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The Nigger In the Woodpile

Legislative probers of the office of state prohibition commissioner, have recommended that he be removed for the manner in which he has conducted the office and at the same time held that Governor Pierce was responsible for all of Cleaver's actions, finding "the governor's orders and directions have been strictly and literally followed" and that "the governor has personally assumed full responsibility," so that the blame rests with the governor, rather than his agent, which ought to be sufficient argument for the abolition of the office—for any other Pierce appointee would do likewise.

The committee also finds that the commissioner was "directed by the governor to keep in close touch with the superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League and to follow his advice, which the commissioner has consistently done," even to the extent of turning over state funds to be squandered in riotous entertainment of bootleggers.

Why should the Anti-Saloon League have anything more to do with law enforcement, than the Ku Klux Klan, or any other secret political organization that constitutes itself an agency to operate without the law, in the effort to supplant duly constituted authority?

What is the Anti-Saloon League? Like a great many other organizations, it consists of a very few individuals, more or less fanatical, calling themselves a league, who pay each other good salaries from collections taken up in churches following emotional and hysterical appeals against the Demon Rum. Originally organized and financed by big business to drive the saloon out of business, the graft proved too good to give up after its objective had been attained. It still affords fat retainers for a few at the expense of the many.

The Anti-Saloon League renders no accounting, does not report its campaign expenditures, but maintains its lobbies that coerce officials and candidates by threatening loss of the church vote unless its demands are complied with, as every legislator knows.

To turn over the police powers of the state to such an irresponsible organization is the acme of folly and it is small wonder that with it in control, prohibition enforcement has been discredited by scandal after scandal.

There is no assurance that conditions will be otherwise until law enforcement is turned over to duly elected peace officers as provided by the constitution. The legislature should get rid of the Anti-Saloon League as the nigger in the wood pile of enforcement.

Save the Highways

Before the legislature adjourns, it is to be hoped that sufficient penalties will be exacted from auto-truck and bus lines to recompense the state, at least partially, for the highways they are destroying by using them as a free right-of-way for commercial profit at the tax-payers expense.

Highways never were designed as arteries of commerce to supplant tax-paying railroads that maintain their own right-of-way, as is proven by the fact that Oregon's magnificent highway system, built for the convenience of the people and the attraction of tourist traffic, are rapidly being pounded to pieces. Every year the auto busses are enlarged to carry more passengers and the trucks increased in size and capacity to carry more freight and the tremendous pounding of these heavy loads is directly responsible for the disintegration of the highways. In a few years more, if something is not done to limit this traffic and curtail it, it will be necessary to rebuild the roads.

An investment by the public of \$60,000,000 is at stake. The tax should be high enough to provide a repairing and rebuilding fund. If the stage and truck lines cannot pay it and make a profit the public will be better off if they go out of business.

The fees provided in the bill that has passed the house are too low to either restrict traffic or provide the necessary revenue. They should be greatly increased.

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:—Will you allow me a space in your valuable paper for a few lines? What is all our states legislative confusion about? I believe its just simply politics. I see in some of our newspapers that Governor Pierce and most all his state appointees are deemed to political execution, and I was as no better way for governor Pierce than to use his veto as a freely and forcibly and let both houses of the legislature over ride his vetoes. I see in the Oregon statesman of Jan 30—1925 an article like this, "Lafollette Party is barred from attending republican party meet. It seems that the G.O.P. thinks that Lafollette and his party has committed the political unpardonable sin. I cannot see where Lafollette and his party has injured the G.O.P. any worse than Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram Johnson did in 1912. Why is the matter so urgent and the political decision so hasty, why should the G.O.P. be so hasty like the unthoughtful horse rushing in to battle, why not wait a time with patience until Lafollette and his party can be informed of their request and probably will be reconverted and sent back into the fold like Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram Johnson did, one man said the good Lord had bin better to the young pups than he had bin to him he said the Lord opened the pups eyes at 9 days old and he had allowed him to be a Republican forty years before he opened his political eyes, poor financially poor republicans lets get our political eyes open and not stand in our own light forty years more, stay with them governor Pierce, getting back to Normalcy!"

ate did not ratify the peace treaty the people would elect a senate that would ratify it but so far Mr. W. J. Bryan has been mistaken all on account of politics, will you please go back with me less than 2 years ago do you remember how our president Coolidge so freely and forcibly need big veto ax, how freely and forcibly congress and senate over rid his vetoes, and how the political need sprung up on Nov. 11—1924, and brought fourth fruit an hundred fold. I see in the Oregon statesman of Jan 30—1925 an article like this, "Lafollette Party is barred from attending republican party meet. It seems that the G.O.P. thinks that Lafollette and his party has committed the political unpardonable sin. I cannot see where Lafollette and his party has injured the G.O.P. any worse than Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram Johnson did in 1912. Why is the matter so urgent and the political decision so hasty, why should the G.O.P. be so hasty like the unthoughtful horse rushing in to battle, why not wait a time with patience until Lafollette and his party can be informed of their request and probably will be reconverted and sent back into the fold like Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram Johnson did, one man said the good Lord had bin better to the young pups than he had bin to him he said the Lord opened the pups eyes at 9 days old and he had allowed him to be a Republican forty years before he opened his political eyes, poor financially poor republicans lets get our political eyes open and not stand in our own light forty years more, stay with them governor Pierce, getting back to Normalcy!"

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TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

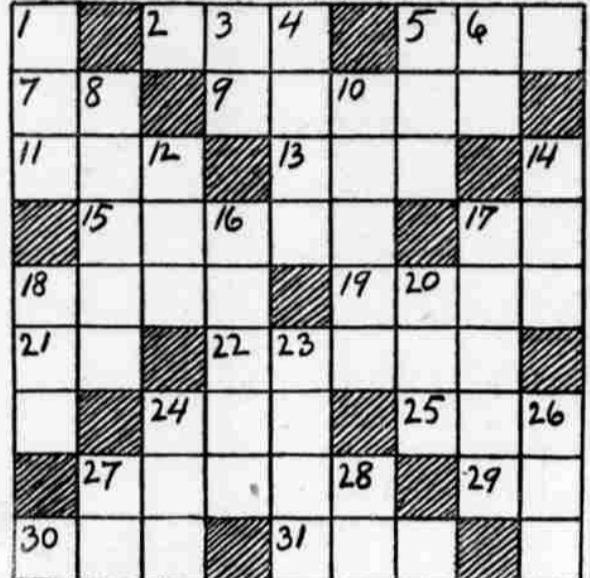
- To talk nonsense
- Recede
- Directed upward
- To roam
- A breach
- Gaseous substance
- Jewel
- Adjective
- Wagers
- On the same level
- Region of Abraham
- Rise and fall of oceans
- An abyss
- A toy
- To fondle
- Parent
- Past
- To wipe

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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SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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M	A	N	T	A	S	T	Y
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VERTICAL

- Past tense dig
- Roman bronze coin
- Leading actor
- Organ of hearing
- At hand
- An essay
- Irritated
- To fondle
- Public house
- Moving about
- Greek fabulist
- Small cake
- Veterinary (ab.)
- Newspaper paragraph
- Pastry
- To staff
- Belonging to me
- South (ab.)

A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

WOMAN, THE SACRIFICE
"Some one of the boys, Dick," said Kirby. "Got a chance to speak with one of the men who made the print this morning and as he remembered the blotted print on the rug he thought that they were quite different although he had not compared them when he talked with Conoley."
"You don't think—"
"I don't know what to think—"
"Rodney Evans would not commit murder, Jim."
"No, but Rodney Evans might shoot a man who insulted the woman he loved, even as you and I."
"Yes, he might do that," acquiesced Dick. "But if he had done it I do not believe that he would deny it. Rodney Evans is a man, Jim—even as you and I."
"No one, Dick, could tell me otherwise. But you must remember that Rodney has never denied the killing. On the contrary, he has threatened many times to 'confess' if anyone implicated Kathlyn in any way."
"But he would have told me, Jim. A man must be honest with his attorney at least."
"I do not say that he has not been honest with you. Whatever he has told about this murder may be easily attributed to the jealous care of Kathlyn. As I told you before, when a man is in love with a woman he can be counted on to make any and all kinds of an ass of himself."
"I will confess to you that I have all my theories of the case smashed, Jim, but I know Rodney Evans as well if not better than I know myself, and I am satisfied whoever did the deed, it was not he."
"I know that I shall be able to do this in some way at the trial for somewhere in this town is the person who shot Eldon Foss and someone is going to say something that will fasten the deed upon that person."
"What I want to know, however, is to prove that Rodney is innocent before the trial so that we can present our case and ask for dismissal."
"You are going to do this, Dick even though it puts Kathlyn behind the bars and lowers the friendship of Rod forever?"
"Yes, indeed, I am expecting that Kathlyn will make a slip somewhere in that statement she is writing for you. Here is another part of what she has written."
"Has she reached the events that led up to the tragedy?"
"I think not, for although I haven't read it, Kathlyn told me most of its contents before the men broke in to take her fingerprints."
"We'll just have to sit tight and wait from hour to hour. Did Kathlyn give you any more of her manuscript? I think we had better begin publishing it day after tomorrow," said Kirby abruptly as he took the sheets proffered him by the attorney.
"We'd like to announce it for Sunday and publish it before the whole thing grows cold. I think that as she is well enough to receive visitors I'll go up and see her. Someway I feel that the story is going to shed a great light on the whole thing."
"All right, go ahead. I'm sure she will have the story nearly finished when you arrive as I have promised her that she shall see Rod tomorrow if she will finish the story. I've not to keep her away from him unless you or I find something in the story that will give us another clue, for if Rod ever sees her he will take matters in his own hands and make that 'confession' that he is threatening."
"Jim, I'm quite sure that Rod knows that Kathlyn shot Foss even if it were done with Foss' own gun."
"Why are you so prejudiced against Kathlyn, Dick?"
"I don't think I am prejudiced against her except that I feel her foolishness has spoiled Rodney Evans' life and brought disgrace upon him just at the time when the world has opened up her treasures of fame and fortune to him."
"A woman can play the deuce with a man and from what I know of Kathlyn she is surely one to do it."
"I'll go up and talk with her and arrange for the announcement of Kathlyn Leonard's Owa Story."
"I believe, Jim, you would serve your own mother up on the pages of your newspaper," Starmount said with a quizzical smile.
"I hope the temptation will never come to me," said Jim Kirby, seriously.
"Goodbye and good luck, Jim. You will find me afterward in my apartment if you want me."
"Don't look so downcast, Dick. I believe things are working out all right and we'll get to the bottom of this matter very soon."
"It won't be right for me, Jim, if I find that Rodney Evans has had anything at all to do with this."
"You're wrong, Dick, you're wrong. Don't you understand that Rodney Evans would rather go to the chair than have it proved that the woman he loved had done the killing?"

Tomorrow—The Love of a Man
Quick Starting SHELL GASOLINE
By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

(Substituting for Barney Google, during Billy DeBeek's illness)



KRAZY KAT

Driving Them Mad



MUTT AND JEFF

The Orange Grove Is Like Jeff's Brain in its Infancy.

