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State House Economy

If a business man or corporation finds that costs of operation exceed revenue, drastic curtailment of expenditures follows and expenses are cut to balance receipts, for the only alternative is bankruptcy.

It has evidently never occurred either to the governor or the legislature to treat the state's business affairs as they would their own. This attitude is characteristic of government operation everywhere, with politicians intent on patronage in control, and is the reason it does not and never can pay.

With prospects of a million dollar shortage in sight, the governor presented no practical plan of economy, and the legislature has not passed any measures to effect economy. Instead, it has created new sources of expenditure, provided additional boards and raised salaries generally.

The governor could have recommended and the legislature enacted a comprehensive plan of consolidation of departments which would have materially reduced payroll and made for greater efficiency. They could have placed the higher educational institutions under a single board of regents and operated them as one big state school, instead of rival institutions and saved a million dollars to the taxpayers. They could have united the fish, game, forestry and other boards under one conservation commission and saved hundreds of thousands of dollars. They could have placed all the commissions and boards upon the budget system and turned all their revenues over to the secretary of state—as they should be with the surplus going into the general fund.

These are simple commonsense adjustments that any business man would adopt for his own financial welfare—but the idea of economy prevailing in both in the administrative and legislative branches is to spend more money than there is in sight and hunt up some new way to soak the people by new taxation.

Expensive Tax Saving

The financial tangle in which the legislature finds itself is due primarily to the action of Governor Pierce and former Treasurer Myers in fixing the tax levy too low to yield the necessary revenue to cover state expenditures. Although directed by law to fix the state levy to provide sufficient revenue for needs of government, the levy was placed so as to yield \$1,000,000 less than required, in order to force the legislature to seek other means of raising money and thus make good the Governor's claims to having reduced general taxation.

The Governor, sore over the defeat of the income tax, sought to force the legislature to raise the necessary revenue by enacting some of his pet measures, a tax on cigarettes, a severance tax on timber, a tax on gross earnings of corporations, a tax on cosmetics, a tax on movie films, and an income tax.

The Ways and Means committee, faced with the necessity of raising the required revenue, has abandoned a millage tax on general property because of the Governor's assurance of a veto and proposed:

- A tax on tobacco and tobacco manufacturers.
- A tax on motion pictures.
- A gross earnings tax on public utilities.
- A tax on cosmetics.

As none of these taxes which will all be passed on to the people can be levied with an emergency clause, a referendum will be invoked upon them all, necessitating either holding them up until the next general election in 1926 or providing a special election this summer, at a cost of \$100,000 to the state. If the taxes are beaten by popular vote, another session of the legislature at \$2,500 per day will be necessitated to provide other taxes.

The force program of Governor Pierce is proving expensive to Oregon.

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:— Would you please allow a few lines respecting the Rowan movement. Recent dispatches from Oakland and Hollywood, Calif., state that next Friday at midnight companies here of the Rowan cult expect the Saviors to appear at that time. They style themselves "Reformed Adventists." This writer wishes to state that he has had church relationship with the S. D. Adventists for nearly 45 years and can positively state that this "reformed" movement is utterly repudiated and their work condemned by the 294,000 and more of the membership.

It has been denounced publicly through the denominational periodicals and the people warned against it. A few weeks ago, Mrs. Rowan was in Salem but did not appear at the church. We as Adventists do not know when Jesus will return. We have always held this position. We have always held it to be wrong to prophesy time, as it is against Bible teaching. It may be near but when, no one but the God of heaven knows.

We as a people believe that such prophecies to be yet done before the end is reached. The great Eastern question involving the nations of Europe must be first settled which it now is not, and what might be called "The Western Question" yet remains to be worked out in the United States. This involves a religious-political movement which will require time to solve. So we have to turn down any time proposition that may come up.

This is not the first move that we have had to meet. Just 40 years ago one J. M. Cummins in the State of Michigan set Oct. 22, 1884. About 25 years ago a movement was launched at Livingston, Montana, by one Stanton. The wave struck at a point in Southern Oregon and went no further. Others might be named and others will arise. We fully expect it. These vagaries we

have to meet and tend to make us and our work unpopular. This we cannot help.

Feb. 4. — 1915 6th St. West Salem.

To the Editor:—I have noticed in recent issues of The Capital Journal articles suggesting that Liberty street be given the name of Broadway street.

Honorable people of Salem and worthy mayor and councilmen, allow me to extend a few remarks in behalf of the property holders of North Salem.

We are proud of Broadway street because it is one of the widest streets in Salem. It leads into the heart of our city, and leads through one of the most progressive sections of the town. It is a street which is traveled by three of the largest business enterprises of our city, and we are proud of them.

We the people of North Salem are not in favor of making the change from Liberty to Broadway, but we are in favor of interesting High and Broadway together by a bridge across Mill creek and making a straight street from State street north to Highland avenue. Then call the street Broadway from State north. This would bring North Salem into the heart of the business district and eliminate the crooked street. As residents of Salem we are interested in beautifying and making it a model pattern for other cities. It is for the benefit of Salem, the Broadway residents and North Salem people are for it. Remember we can have "Big Broadway" as well as other cities in the west.

G. N. IRELAND.
1092 Broadway street, Salem, Oregon.
London Feb. 21.—(By Associated Press) Bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace this morning on the condition of King George, who is suffering from bronchitis, says: "His majesty's temperature has not yet settled. Progress continues, though slowly."

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Male hog
- Submissive
- Indefinite article
- Imp. of cat
- Mining Engineer
- To ward off
- Shiff, wtry grass
- Very tall structure
- Word of negation
- To have existence
- Puts on
- A specifically mentioned time

VERTICAL

- Storehouse for hay
- Preposition
- To move swiftly
- A pond
- Unit printing measurement
- Sees (Noun)
- Toward or into place
- To render odorous
- To curroll
- Angry
- River in Russia
- Leaving
- Form of verb
- A waist band
- Trouble (Seot)
- Plant of 1
- Egg in embryo
- Bill of exchange

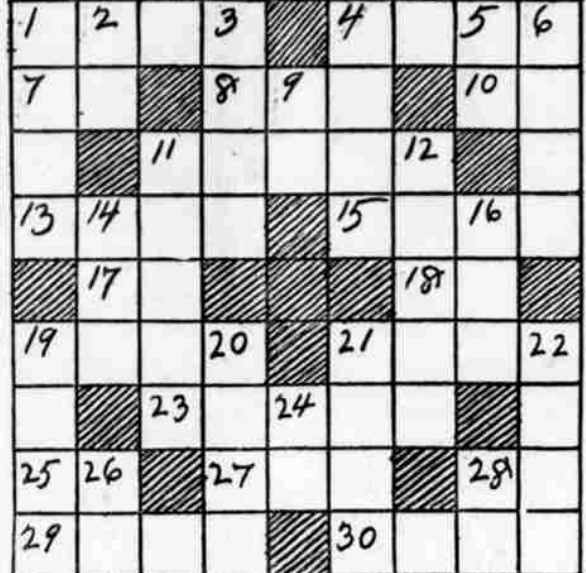
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HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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.



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A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
(By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON)

The Voice From the Mountains
The manuscript that Dick Starmount had been reading stopped there and he smiled to himself as he thought that Kathlyn Evans had at least a sense of dramatic values. She had ended this part of her story in a most interesting place. She had made even him—lawyer and sophisticated man of the world that he was—rather curious to see what she would write next.

"A telegram for you, Mr. Starmount. I'm sending it right up," said the clerk as Dick took off the receiver at the telephone's tinkling summons.

Harriedly opening the envelope Dick read: "Kathlyn Leonard and Rodney Evans were married by me Sept. 2, 1923. Marriage placed on record by me at the court house at Knoxville, Coddish Huntington." Starmount went directly to the telephone and called up Jim Kirby.

"Glad you phoned, Dick," he said "I was just going to ring you up. The fingerprints on the other gun were not Kathlyn's. I think, old man, we'll have to reconstruct our theories."

"Do you think there is another woman in the case?"
"I don't know. I know only that the fingerprints of one man are on that gun and they are Rodney Evans's."

"I don't care, Jim," Dick Starmount said subornly. "I'll never think Rodney Evans killed that man until after he is convicted and he tells me that the conviction is just."

"I have called you up to tell you that I have the proof of the marriage, Dick. Shall I send it to the Central News Bureau?"
"Yes, do that. Also send me up any more of Kathlyn's story you may have."

Jim Kirby did not ask what the questions were. He knew without being told.
"Kathlyn, your finger prints were not on that gun," said Dick abruptly as the two men entered her room.
Kathlyn Evans looked in surprise. "Of course, they were not, Dick. You did not expect they were there, did you? I thought that was why you tried to keep the men from taking mine."
"Kathlyn, did you kill Elton Foss?" Starmount asked solemnly.
"Dick Starmount, have you suddenly lost your mind? You have nearly asked me that question several times before, but you should know very well that I did not. Do you think I would have let Rod stay in jail one moment after I knew he had been arrested for the murder, if I had been guilty of it?"
"Do you think Rod killed him?"
Kathlyn Evans did not answer. Instead, she asked in terror: "Surely you do not think it was Rod?"
"I am asking you, Kathlyn, what you think," interrupted Starmount, sternly.

"I am Rodney Evans's wife. I do not have to answer a question like that, even to his lawyer," she said immediately on the defensive.
Monday—The Soul Speaks.

TWO FORGOTTEN CITIES

DISCOVERED IN PERU

Buenos Aires, Feb. 21.—A dispatch from La Nación from Lima, Peru, says that ancient cities, one of Inca and the other pre-Inca origin, have been discovered in the mountains near Cuzco.

The discoverer says that he found remains of stone buildings, a temple and a fountain in the Inca city.

Lausanne Treaty Announced

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Lausanne treaty for re-establishment of full diplomatic and commercial relations with Turkey was approved today with reservations by the foreign relation committee.

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

Who Started This?



MUTT AND JEFF

Jeff Falls Under the Spell of the Palm Beach Moon and Then Regrets It.

By Bud Fisher

