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The Normal Muddle

Governor Pierce has used good judgment with his vetoes, as far as they go, but with half a million dollar shortage looming, they do not go far enough. Especially should he be commended for vetoing \$100,000 armory grabs and salary raises.

However by signing the Ashland normal school bill, with its \$175,000 appropriation and its maintenance tax of one twenty-fifth of a mill the governor has reopened the entire normal school issue, with its interminable logrolling to demoralize legislation at every session. The normal school legislative scandal became so great that there was a sigh of relief when the session of 1909 abolished them and the people in the 1910 election ratified the continuation of but one.

There were formerly four normal schools, located respectively at Monmouth, Ashland, Weston and Drain, all established as a result of log-rolling. Repeatedly at subsequent elections the people by overwhelming majorities, refused to reestablish the discontinued normals—but what the people refused, the legislature has done, with the governor's approval.

In 1910, the proposal to re-establish a normal at Weston, was defeated by a vote of 46,201 to 40,898. The proposal for the Ashland normal was defeated 48,655 to 38,473. In 1914, the Weston normal lost by a vote of 105,345 to 87,450 and the Ashland normal by 109,643 to 84,041. In 1918 the proposal to establish and maintain southern and eastern Oregon normal schools was defeated 66,070 to 49,935. There has been no appeal to the people since.

The recent session put its O. K. upon normals for Seaside, Pendleton and Ashland, referring the two former to a vote of the people at the next general election. At the same time it gave the Monmouth normal \$136,000 appropriation, \$96,000 of which the governor has vetoed, and appropriated \$125,000 for teachers training school at Independence, six miles from Monmouth.

The legislature has thus gone on record to establish three new normals, to maintain a fourth and to erect a teachers training school at a fifth town, that has no normal. Evidently there is to be no lack of scattered facilities to train teachers—even if there are few teachers to train.

The excuse for this sudden mushroom expansion in normals, is of course the need of more teachers, but the reason therefore is politics. But the supply of prospective teachers is not so great, either at Ashland, Seaside, Independence or Pendleton as to necessitate heavy additional facilities. The state shortage in teachers is due to the fact that other occupations seem more desirable to girls than public instruction and if all these five establishments were going full blast, it is doubtful whether the needed supply of teachers would materialize even though the cost of graduating one spelled more to the taxpayers than her annual earnings.

Instead of settling the normal school issue, it would seem that it is further even from settlement with endless legislative efforts for sectional spoils in prospect.

ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT IS STRESSED

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government and second, to reduction of taxation, he continued. The recent election, he said, had demonstrated that "the policy that stands out with the greatest clearness is that of economy in public expenditure with reduction and reform of taxation."

"I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people," he continued. "The men and women of this country who toil are the ones who bear the cost of government. Every dollar that we carelessly waste means that their life will be so much the more meager. Every dollar that we prudently save means that their life will be so much more abundant."

The practice of such economy, he declared, has brought the time when there can be further tax reduction and "when, unless we wish to hamper the people in their right to earn a living, we must have tax reform." He declared his opposition to extremely high tax rates because "they produce little or no revenue, because they are paid for the country, and finally, because they are wrong."

Public Voice Heard
"The verdict of the country has been given on this question," he added. "That verdict stands. We shall do well to heed it."

Prefacing his discussion of America's relation to the world with the declaration that "our country represents nothing but peaceful intentions toward all the earth," Mr. Coolidge set forth ways and means of manifesting that spirit while at the same time maintaining "such a military force as comports with the dignity and security of a great people."

He reiterated his advocacy of American adherence to the Permanent Court of International Justice, declared that America has taken the lead in the movement for limitation of armaments, "that less America must continue to hold," favored continuation of the policy of participation in world conferences "whenever conditions are such that there is even a promise that practical and favorable results might be secured," bespoke continuation of aid to mitigate human suffering and assist in the rehabilitation of distressed nations, and expressed sympathy with the movement to clarify international law and to bring about the outlawing of aggressive war.

"We have made a great contribution to the settlement of contentions differences in both Europe and Asia," he said in concluding his discussion of foreign affairs. "But there is a very definite point beyond which we can not go. We can only help those who help themselves. Mindful of these limitations, the one great

duty that stands out requires us to use our enormous powers to trim the balance of the world."

Refers to Election
Only once in his address did Mr. Coolidge refer to the election which today brought him to the presidency for a term in his own right, and that was after he had declared strongly in favor of strict party responsibility, adding that "common honesty and good faith with the people who support a party at the polls require that party, when it enters office, to assume the control of that portion of the government to which it has been elected."

"This administration has come into power with a very clear and definite mandate from the people," he said. "The people declared that they wanted their rights to have not a political but a judicial determination, and their independence and freedom continued and supported by having the ownership and control of their property, not in the government, but in their hands."

Pursuing further his discussion of domestic affairs, he declared that "those who want their rights respected under the constitution and the law ought to set the example themselves of observing the constitution and the law" and that "we cannot permit any inquisition either within or with the law or apply any religious test to the holding of office."

"America," he concluded, "needs no earthly empire built on blood and force. No ambition, no temptation, lures her to thought of foreign dominions. The legions which she sends forth are armed, not with the sword, but with the cross. The higher state to which she seeks the allegiance of all mankind is not of human but of divine origin. She cherishes no purpose save to merit the favor of Almighty God."

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:—Well it does seem to me that it is coming to a time when a farmer can't go into the city of Salem and park his car long enough to transact what business he may have to do without being pulled up before the justice and having to pay a fine. So if that is their views, I for one will have to look for somewhere else to do my trading because there aren't many people who can go into town and do what little shopping and business they may have to look after in one hour. Now there are my views of the parking situation, so you can publish this or not.

O. M. CAMPBELL.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Exist
- A catalogue
- An Arabian
- To blow
- Pierces
- Recent pope
- Possessive we
- Mended
- Bill of Exchange (ab.)
- Verb
- Each (ab.)
- Specks
- Apart (prefix)
- Neither
- Solitary
- Native European
- Very black
- Shelter
- South West (ab.)

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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ON ACE IN
TEAR ALT
DRILL
DUD MLIP
US SEA SA
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TROY TREE

VERTICAL

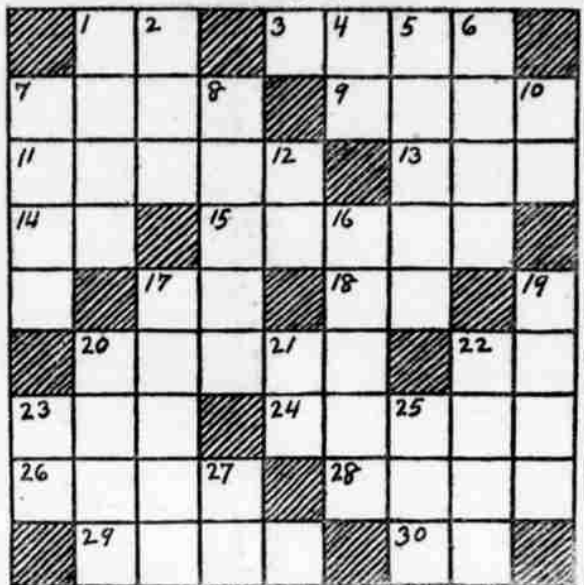
- Brothers (ab.)
- To cultivate
- Italy (ab.)
- Fish
- Touched with toes
- Intermittent fever
- To lurch
- Toward
- As
- Author of Marseillaise
- Carried
- Was visible
- Defensive ditch
- Each (ab.)
- Fecundation
- North Dakota (ab.)
- Observation (ab.)
- In (pref.)

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.

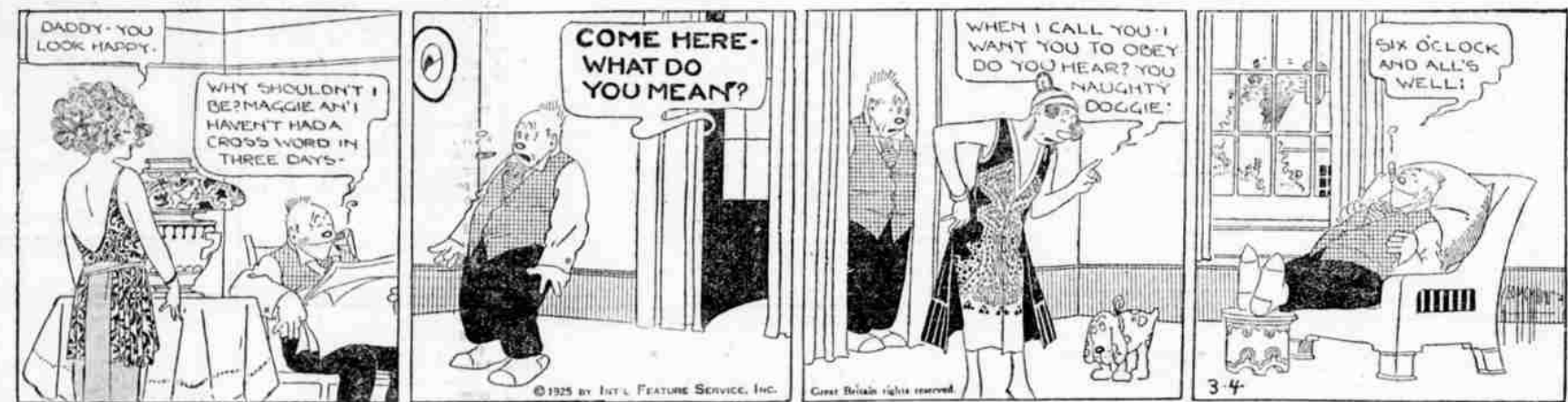
Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black space to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares 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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BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

A Case for Observation



MUTT AND JEFF

This Should Interest Every Orange Eater.

By Bud Fisher



Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

THE AWAKENING

Lillemay Vail sat up in bed and her startled eyes, still heavy with sleep, looked about the room inquiringly.

As if to answer her question, the telephone again buzzed importantly.

Annoyed, she looked at the leather encased traveling clock. It was half past ten. With a start of surprise she picked up the receiver.

"Mademoiselle is awake?" a voice asked in French.

"How could Mademoiselle sleep when her telephone keeps buzzing?"

"There is a carte-lettre and two letters for Mademoiselle. Besides she asked to be called at ten o'clock."

Lillemay smiled. "That's pretty good for a French concierge, only a half hour late."

Then thoroughly awake she remembered. She remembered last night she remembered Bobby McLean's kisses in the Tuilleries Gardens; she remembered the moonlight; she remembered—love.

With a luxurious gesture her arms went out as though she were again inviting his caresses.

The sun, emerging from a cloud peeped in at her window. "It is the most beautiful day I could give you," it seemed to say.

"Yes, I know," Lillemay answered as though the sun had really spoken. "I'm going riding with him in the Bois this morning."

Before she could call her maid there was a discreet tapping at the door. A par-ke-key rattled in the lock. The femme-de-chambre brought in with her coffee, the two letters and the carte-lettre.

The letters were postmarked California, U. S. A. She noticed

that one was from her mother. She laid them aside, however, and first read the special message.

"I could not tell you, my darling, when I was with you last night that it is good-bye. You were so sweet that I just tried to make myself believe that it was all a beautiful reality instead of a dream from which I would awaken this morning. I love you, Lille. I honestly love you although you may not believe it after you have finished this."

"Darling, our good time is ended. Today, my father and mother arrive from New York and with them my fiancée, Miss Geraldine Eames. She is coming to buy her trousseau. Our marriage is already announced. I can't do it, Lille. I can't do it. I can't break off with Jerry. She is a dear girl and has expected to marry me ever since she was twelve."

"Two years ago when she was eighteen she came to Dad's rescue and saved his entire fortune for him when his enemies in the street had caught him in a tight place."

"I can not play the cad and break her heart. I cannot help but pay my father's obligation."

"Jerry is a lovely girl and we will probably be as happy as the usual run of married people."

"Dear girl, the last two months will be the greatest interlude in my life. I will feed on its memories as long as I shall live."

"I couldn't help loving you. I was not strong enough to turn aside from the blissful moments of your loving."

"I am absolutely miserable this morning and the only light that I can see ahead is that soon you will find a better man than your unhappy and despairing"

Robert McLean. Three times Lillemay read this letter over. Her whole body tensed itself trying to understand what he had written.

Bob was with her last night in the Tuilleries Garden. He loved her then. He even had planned to ride with her that very day in the Bois.

"My God!" she exclaimed as this gave her a new thought. "He must have known he was lying all the time. Oh, how could he be so cruel!"

She sat up in bed suddenly and she clinched her hands. "He can't mean it," she moaned, but even while she said the words, she knew that he did mean everything in the letter she had been reading.

"Send me my maid," she commanded quickly to the waitress who came to take away her tray. "But Mademoiselle has not drunk her coffee," the servant remonstrated.

Lillemay's eyes dropped to the tray and she saw the other letter that she had completely forgotten. Hurriedly slipping on a kimono she went into her sitting room and opened her mother's letter first.

It was written in the queer cramped hand she knew so well. For a moment she looked away from its pages as she thought of her work-worn little mother from whom she had been so long away and who had decided over a week ago to go back to her as soon as possible.

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