport suits you'll probably have no desire to tell me you love me."

"I can't understand why you say that, Kathryn," he said reproachfully.
"Because dear," I answered, "we've been good friends for more than a year and today is the first time you have been moved to tell me you loved me. I think you had better put into your next play some of the reaction men have to the psychology of love."

"Kathryn, you are cruel. I loved you from the first. It is a love that has grown in intensity until I had to tell you today. I had to tell it to you right here on Fifth Avenue. 'I wonder if you realize, dear, what an aloof personality you have. I have been a coward. I confess it, but I have loved you so much I have been afraid I would lose even that part of your life which we now have together if I put my love to the test. Please let me tell you at dinner tonight all that has been growing in my heart.'"
"You must not think of taking me to a smart place. I shall be too tired to put on my company clothes or my company manners. If we go somewhere in the village I'll be very glad to do."
"All right. We'll go to Polly's. Shall I call for you?"
"No, Rod. I'll meet you there at half past seven."

Kathryn Evans laid down her manuscript and picking up a sheet of note paper from the table close to her white iron hospital bed, wrote:

Dear Dick:
I am sending you a few sheets of my story. Is this the way you want me to write it?
I have gone into details to quite an extent, for it is Rod's proposal of marriage to me. I have also tried to give a few reasons why I objected so to the marriage ceremony and to give an inkling of the reason I insisted on going up into the Great Smoky Mountains and being married in the simplest possible manner and keeping it secret from the world.

Oh Dick, I have just read the afternoon papers and my heart is breaking.
They seem to be closing the web of circumstantial evidence more tightly about Rod. I read in one of the newspapers that the policeman who found us outside with the body, has just remembered that as he came up he heard Rod say, as if answered something I had said—"It is too late. Here comes a policeman."
Tomorrow—A Little Fool.

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



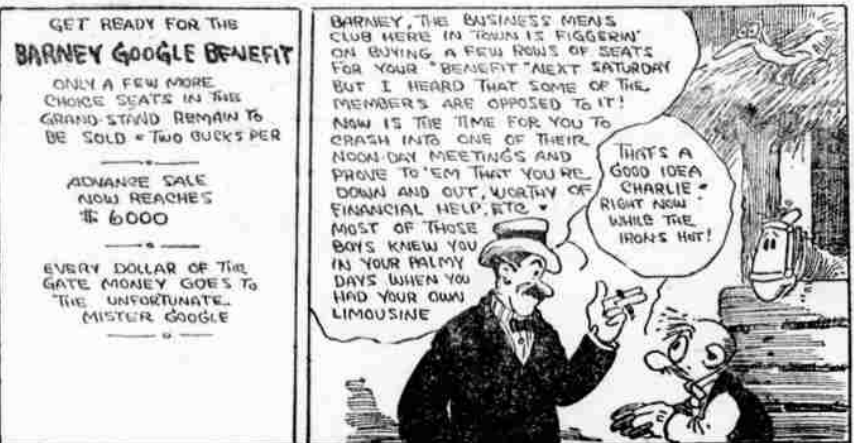
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By Billy de Beck

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

Barney Just Wanted to Stay "In Character"



KRAZY KAT

A Postage Stamp Wasted

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

The Caddies in Florida Are Quite Blase, and No Wonder.

By Bud Fisher



CORT DOCKET HOLDS 14,000 CASES IN PARIS

Paris, France.—The Paris court of appeals has well over 14,000 cases on its docket awaiting trial and the principal provincial courts of higher jurisdiction are in much the same situation. At the same time cases are added faster than old ones are decided.

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