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The Phez Case

Judgment of \$110,243.19 against the Salem Fruit Union in favor of the Phez company as damages caused by breach of contract in delivering loganberries is the final outcome of the litigation that has been pending for years in the courts. It will necessitate a receivership for the union and the sale of all of its assets, although individual growers escape penalties imposed in the original decree.

The Phez company had contracted with the Salem Fruit Union and with its individual members for their loganberry output at a stipulated price for a term of years. War conditions caused a higher market, which the company endeavored to meet by some advance over contract schedule. The Fruit Union and its membership refused to deliver and sold their crop at higher figures elsewhere, forcing the Phez company to buy in the open market at prohibitive figures.

As a result, such high prices had to be charged for loganberry products that it destroyed the market by forcing a buyers strike. Then came the after-the-war slump and the consequent bankruptcy of many fruit canneries and processors, loaded up with high priced product on a falling and demoralized market, including the Phez company.

There are several lessons to be learned from this experience. First and foremost, is that a contract is not to be treated as a scrap of paper. As a result of so treating it, the Phez company was ruined, the Fruit Union faces ruin, and the loganberry industry is all but destroyed. All of the contractors have lost far more than they made by refusing to fulfill the terms of their pact. In other words it pays to be honest.

Another lesson is that it is not good business to seek excessive prices for fruit because they curtail the demand and destroy the market. It is possible in a single year to stultify an industry it has taken years to develop, merely by forcing prices so high the public will not buy—as has been demonstrated with loganberries.

Loganberries are gradually coming back, but a juice making plant, like the Phez company is needed as a stabilizer to utilize the surplus—and there is no market for high priced juice.

Romance Taken Out Of Child Marriages By Study of Unions

New York, March 13.—After investigating the problem of child marriages the Russell Sage Foundation in a report made public today says its study disproves the idea that there is something idyllic about such youthful unions.

The investigators' conclusions are opposed to marriage at too young an age, because of the physical and mental immaturity of the contracting children, or because, in the case of a girl child, married to an older man "either may ever know the meaning of genuine comradeship in the marriage relation."

The foundation recently declared that there are 700,000 persons in the United States who were married when under 16. The percentage of marriages of girls 15 to 19 years old is lowest in New York city and in New England. On the Pacific coast and in mountainous states it is twice the New

England percentage and in the central southern states three times as high. Child marriages are most prevalent in remote rural regions. As railroads, automobiles, telephones, the telegraph and newspapers come to these lonely sections the investigators believe it probable that child marriages will decrease.

It was found, according to the report, that in certain isolated communities there were not only very early marriages, but so many inter-marriages among the consins of one family strain that some three-fourths of the inhabitants of a village have the same surname. "The foundation habit of early marriage does not persist after the first generation," the report says. "In fact the foreign girls of the second generation are actually marrying at a later age than native girls."

ASK BIDS FOR CROSSING BRIDGE AT JEFFERSON

Bids for 24.1 miles of paving and 39.94 miles of surfacing and grading, and for this construction of a bridge over the Southern Pacific tracks near Jefferson in Marion county will be opened by the state highway commission at a session in Portland, March 26 and 27.

The projects are as follows: Clatsop county—Astoria-Sven section of the Columbia river highway, eight and nine-tenths miles of pavement widening and resurfacing, involving both concrete and bituminous types of construction.

Lane and Linn counties—Harrisburg Junction City section of the Pacific highway, four and two-tenths miles of paving. Baker and Malheur counties—Unity-Bronx creek section of the John Day highway, twelve and four-tenths miles of grading involving approximately 250,000 cubic yards of excavation.

Benton and Lincoln counties—Missouri Bend section of the Alsea highway, eight and two-tenths miles of broken stone surfacing involving approximately 21,000 cubic yards of broken stone.

Deschutes county—Lava Butte-Lapine section of the Dalles-California highway, nineteen and thirty-four hundredths miles of broken stone surfacing involving approximately 45,000 cubic yards of broken stone.

Umatilla county—Emigrant Hill section of the Old Oregon Trail, twelve and six-tenths miles of roadbed widening and alignment betterment, involving approximately 91,000 cubic yards of excavation. Approaches to bridge over Umatilla river at Umatilla, three-tenths mile of grading, involving approximately 12,000 cubic yards of excavation.

NAVY PLANNING GREAT PROGRAM FOR PEACE TIME

San Diego, Cal., Mar. 13.—(By Associated Press)—A program of naval and military operations without parallel in the peace time history of the United States is revealed for the next two months in the presence of the United States fleet in San Diego harbor here.

Highlights in this program are the following: March 25—All battleships of the fleet will shoot in force practice off San Pedro, the most intense gunnery fire ever held in the Pacific. It will simulate the effect of the full water gunnery power of the capital ships spending in a hostile line against a great enemy fleet.

April 13—Review of more than 120 naval sea fighters off San Pedro on route to San Francisco where the fleet will arrive April 5.

April 15—Departure of the fleet on mission of invasion of the Hawaiian Islands, the first work (ing out) in actual practice of such a problem.

April 28—Beginning of the attack upon Hawaii with the full force of the United States fleet engaged in the attack, and the army forces stationed there, national guard and army reserves defending the island. The naval attack will be assisted by a constructive force of marines representing two divisions, or 40,000 marines. This is said to be the largest military maneuver of any kind in time of peace in history.

May 7 to 9—First maneuvers off Hawaii, involving the largest torpedo attack problem staged by the navy.

mining pavement between Tillamook Junction and Sheridan.

Marion county—A bridge over the Southern Pacific railroad track on county road near Jefferson, requiring approximately 250 cubic yards excavation, 265 cubic yards concrete, 45,000 pounds metal reinforcement and 265 lineal feet concrete handrail.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Asthma
- Fertile spot in desert
- Ill Sale (ab.)
- Account (ab.)
- Strike
- Lake in East Africa
- Preposition
- Solicitor at Law (ab.)
- East Indian soldier
- Thick gruel
- Exists
- You (poet.)
- Messages
- A summary

HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

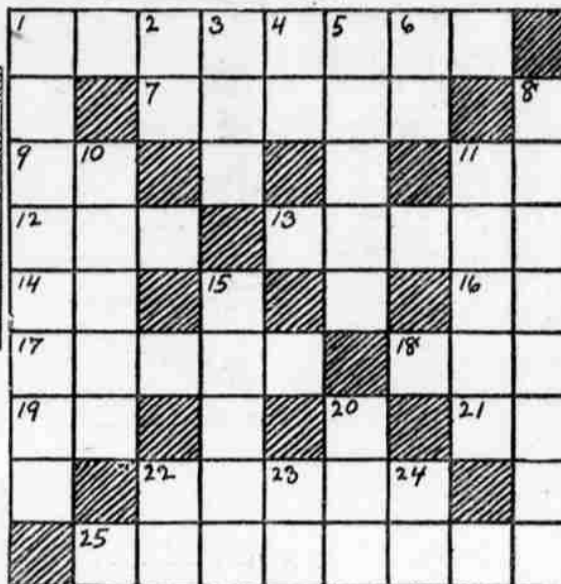
The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram.

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.

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

A	R	S	W	A	R	M
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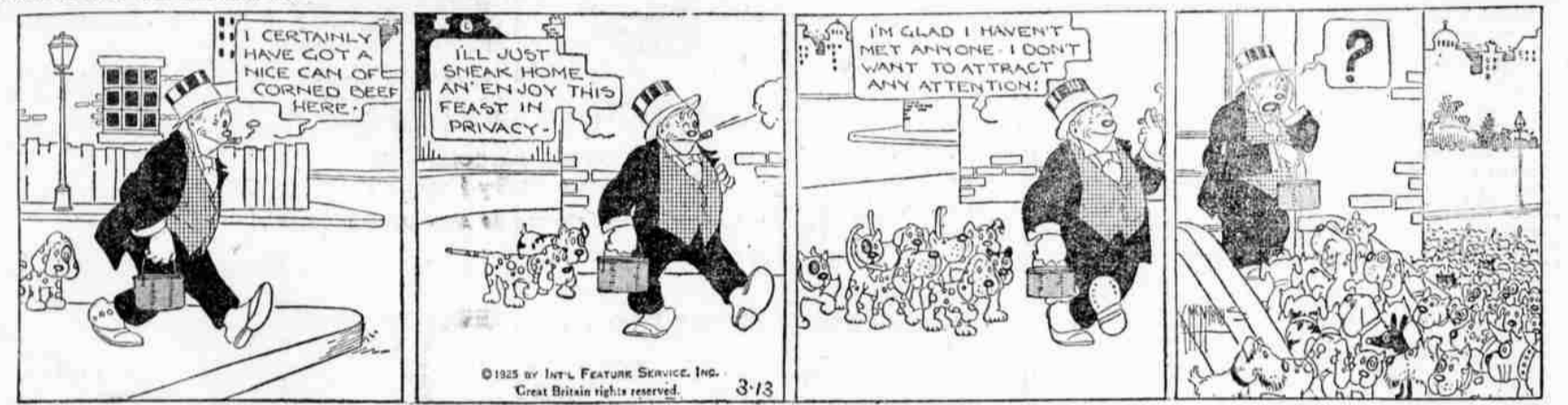


VERTICAL

- Progressive Education
- Toward
- Head covering
- Island (ab.)
- A sorcerer
- Island (ab.)
- Those who seep
- Trigonometry function (pl.)
- To estimate the value of
- An Athenian law giver
- Reputation (ab.)
- Beak
- Perform
- Steamship

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BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

Strange Doings

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

Jeffs Right. Mut Must Be a Bit Balmey in the Bean

By Bud Fisher



Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life

By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

IN CLOTH OF GOLD

The telephone rang and Mrs. Vail's maid knocked at the door. "Madame, Mr. Kennedy asks if you would like to dine with Miss Vail alone this evening."

"I should say not. Is Mr. Kennedy still on the wire?" "Yes, madame."

"Mrs. Vail went to the phone. "Of course, Harold, we don't want to dine alone. Find Ovid and Miss Norton. Tell them that Lillie and I will be ready in an hour. In that time I shall expect you to get seats for the wildest revue in town and after that I want to dance until my feet refuse to take another step."

There was a slight pause while Mrs. Vail evidently listened to what Harold was saying to her. Then she answered: "You thought I wanted to have my daughter to myself this first night? Well, I have had Lillie all this afternoon and we have been hanging on each other's necks and weeping and having a most glorious time. We have wept ourselves out, however, and now we are going to be the gayest kind of girls for the next few hours. You would like to go with us, wouldn't you, Harold?"

There was another slight hesitation in her mother's voice and then: "Well, if you want to be with us, that's settled. Run along now and dress. We'll be ready in about an hour."

Lillie had heard only her mother's side of the telephone conversation, but she could not help being surprised at the change in her mood. Again she was the woman who had met her at the pier. Again she was the woman deter-

mined to find somewhere along the way her lost youth. Immediately things began to happen. Although she had told Harold to notify Ovid and Miss Norton she called up Marchmont himself.

"Ovid, will you be ready to dine with us in three-quarters of an hour," she asked. "Have you not been thinking I have been selfish for taking these first few hours alone with Lillie?"

Evidently the man said he would be ready at the time named and reassured Mrs. Vail that he did not think her selfish.

There was a call for her daughter's maid and it was found that the trunk had been left open. "What are you going to wear, Lillie?" Mrs. Vail asked.

"I haven't thought much about it. What do you want me to wear, mother?" "Have you anything in gold tissue?"

"No, no, mother. Please do not ask me to wear a gold lace gown. I hate them. I'll never wear one again if I can help it."

Melissa Vail looked at her daughter curiously, but she decided that now was not the time to ask questions.

"If Madamocelle will let me suggest—the beautiful white and silver gown has never been worn," interposed Lillie's maid.

"Yes, that will be lovely. Ah! dear, I have something that I want you to wear with it."

"Marie, bring me that jewel case on the dresser."

The girl placed the open leather-covered box in Mrs. Vail's lap. She picked it up and handed it to her daughter.

"Oh, mother, how exquisitely beautiful," exclaimed Lillie as she held up a long string of pearls with a gorgeous diamond clasp. Beside it on the white velvet cushion was a bandeau of pearls for the hair with a diamond medalion for her forehead. "I have never seen anything so lovely in Europe."

"Yes," remarked Mrs. Vail complacently. "Harold, who helped me to buy and match the pearls, said you would say so."

Two little lines came between the girl's eyes, but her mother did not notice as she continued: "Harold made a special trip to New York over a year ago to start the purchase and Dreiser sent a max twice to Hollywood to complete the sale."

Lillie wondered how much consolation Harold had made by means of the transaction and then she called herself a little cat, as she acknowledged that a commission would be legitimate.

"To pay herself for her ugly thoughts Lillie said enthusiastically. "I think they are the most beautiful things I have ever seen. The string of emeralds I have brought to you is just a bauble, mother dear, beside this gorgeous necklace and bandeau."

"Oh, have you brought me some emeralds? Yesterday Harold gave me a beautiful emerald bracelet. I had intended to wear it tonight with my violet embroidered chiffon. That is the reason I thought you would be a nice contrast in a cloth of gold."

"You couldn't look like a modest violet, mother, even with me in cloth of gold as a contrast."

Tomorrow—Like a Snow Maiden

Quick Starting SHELL GASOLINE

By George McManus