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Misses the Point

Governor Picre by vetoing H. B. 384 has tacitly approved the publication and circulation by irresponsible parties of the yellow, green, red and other tickets on the eve of elections. The bill required that persons putting out the tickets, should register them with county clerks so their identity be known, and the acceptance of a place on the ticket be acknowledged.

In his veto message the governor misses the point entirely when he says:

"This bill is intended to prevent the publication, circulation and distribution of election tickets on or prior to election day. I fail to see the necessity of such a law. The friends of good government, lacking the collective power of the selfish forces, often have no other method of conveying their information to their friends except through a ticket published and distributed prior to or on election day. I fail to see any wrong or crime that might be committed by the innocent circulation of tickets endorsing certain candidates by certain groups of people."

There was nothing in the bill preventing the friends of good government or any organization from placing tickets in the field—it merely assured the good faith and responsibility of the organization and it would have put an end to the reprehensible practice of placing persons upon tickets without their knowledge and consent, thereby injuring their candidacies.

How is "going to help good government to continue outrageous abuse of ticket trafficking by unknown and irresponsible politicians and secret society fakers?"

Forgotten

"They want to save their money. Let Rome burn," frantically shouts the Portland Journal as it contemplates the outrage perpetrated by submitting to popular vote a moratorium on income taxation.

Yet the Journal has told us many times that the voice of the people is the voice of God and whatever they vote, they vote right. So we see no reason to rave wildly over letting the people vote again upon the subject of income taxes.

One thing, however, the Journal is silent upon, and that is economy. Like the governor and legislature it seeks new revenues for more taxation to support new office-holders, instead of reducing expenses to fit the income.

If a practical policy of business efficiency governed the state, there would be no necessity for either income or tobacco taxation, and yet effect a reduction in taxation. But economy seems a forbidden subject—at least a forgotten one. All the pre-election pledges have fallen by the wayside.

A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel
By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

MURDER WILL OUT
The men standing about Peggy Blackton's bed looked at each other in consternation. They knew the girl was telling the truth. It was Jim Kirby, whose brain, working faster than the rest, said: "You have just killed Vernon Stedman."

The girl tried to answer, but a fit of coughing choked her so she could not speak. Dick Barnmount went over and pityingly wiped the flecks of blood from her mouth, and as he did so he noticed that her eyes were discolored.

"Don't try to talk, Peggy, until you are able," he said softly. "I will never be better able to talk than I am now," she answered. "I loved Elton Foss and I think, as much as he could love any woman, he loved me. Vernon Stedman made me think that Elton was growing tired of me. He told me that he was in love with Kathryn Leonard and I left him to go with Vernon."

"The moment I had deserted Elton I was sorry. I knew that I would rather blacken his shoes than endure the carcases of Stedman."

"The day that Elton was killed, Vernon came to me, bruised and beaten after his fight with Elton, and told me that Elton was evidently preparing to go away with Kathryn. He accused me of always caring for Elton."

"I admitted it, and he asked me if I were going to let Elton Foss leave the country with another woman."

"I told him that I was. 'Is your pride entirely broken? Do you know that if Elton Foss does not take you back, he told me, you will die in the gutter?' I said, 'No, I'm going to die now,' I said. 'My life is ended.'"

"I coughed for the gun which was in that table drawer, but before I could use it Vernon snatched it from me, saying: 'No use, my dear, I'll give it for a better use,' and he dropped it in his pocket. It was a gun Elton had given me."

"As soon as he left I wrote a letter to Elton, sending it by messenger. He telephoned me, telling me it was true that he was going away with Kathryn Leonard, that he was going to see her later that evening and they were going to plan their lives together."

"Although it was raining so hard that I could not see across the street, I determined to go to Kathryn's studio to plead some money with Foss."

"I got there just in time to see the door of her studio open and Kathryn go out alone. I waited in the rain until she and Elton returned. I do not know how long it was before they drove up and went into the house together. In the storm I sat huddled down in the doorway under the steps. I do not know how long I waited. It might have been hours or only a few minutes before the door opened again, and by standing up I could see quite plainly in the light Kathryn Leonard and Elton."

"I heard her say 'Go or I'll kill you.' At that instant something struck the pavement, and then I saw him stumble. Kathryn, after a moment, returned into the house. From out of the shadows came a man who fumbled about the body



about. The minds of ages that have made these social conventions are better than those of any individual. Tomorrow, Rodney, I shall tell the first reporter who asks me that in the future I shall be happy with one name, one home one husband, and one baby."

"Kathryn! Kathryn, you don't mean—"

"Yes, that's what made me so unhappy when I thought you didn't love me any more."

"Not love you, wife of mine? Kathryn, I marry you—"

Kathryn looked quickly to where Dick had been standing, but found that he had gone.

She snuggled deeper into her husband's arms, and it was there the men, coming to liberate Rodney, found her.

THE END

St. Paul Terror Freed

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was a faint glitter in his eye. Having got \$1.60 with which to face forth into a rainy world, it is predicted, many foot-cloths will be made by these same boots before Highline crosses into California territory, a direction he indicated he intended taking.

The ivory handled revolver, marked by three notches, which Highline took from the home of John McKay, St. Paul rancher, and for which Highline did his 60 days in the county's "big house," been returned to its owner. It carried the same number of notches as it had when taken from the McKay home.

Highline also was reputed to have had designs in a matrimonial way on a widow in the St. Paul country, a widow with broad acres and a comfortable home. He also relinquished these designs when he vowed to leave the country for better pastures over the hill where he can make deeper impressions with his horseshoes.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL
1. Precipitation
2. Stain
3. Wear (Imp.)
4. An Asseetic
5. An Asseetic
6. Arrived (ab.)
7. Goddess of Earth (Gr.)
8. Short poem
9. Before
10. Wooden hammer
11. Placed of 1
12. Land measurement
13. Denoting comparison (esp.)
14. Artificial floor
15. To make a loan
16. A cycling current
17. Female sheep

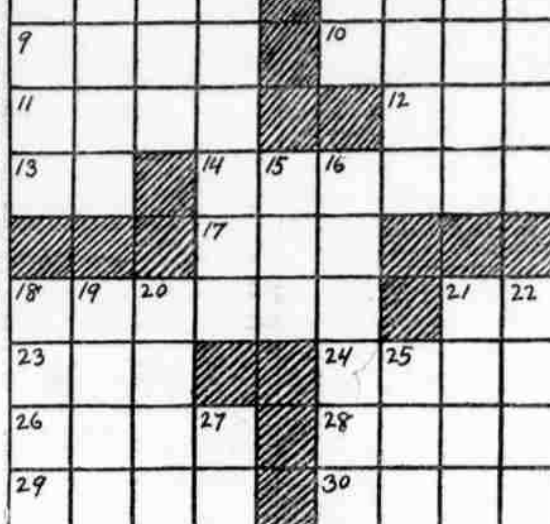
VERTICAL
1. A drink
2. Swelling
3. A metal
4. A quadruped
5. Near
6. Something lent
7. A fabled reunion
8. Cutting
9. Oregon (ab.)
10. To excite irritation
11. Horse
12. Barren
13. To put at another's service
14. To diminish
15. Fragments
16. To fell with blows
17. Kentucky (ab.)

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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STATEMENT OF WEEKS MEET WITH DENIAL

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mission to write the articles. He gave permission then for me to write them. No mention was made at all about submitting copies."

Admiral Fiske Heard
General Mitchell attached a copy of a letter he said he had received from President Coolidge, saying:

"Confirming my conversation with you this morning, I do not know of any objection to your preparing some articles on aviation, so far as I am concerned, but of course, I cannot speak for your superior officers. The matter should be taken up with them and their decision in relation to the articles followed."

Admiral Fiske told the committee he could not agree with the recent testimony of Rear Admiral William S. Sims, retired, that the battleship had become obsolete.

"The battleship is not obsolete," Admiral Fiske said. "It is not even obsolescent."

The admiral added that he had agreed with the navy general board on practically every position it has taken. Aircraft fits, he added, with other elements of naval warfare, such as the submarine. He opposed unification of the air services.

"I think air power of great importance," he continued, "and I do not think we can spend too much money in developing it. Air power has great possibilities. It is a new field but how far it will go no one knows."

The admiral conceded that the airplane had tended to keep battleship activities further off shore but added the submarine had done the same.

"Which would you take?" asked Representative Reid, republican, Illinois, "one battleship costing \$45,000,000 or a thousand airplanes for defense?"

"The airplanes," replied Fiske.

SENATE PUTS HOUSE BILL UPON S

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Confusion Runs Ri
Washington, March 2—pre-adjournment jam in the senate today as the session entered its last day.

As usual, the principal was in the senate and as that body convened, members on their feet all over the seeking unanimous consideration of pet measures. The session was a ferocious.

So much disorder resulted Senator Walsh, democrat, chussets, asked that the chamber "be brought to order" and kept here until noon to maintain President Coolidge's presence in the senate chamber.

The one important bill leaders expect to get in the waning hours of the session is the river and harbor reclamation bill, which was introduced by Senator Walsh.

Important measures which are expected to be introduced in the senate today are the Underwood-McCadden banking bill, the Crampton measure to organize the prohibition of the agricultural conference.

While day and night sessions on the program for the senate and house before the leaders are conferring efforts to put through any important administration bills would be futile.

By George Mel

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

A Scorned Confession



MUTT AND JEFF

Mutt's In Washington to Lamp the Big Show On Wednesday.

