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Aircraft Controversy

General Mitchell, of the aircraft service, will probably be promoted or otherwise penalized for daring to criticize official policies of the war and navy departments concerning the neglect of the aviation branches, but he has rendered a public service in forcing a thorough investigation.

Both army and navy are automatically ruled by rings of red tape bureaucrats, and any officer who disagrees or has the temerity to criticize them has no more chance of consideration than critics of Adjutant General White have in our own military machine. They are promptly flattened out by it—roller process.

Immunity from new ideas has always characterized our military autonomy. Most of modern war inventions were of American origin, but rejected by our army and navy staffs until utilized by European nations. Among them were high explosives, machine guns, submarines, and airships. Maxim left the United States in disgust over the rejection of his inventions, which England promptly utilized. Holland offered the United States his submarine for the Spanish American war and was laughed at—and it nearly won the war for Germany. Similarly the airship was neglected in the land of its inventor and developed by Europe.

There is more than a suspicion that our present neglect of aircraft is due to the fact that airplane and bomb have really relegated the warship to the scrap heap and rendered the navy obsolete, which would throw out of gear the entire military organization. As aviation is limited to youth, there is small wonder that both army and navy cliques are fighting against fate to perpetuate a machine that has outlived its usefulness.

Making Good

By defeating the paternalistic free school text-book bill the legislature added to its commendable record of negative achievement. This measure, designed to supply free text books, printed at state expense, to school pupils, would enormously increase our already top heavy school costs, without compensating benefits.

Of course it would be a fine thing for a few poverty stricken families to have the state supply the text books for the children, but on the same theory it would be still finer for the state to supply food and lodging as well as clothing. The rank and file are not in the pauper class, however, and private charity can be relied upon to assist the needy, in this as in other things.

It is characteristic of human nature not to value anything secured without a struggle. That is one reason why education is not appreciated as it was when it entailed personal sacrifice and hard work to secure it. Children are careless enough with books their parents purchase, but when the state supplies them, they are soon destroyed, under the supposition they are free, when as a matter of fact, nothing is free in this world—somebody always has to pay, and in this case it is the general public which directly or indirectly foots the bill.

By the way, this legislature is making a record better than the average, despite the lack of constructive achievement. It has passed no important bills and milled around on unimportant measures, but it has put to sleep an imposing array of paternalistic and freak proposals. The fewer laws a legislature enacts, the better for the people for there are altogether too many on the statute books.

SENATE VOTES TO RAISE PAY OF PROSECUTORS

A strong fight was made in the senate yesterday afternoon against house bill No. 215, increasing the salaries of the district attorneys of Oregon, but not quite strong enough to keep the bill from passing. The opponents were successful enough in committee of the whole, however, to cut the salary proposed for the Multnomah prosecutor from \$6,000 to \$5,500, which still leaves him a \$1,000 increase, and to decrease the salaries proposed for his two chief deputies from \$2,700 to \$2,400 each, and third from \$2,500 to \$2,100. Senators Eddy, Butler and others fought strenuously to knock out the provision made for raising the money to pay the increased salaries, but in vain. This provision is the addition of \$5 to the filing fees in divorce cases, making the regular charge \$10. This, it is estimated, will produce about \$19,000 a year, while the total increase in the salaries is a little more than \$12,000.

With the amendments affecting Multnomah county the bill passed by a vote of 18 to 11. The vote was:

For—Banks, Carson, Clark, Davis, Dennis, Dunn, Eddy, Fisk, Hall, Hare, Johnson, Kinney, Klapper, Maglady, Miller, Rittner, Upton, Moser.

Against—Brown, Butler, Corbett, Garland, Joseph, LaFollett, Haples, Strayer, Taylor, Tooez, Zimmerman.

Excused—Boas.

Senator Upton, chairman of the judiciary committee, explained the amendments that had been made in committee to more nearly equalize the measure. Taylor and Tooez opposed it at the outset, and Rittner fought it on grounds that it increased the salary of the Multnomah district attorney completely out of proportion to the salaries of other prosecutors. He said if this were cut to \$5,250 he would support the bill.

amend out of the bill what he termed the unjust provision for providing the funds. Strayer took a stand similar to that of Eddy, declaring there wasn't anything many in the bill. He and Eddy asserted that it unjustly placed the burden of the salary increase on women involved in divorce cases, many of whom were described as poor women with many children about them. This caused Senator Hare to declare that 99 out of every 100 women who seek divorces are "flappers who have discarded their husbands and want new ones, each with a gentleman in waiting."

"Senator, do you not recall at paying these salaries with that tainted money?" interrupted Eddy heatedly.

Hare maintained that the provision was fair.

The vote on the question of going into committee of the whole was announced as having failed, and Rittner, Johnson and Eddy had further discussed the merits of the bill when Eddy was interrupted by President Moser who announced that the clerk had made an error and that the senate actually was in committee of the whole.

The change in the Multnomah salaries was not carried easily enough, but Eddy's motion to strike the provision relating to divorce case fees, after a hard fight, was defeated.

WEST LINN TO MEET SALEM

Tonight the Salem high school basketball five will return to their home floor when they meet the West Linn five. This is the first home game the locals have had since January 30, when they met the Eugene five.

Salem will more than likely get a win over the visitors tonight although they gave Salem a hard run in the game on the West Linn floor. Salem was trailing behind during most of the game but forged ahead in the last quarter and won 20 to 19. If Salem wins tonight West Linn will be eliminated for the district championship unless Salem strikes a snag before the season closes and gets in a tie which is unlikely.

In Mosby the visitors have a fast man who is able to score from nearly all angles of the floor. J. Drager, who got off to a bad start, is going good since the two-game series at Ashland. Tonight's game will start at the usual time.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Present
4. Armored car
7. Darkness
9. Exclamation
11. Netlike
12. British India
13. Peel
15. One
17. Navy
18. Old Nurse
19. Fragments
21. Makes greater
23. Academy of Science
24. Metallic element
26. In like manner
27. Mantle
29. Mark
30. Self-satisfied

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

S	K	I	P	E	A	R	S
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VERTICAL

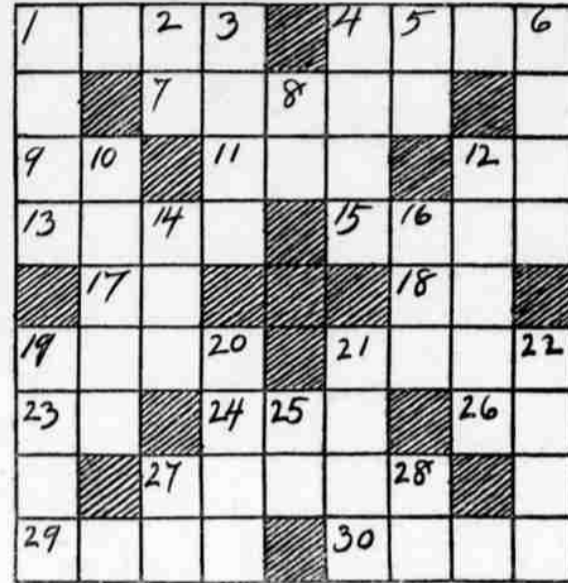
1. Used in washing
2. Upon
3. Tree
4. By means of
5. Close to
6. Contract
7. Leave
8. Delivers
9. Constrains
10. Wand
11. Incline
12. Cereal grass
13. Celestial body
14. Insects
15. Refrain
16. Within
17. Mama
18. Present of to be

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

THE HOUR HAS COME

I remember in writing to Rodney I said: I wish I did not have to think of it but whenever I am filled with the joy of your love I am afflicted by the thought of losing it.

Instinctively I have tried to choose. Were it better to put my love away in lavender where I might go sometimes and enjoy its fragrant memory than to grasp its immediate bliss only to find my hands, that I had empty? Even if one does not have so much happiness, one does not have as much sorrow.

Yes, I know, dear, that until some other and better thing is worked out of our future civilization in regard to marriage, the safety of the race demands—and rightly—that there should always be some legalized action taken by the two people who intend to become partners in the great business of carrying on the race.

I do not acknowledge that there is anything about the ecclesiastical marriage ceremony that seems to make its bonds any more holy or less likely to be broken than those entered into at the office of a Justice of the peace.

The mere fact that two people love each other truly and loyally makes their union holy whether they plight their vows under civil or church rules.

I love you, Rodney. I want you for my husband. I want to be your wife, consequently I want that union to be legal because I believe it necessary to be a good citizen of my country and I want to keep all of its laws.

I am selfish enough, however, to want that union to last forever, something that the mere promising by either you or me will not affect either one way or the other.

We are both human beings, to criticize your coming and go-

ings any more than I shall allow you to criticize mine. You shall be punctilious as you are now when you ask me to accompany you to dinner or to the theater and I shall do as I have done in the past and give you special invitations to dine with me in my little studio apartment.

You shall not feel at liberty to come to me until I invite you and you may refuse my invitations if you are so inclined.

If you can subscribe to all this we shall conform to the old conventions of the wedding ceremony, but we shall make our married life one in which both of us are thoroughly free and independent.

I am sure that when we are not bound we shall seek each other, if we were bound we would seek some other.

Darling, I am waiting for you. Instead of your going up to the camp in the Adirondacks, where you told me you were going last night, follow me to the wildest place I know in the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee.

I am leaving for the south immediately. I haven't a doubt that you will not be as happy in this unconventional marriage of ours, as I know I am going to be.

I have been unconsciously planning all my life this kind of union with the man I would love.

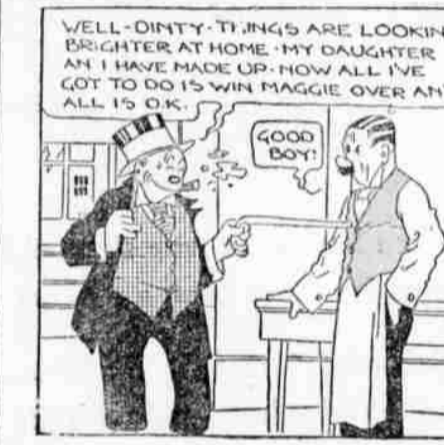
My hour has come. I shall wait impatiently for you in Knoxville. If you are not with me by the end of the week, I shall know that my plan has not suited you and we will separate before instead of after marriage and each go his own way.

Until I hear from you or see you I am yours and yours only.
KATHLYN.
Tomorrow—The New Wife.

CUTS-SORES
Cleanse thoroughly—then, without rubbing apply—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER

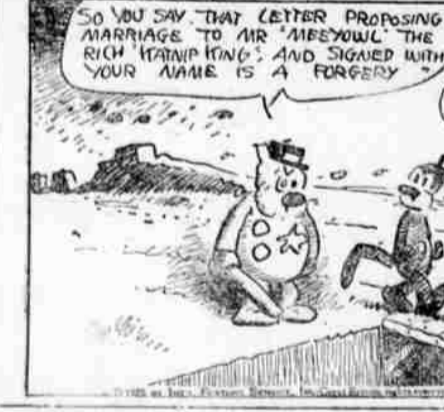


DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT



MUTT AND JEFF

Jeff Prepares to Horn Into Palm Beach Society.

By Bud Fish

