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Reorganization Needed

Necessity for a complete reorganization of the state's financial system is made apparent by the present financial crisis. Any other solution will but postpone the issue another two years.

There is a shortage of \$1,600,000 between the recommended demands for appropriations and the money provided by the tax levy, necessitating the raising of this money by special and extraordinary taxation, known as nuisance taxes, all of which will have to be authorized by the people before enforced.

The six percent tax limitation prevents the raising of but \$5,622,596 when \$7,278,455 is required. Yet this \$7,278,455 is but one-third of the money the state must raise every biennium for state purposes, the balance being out of control of the legislature. The other \$14,076,257 raised by millage taxation, is out of control of the legislature, or supervision of state officials.

The state university gets by millage tax \$1,724,463, the agricultural college \$2,552,510, and both are asking for additional large sums. The Monmouth normal gets \$211,766 and seeks \$313,000 more. The blind school gets \$84,710. The soldiers bonus fund gets \$1,588,320, the elementary schools \$4,235,522.

If all of the millage taxes should be abolished and all appropriations made by the legislature and their expenditure controlled by state officers, for the policy of giving spending bodies control of taxation and revenues is absurd and leads to waste. It is one of the causes of high taxes.

Giesy Is Right

Mayor Giesy is right in his stand for maintenance of the one hour auto parking limit for the business district, despite the petition of the business men. One hour is long enough for any one to do all the shopping necessary in a block.

Arrests made of those parking the cars over the limit have been nearly altogether of residents of Salem. Few farmers have been guilty and farmers generally favor the hour limit.

Until this limit was established the curbs were congested from morn till night by the cars of business men and employes who use the auto to ride to and from work. Since the enforcement of the law a farmer can now find space for his car. He could not before.

One other change should be made by the council to take Salem completely out of the hick town class, and that is to abandon the obsolete backing-in parking and adopt the head in system, which has so many advantages that it has been almost universally adopted. It is just as sensible to back a car into a garage as to back it into a parking, yet no one ever does.

Market Roads and Stage and Truck Bills are Passed

Forty-three days of legislative deliberation have finally borne fruit. The first bills of any particular consequence to be enacted by both houses materialized Monday afternoon when the senate approved house bills 4 and 412, the first placing the construction of market roads under the supervision of the state highway department, and the second providing regulation and assessing operating fees upon the trucks, buses and other commercial vehicles using the state highways.

There was practically no opposition to either measure, although both were discussed at length. Both have been amended since passing the house and will have to go back there for concurrence in the amendments, but there is no evidence that any of the alterations will be rejected.

Supervision Provided
Briefly outlined, house bill 4 as it passed the senate, provides the county courts, except in counties where there is too little market road to justify the employment of an engineer, shall appoint a road engineer having at least two years of practical experience as a road builder. The county court is to determine the compensation of the engineer, but the work and engineering is to be under the supervision of the highway department.

The county courts are required to select and designate certain roads as market roads, subject to the approval of the highway commission, and the courts may add to this market road system from time to time, but they cannot drop from the system any road without the permission of the highway department. The courts are authorized to designate the roads to be improved and the order in which they are to be improved, but the highway commission must approve the type of construction and the plans and specifications.

Contract Work Required
The bill requires that all market road construction work must be done under contract, except in counties having their own road-building equipment and where the highway commission deems it to the advantage of the county to do its own work. The highway department is required to furnish plans and specifications for bridges and culverts without cost to the counties.

It is left optional with the county courts to determine whether or not market road money is to be spent on state highways, but it is provided that no market road money is to be spent on the Pacific highway, the Columbia River highway, the Old Oregon Trail, the Roosevelt highway, or the Coos Bay highway. Each

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TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

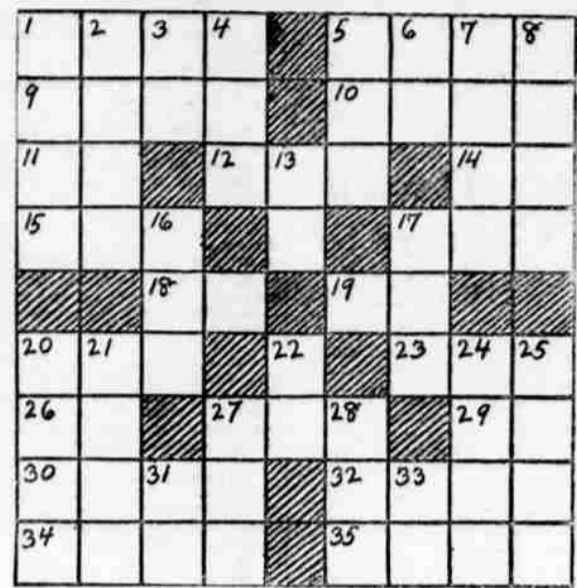
1. Sound
5. Low
9. Man's Name
10. Made use of
11. Third note in scale
12. Drunkard
13. Advertisement (ab.)
14. Finish
17. Subtle
18. Either
19. Parent
20. Meet (imp.)
23. Tilt
25. And (L)
27. German electrician
29. Exist
30. Over again
32. Ireland
34. Halting
35. Direction

VERTICAL

1. Not wild
2. Portent
3. Word negation
4. Suffix
5. Conjunction
6. So
7. To make tight
8. Soaring current
13. With unbroken advance
16. To mark with
17. Saturday (ab.)
20. Hiss
21. Volcanic mountain
22. Exclamation
24. Wading bird
25. Closely confined
27. To be in debt
28. Molt
31. Eminent (ab.)
33. Concerning (L)

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. 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 uninterrupted.



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A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME

Two vertical lines formed themselves between Dick Starmount's eyes as he heard Rodney Evans say solemnly that he did not kill Elton Foss.

Starmount had not from the first believed that his friend was guilty, consequently he had built his case entirely around Kathryn. Now that he had been assured beyond doubt that Kathryn Leonard Evans had not killed Foss, he was entirely at a loss as to a solution. Again he looked at Rodney, the lines on Dick's forehead grew deeper.

He could hardly make himself believe that even on as stormy a night as that on which Foss had met his death, could a murderer have been committed on a public street with two people looking on and yet the murderer escape.

All the circumstantial evidence now pointed directly to Rodney; added to that was Rodney's jealousy of Foss as a motive. This motive would show in Kathryn's story which had already started in Jim's paper.

Starmount groaned. Both Jim and he had blundered over that story. He decided he must go immediately to Jim's rooms and have that part of Kathryn's story in which she had quarreled over Foss, cut out. Under no condition must it reach the public.

Rodney hearing Dick groan asked, "What is the matter?"

"I've got to build an entirely new case, Rod."

"Why?" asked Evans shortly. "Surely you never suspected either Kathryn or me?"

"Are you sure, Rod, that you saw no one that night except Kathryn until the officers came?" Dick asked, striving to keep from answering Rod's question.

"Why, man, don't you realize that except when the terrific lightning zig-zagged the sky no one could see his hand before him? The only reason I could see Kathryn was because she was standing on the steps directly in the light which came through the doorway. I did not see nor hear even the police officers until they were right upon us."

"Well, I'll have to get busy immediately," Dick said wearily. "Someone will have to be found who fired that gun. It was someone who knew Foss intimately for undoubtedly the gun was his."

"That was my first thought, Dick. That was the reason I put it back in his pocket."

"It was a very silly thing for you to do, Rod. In my long work in the criminal courts I have found that when either an innocent or a guilty man tries on the spur of the moment to manufacture evidence, he always defeats his own end."

"I've got to leave you now, Rod. I'll bring Kathryn over this afternoon to see you. The doctor says she is well enough. Keep up your courage, old man. I'm going over the whole evidence again and see where we have switched off, followed the 'wrong clue.'"

"Turning the whole case over in his mind as he rode to Jim's rooms, Richard Starmount could not discover any new lead that he might follow. Utterly discouraged, he parked his car in front of Jim's rooms. As his feet touched the ground a new avenue in his brain seemed to open.

that belonged to himself or at least that he had purchased for someone and if, as has been proved, he could not have shot himself, then someone had stolen that gun from him or had been given it by Foss himself.

Men seldom give revolvers to other men under any circumstances. It hardly looked as though Vernon Stodman would steal a man's gun purposely to kill him with it.

Dick Starmount drew a sigh of relief. He knew now why he had been so sure that Kathryn had done it. All the while there had been a sub-conscious thought that some woman had killed Foss. That was why he had been so sure it was Kathryn.

With this implanted in his consciousness Starmount went up to Jim Kirby's rooms.

Before he could say a word Kirby jumped up and shook his hand effusively.

"I've got it, Dick; I've got it. I know all the time that Kathryn would say something that would put us on the right track. Foss was murdered by one of the numerous women his name has been connected with in the last year. Round them up and among them you will find who did it."

Quick Starting
SHELL
GASOLINE

The Screen Star
Rupert Hughes
Excuse me!

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

A Public Secret

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

It Looked Like Getting Money From Home to Augustus Mutl.

By Bud Fisher

