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The Albany Merger

Consolidation of Albany's two daily newspapers, the Democrat and Herald, reflects the tendency of the times for fewer and better newspapers. Plant and operating costs have so increased that newspaper mergers have been forced throughout the country in order to render service demanded by the public.

So large an investment is nowadays required, even for a small town daily, that the day of the fly-by-night journal, established for political control or to promote clique, party or private interests, is passing away. The result has been a survival of the fittest and a stabilizing of the industry.

A newspaper is a mirror of the community in which it is published, recording the happenings and reflecting its progress. Its advertising columns as truly picture the calibre and merchandizing ability of its merchants as its news columns the social character of the place.

In order to properly function for public service, the newspaper must make a profit for itself, not for any special interest, or as a part of something else or to advocate a special cause. It therefore cannot be independent unless it earns its living.

Albany will be the gainer by the consolidation as it will replace two unprofitable newspapers with one profitable one, for the field was too small to adequately support both. One strong paper is better for any community than two weak ones, for it is enabled to expand with the community and render better public service. Advertisers and readers will profit by the merger.

The example of the Albany newspapers should be generally followed by those of other small towns which are trying to maintain two dailies where there is only a field for one and the futile competition is destroying both at the expense of the community.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Skilled in art
6. Exist
8. Low wet land
9. Vase
10. Belonging to me
11. Kernel of fruits
15. Numeral
16. From (to)
18. Roughly
19. To repeat
20. In direction toward
21. Still
22. To pull
23. Like
26. Self
27. A little island
30. Note of musical scale
31. To sound slightly

VERTICAL

1. Before noon (ab.)
2. A mole sleep
3. To endeavor
4. Isiah (ab.)
5. Leather foot covering
6. Newly married woman
7. Penetrates
9. Directed upward
12. Thick liquid mixture
13. Pronoun (poet)
14. Word of refusal
17. Cosmetic
21. Heroic poem
23. To dream
24. Attitude (ab.)
25. Secretary (ab.)
28. Thus
29. Thursday (ab.)

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

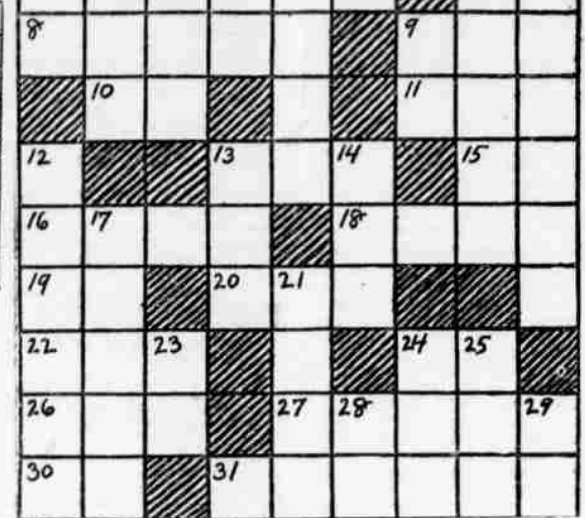
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HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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)

LIVING A LIE

"I had just come to that conclusion, Jim," Starmont said, when Kirby had told him that Rose had been murdered by one of the many women with whom he had had affairs. "How did you find it out at this time?"

"From Kathryn's story. As we thought, she did say something which has put us on the right track. You will see it as plain as day when you hear it. Listen, this is what Kathryn has written."

Day after day Rodney and I drifted further apart and I watched my whole scheme of life crumble to dust.

I had to acknowledge to myself that my own marriage was more of a failure than those I saw about me. I had to acknowledge that my dream of happiness had dissolved and with the rude awakening came the fact that even my friends thought I was a discarded sweetheart of Rodney Evans.

I had no redress. My reputation—the reputation which I had so blithely considered as naught, beside my ally and egotistical plan of a secret marriage in which both myself and Rod were to live just as we had before—was gone.

I had lost love and I had not retained even the empty honor of being an honest wife.

I found that I was encountering many annoying advances from men whom I hardly knew and I had also found something which made even more discomfort for me. Rod was like a dog in the manger. He was intensely jealous of any man who paid me attention. He took all the liberty that our queer marriage contract gave to him but he seemed to think I was bound by all the wily conventions even if the world didn't know there had been a wed-

Rod's attention to Sada Fillmore was the theme of every gossip in The Village. Naturally I was hurt and humiliated to the point where it became an obsession with me to be seen in a popular restaurant, preferably one where Rod and Sada would be almost every night.

This led to constant quarrels between Rod and myself, for when he reproached me for being seen so often with the woman that he was always with Sada Fillmore.

"It's all wrong, Kathryn," he said one evening. "We are living a lie quite as much as though we were living together, not married. Let's make our marriage public."

I, too, felt that I was, insisted that we should not do so. I did not want my friends to know that my plan of life which I had so often expounded to them was not livable.

"Then," Rod said, "we shall have to go our different ways. I shall not return here until something definite is done."

Strange isn't it that two people can love each other as much as Rodney Evans and I and yet let hatred and stubborn pride come between them. I know now that there isn't so great a chasm between love and hate as people think. As soon as Rod told me that he was not coming to see me again, I felt immediately that I could not live without him. The same kind of emotion must have stirred Rod's heart for he turned to me saying: "Kathryn, why do we quarrel? Surely not two people who have been as happy as we could part and go our separate ways without great regret."

"Put on your wraps and we'll go somewhere to dinner and then you come with me to the theater. The other night Sada gave me an

idea for a new scene to "pop up," that second act opening; we're going to try it tonight. We'll have to hurry though because I told her I would be there before seven."

Then and there I discovered in me those human qualities which I had ignored in planning our secret marriage—jealousy and pride of possession. Neither Rod nor I were super-human; to each of us love had meant possession. The introduction of Sada Fillmore's name from the acceptance of Rod's dinner invitation on my lips.

"I'm sorry dear," I said, "but I have already made an engagement to dine with Elton Foss."

Elton Foss' name did the same thing to Rod that Sada Fillmore's did to me.

Furiously he accused me of caring more for other men than for him, saying: "Oh, what's the use if you cared you would break your engagement with Foss."

"And if you cared you would break your engagement with Sada Fillmore. There is no reason for talking me around to give triumph to the attention that you shower upon Miss Fillmore. I do not intend to be tied to her chariot wheel!"

"I don't know but that it is better to be tied to Miss Fillmore's chariot wheel than to be victoriously exploited by Elton Foss."

"Go," I said furiously. "Go, I hate you. Do not return to me until you can treat me with respect."

It seemed to me that Rod turned away a little reluctantly but I told myself perhaps I was mistaken that I saw only reluctance in him. I wanted him, oh I wanted him to come back.

Tomorrow—The Foolish Wife.

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A Split Session

Another legislative session is passing into history with the usual last minute jam, despite the hold-over session. Bills pending all session are rushed through by the hundreds in the closing hours, without opportunity for proper consideration and appropriations totalling seven millions voted in seven minutes.

All of which emphasizes the need of a split legislative session, during the first part of which the bills will be introduced, then after a period of adjournment, during which the bills can be studied, the session reconvenes for action upon the measures.

States which have adopted this plan have found that it works successfully and avoids a mass of ill-considered and defective legislation. Such a plan should again receive serious consideration of both legislature and people.

TOBACCO LEVY EARNINGS TAX FINANCE PLAN

When the legislature adjourns this afternoon or at an indefinite later hour, it will have laid down two programs for raising the necessary million odd dollars for meeting added state expenses during the next two years if the house program agreed upon yesterday afternoon is carried out.

One scheme levies a 10 per cent tax on cigars, cigarettes and tobacco; a 10 per cent levy on the incomes of all state boards and commissions, a gross earnings tax on railways and other public utilities to yield about \$80,000 in the next biennium and a tax on vendors of drugs and toilet articles. This set of bills was passed by the house yesterday afternoon after a long wrangle.

Representative Bennett of Multnomah county, a member of the ways and means committee, urged passage of the measure. "It is a tax that will not hurt anybody," he declared.

Representative Bates of Clatsop county fought the scheme, declaring that it would cost the average cigar smoker as much a year as does his automobile license.

Representative Hazlett of Hood River charged that the principle was un sound.

Representative Carkin of Jackson county explained that he did not like it any more than a child likes castor oil, but that it seemed best "to hold our noses and swallow it."

"This is the first time we are departing from the usual method of raising money by taxation in this state," answered Lomorgan. "Nobody can tell how much this scheme will raise. We should not branch off, simply because the governor has brought about such an emergency. If it is an emergency."

The house finally adopted the measure by a vote of 39 to 20.

Earnings Tax Voted

Next the house passed house bill 485 setting a levy on railways and public utility corporations to raise more than \$80,000 during the next two years for the support of the public service corporations. Little debate marked the passage of the bill, only six votes being registered against it. This was the measure the governor intimated upon last week if he were to approve the \$100,000 appropriation for the commission. Incidentally, the house during the afternoon recess passed over his veto the appropriation measure.

The climax night came over house bill 502 forcing all boards and commissions to turn in from 10 to 15 per cent of their fees collected to the general fund. A 15 per cent rate was set for the game commission along with the fish commission, insurance department and state marker agent.

A unified group went up from those interested in the game commission.

Kirkwood and Cowell led off on the fight against the measure. Kirkwood strove to get a substitute bill before the house, but failed.

Finally Representative Carkin moved for a five-minute recess to allow the ways and means committee to confer on the matter. They returned to recommend that the 15 per cent levy be dropped to 10 per cent. The measure then passed with 12 negative votes.

Direct Levy Proposed.

The other scheme is a straight one-mill levy on real property of the state. It is scheduled to come up from the ways and means committee this morning.

It will be left to the governor to choose which system shall be used. Then when the governor has made his choice, the lawmakers will answer the complainants against which every tax is levied by a shrug of the shoulder and the explanation "it was Governor Pierce's choice."

It is practically a foregone conclusion that the governor will veto the millage levy.

Charges that the governor with Jefferson Myers, former state treasurer, had been responsible for putting the legislature "in a hole on the special tax proposition" were voiced by a number of speakers on the special tax bill.

Coffey Blames Pierce

"If Governor Pierce had done what he should have, this situation would not have arisen," declared Representative Coffey, Multnomah county, in assailing the bill taxing tobacco. "The budget board has made levies in other years. In 1924 it set a levy for \$1,577,896. This was not done for this year because the governor sought to force the legislature to levy special tax. He got things out in this shape; let him get things out."

Representative Kirkwood argued along the same line. "There is no reason for a special tax on particular articles," he maintained. "Let's put on an extra mill general tax."

Representative Mott sought to do so the measure tabled but received no second.

Representative Hazlett, Peffer, Lomorgan, Swan and others opposed it.

Swan Resent's Pressure.

"Were it possible to vote for this without having been put in the position of having been bulldozed into it, I would vote for it," declared Swan.

Representative Gordon, chairman of the joint ways and means

UNDERWOOD BILL TO DIE IN CONFERENCE

Washington, Feb. 25.—Belief that the Underwood bill for leasing Muscle Shoals would die in conference was expressed today by Representative Longworth, the republican leader, who said he saw little possibility of senate and house conferees reaching an agreement which the senate would accept before adjournment March 4.

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA



KRAZY KAT



MUTT AND JEFF

