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The Season Opens

Over 1,000 dead, 3,000 injured, many thousands homeless and property loss running into the millions of dollars heralds the opening of the annual tornado season in the middle west. It will probably smash all records for life and property destruction.

The victims this year are residents of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. Last year they were principally inhabitants of northern Ohio, with a sprinkling in other states. The year before Oklahoma and the south central west furnished the victims.

Every year some portion of the Mississippi or Missouri valleys pays toll to the tornado king. The major disasters since 1880, when Marshfield, Missouri, was destroyed, number over a score. In 1882, Grinnell, Iowa, was about wiped out. In 1884 over 600 were killed in southern states. Louisville, Kentucky, paid the penalty in 1890 with the death of 75 people and a property loss of \$3,000,000. In 1892, over 40 were killed in Kansas, and 50 in Minnesota. In 1893, 16 were killed in the Kansas river valley. In 1894, 75 were killed in Iowa and Minnesota.

In 1896, 500 were killed in St. Louis and \$13,000,000 property destroyed by a tornado that traveled an extensively populated region. In 1901, a tornado, originating in South Dakota, swept across Minnesota and Wisconsin, passing through St. Paul and Minnesota in several parallel strips, killing 50 people and wrecking property worth millions of dollars. In 1913, a tornado, originating in Texas swept northeast, killing 200 persons in Omaha, injuring 325, leaving 3,000 homeless and causing a property loss of \$7,000,000. In 1917, over 100 lives were forfeited and \$3,000,000 property destroyed in Illinois and Indiana.

The tornado is a violent and destructive local storm, attended by a funnel-shaped, pendant cloud around which the winds revolve in a direction opposite to that of the hands of a watch. The small diameter and its rapid progress in movement, make it of brief duration. Sometimes it seems to rise and fall with a bounding motion, leaving occasional sections unscathed along the path of destruction. Tornadoes differ from cyclones, with which they are confused, as the latter term is properly applied to those great systems of atmospheric movements about a central area of low pressure. Cyclones are hundreds of miles in diameter and continue for several days, and therefore represent the opposite extreme of atmospheric disturbance.

While it is said that tornadoes seldom strike twice in the same place, one wonders why people will continue to live where they are in constant danger of destruction of life and property. Why should anyone remain in the tornado belt where he freezes in winter and roasts in summer and is likely to be blown to blazes in spring, when he can come to Oregon and enjoy life, where every prospect pleases and man no viler than elsewhere?

Getting Up-to-Date

That the "world do move," even in Salem, is shown by the fact that an ordinance is pending before the city council, with a good prospect of passage, providing for "head-in" auto parking along street curbs. Salem is probably the last city in the country to try this modern method, but better late than never.

Long after it has been discarded in every city worth the name in the country, Salem has stuck to the obsolete, inconvenient, and dangerous backing in parking system, which has been tolerated only because of our wide streets, our self satisfaction with things as they are and our conservative antipathy to change.

No one thinks of backing-in to a garage, yet it is no more awkward than backing into the curb. The new system will enable more cars to park, make it easier and safer to park, and in every way make it more convenient for the public.

Another benefit from head-in parking will be that the wind shields of parked cars will no longer catch the glare of the sun and reflect it across the street to the annoyance and inconvenience of store and office occupants.

SWARTZ LAUDED BY ASSOCIATES AND NEIGHBORS

In direct contrast to some of the reports emanating from the district north of Jefferson as to the character of Fred Swartz, recently killed on his ranch in a dynamite explosion, comes a resolution adopted by the school board of his community, lauding Swartz as a high class community builder, a friend of education and an exemplary citizen in general. Ben Simpson, J. T. Hoeksema, J. G. Pate, members of the board, and Marguerite Looney, clerk, sign the resolution, all of them being friends and neighbors of Swartz as well as school board members.

The resolutions follow:
"In behalf of this community and school district No. 27, we, the undersigned, pay the following tribute to the memory of Fred Swartz:
"He was a man of never failing courtesy, and of refinement and culture. Public spirited and interested in educational affairs, he served for three years on the school board, and during that time, the school made a wonderful improvement. He was instrumental in building a play shed, draining the grounds and raising the school to a high standard."
"Fred Swartz was held in high esteem by his friends. Kind hearted and generous, he was always ready to help a neighbor, and through his death, this community has suffered a distinct loss."

Senator Culberson Dead
Washington, March 19.—Former Senator Culberson of Texas died here early today. He was 70 years old.

CHILDREN IN WRECKAGE OF SCHOOLS DIE

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According to R. W. Krysher, member of the national guard troops of Carbondale.
Schools Demolished
Krysher reported that the school house at DeBolt was demolished and he estimated the dead children numbered from 80 to 100.
He said that many children taken from the ruins were badly hurt.
Other reports here and in Carbondale strengthened early reports that casualties in the strike-on area were great.

At Murphysboro the storm was not more than five minutes in passing. The tornado smashed business buildings and dwellings in a twinkling and in the wake of the devastating wind came a fire which completed the destruction.
It is estimated that at least one fourth—possibly more—of the residential section is in ruins and the business presents a similar scene of wreckage.
The Mobile and Ohio railroad shops were destroyed. Approximately 35 persons were killed and 200 injured when the building collapsed.
The Logan and Langfellow schools were blown to pieces. Eighty five pupils of the Logan schools were reported killed, six were removed dead at the Langfellow school and six at a township school.
Marital law is in effect.
The storm came without warning. An hour before the tornado hit a bright sun was shining.

Coolidge Declines Bid
Washington, Mar. 19.—President Coolidge has declined the invitation extended him to address the annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in May at Houston, Texas.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Debarik
- European water bird
- Denoting insertion
- That is (L.) (ab.)
- Indicates disgust
- Cooked
- Opposite of night
- A unit
- Elitist (ab.)
- South African antelope
- Rotating rod
- Fish spaw
- Ditto (ab.)
- Soy
- Finishes
- Excessiveness rooted in skin

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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VERTICAL

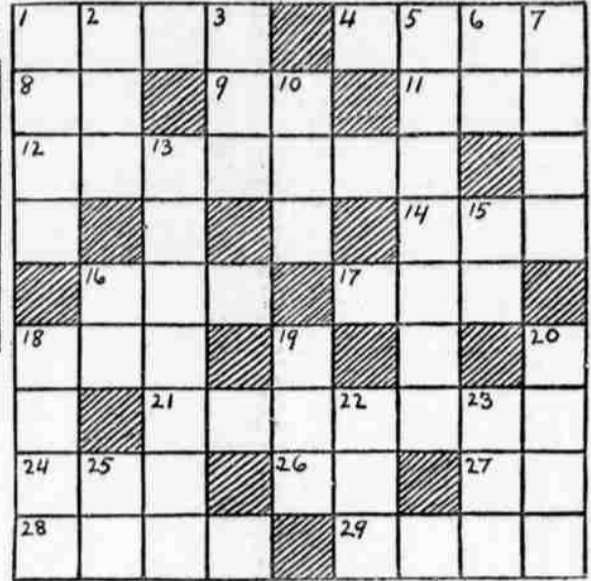
- A careening
- Lower
- Thoroughly (prefix L.)
- Confused
- For instance (L. ab.)
- Straw colored liquid
- Emperor (ab.)
- Pardoned
- Attorney (ab.)
- Indefinite article
- Blind
- Fast tense do
- Vacations person
- At once
- Entrusted household
- Upon

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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Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life

By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

AFRAID OF LOVE

"You may say what you please before Nonnie," said Lillimay as Marchmont hesitated. "Is that Marchmont?" she asked. "I don't hear it from me for I have never kept a secret from her since I have known her."

"Well, what I am afraid of," said Marchmont slowly, "is that Melissa will grow to love him, that he will become so much a part of her life that when he marries her and later falls in love with someone else, it will break her heart."

"If I may be allowed to suggest, Mr. Marchmont," broke in Miss Norton, "I think you are coming to some conclusions that are based on wrong premises. In the first place you do not know that Mrs. Vail is in love with the young man. True he amuses her, but that may be all and, the second place, you do not know if he is not genuinely in love with—me. Certainly, neither Mrs. Vail's friends nor her daughter will tell me that she is not very attractive and worth any man's regard. Why do you try to settle both their lives until you know something their inclinations?"

"But, Nonnie, he has just told me he wants to make mother happy."

"Well, what is there wrong about that? I think it is rather commendable."

"Of course it is all right, but I don't believe him Nonnie. Neither does Uncle Ovid who wrote me before I left France that every one was gossiping about the affair in Hollywood."

"My dear," remonstrated Miss Norton, "from what I have seen in the papers it looks as though

everyone gossips about everyone and everything in Hollywood. So that doesn't mean anything. Why do you not let them take care of themselves? They are certainly old enough."

"Nonnie, I don't want my mother to marry again. She was so unhappy with my father."

"Are you sure that is the real reason, Lillimay? Is there not a little selfishness in it? You want your mother to be yours exclusively. Mrs. Vail having been only a mother for so many years has taken to herself the right to be a courted and petted woman."

"How many people, do you think, would court and get mother if she wasn't a rich woman?"

"That is a very bitter thing to say, Lillimay, and it is entirely beside the case. She is a rich woman and I do not blame her if, with her money and her attractive ways, she tries to find someone who is thinking of her interest."

"Merry, Nonnie, I have never heard you talk that way," said Lillimay, looking uncomfortable and unconvinced. "Uncle Ovid, don't you think as my mother's only child I should have some say as to her property? I certainly do not want Harold Kennedy as my business manager and I shall tell mother so."

"What is it you are going to tell mother?" asked Mrs. Vail coming up at that moment.
"I was going to tell you that it is about time we were going home, dear."
"I am afraid daughter, that I have been very selfish to keep you out so late on your first night in America. I wanted to show all these people the most beautiful girl in all the world and besides

I know you would get better acquainted with Harold if you dined with him, than in any other way."

"Do you consider, mother dear, that Mr. Kennedy's greatest attraction lies in his feet?"

"Well he had a very delightful way of mixing the social graces with sensible business conversation. I have just been telling him that he had too good a business head to waste it acting on the screen."

"And has he acted upon your suggestion?"

"I think so. Anyway I have tentatively decided to go into the producing business or rather I have decided to form a holding company for the Kennedy pictures. Do any of you want to buy stock?" Mrs. Vail asked laughingly.

"I haven't a cent, mother dear. I was very extravagant in Paris. I have only about a hundred dollars left of my allowance."

"Dearest, you own half of all the all property that was found upon our little farm. I had the deeds all made out the other day and they are ready for you to sign. Harold told me that when you returned he thought the fairest and most equitable arrangement that could be made was for me to divide the Vail oil field in half, giving you so many producing oil wells and so much land that has not yet been opened up."

"So, I must owe even my part of my mother's estate to the suggestion of Harold Kennedy," Lillimay thought bitterly to herself. "All right, mother dear. We'll talk over that tomorrow, mother dear. Just as this moment I am so muddled with oil and jazz, with business and pleasure, with the welcome of homecoming and the fatigue of meeting people, that I confess my brain is pretty badly mixed up. Let's not talk any more tonight. To tell the truth, the thing I want most to do is to go to bed and sleep."

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Tomorrow—A Negative Joy.
By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

Krazy Kat Expresses Himself

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

Yes, the twin brothers certainly look alike.

By Bud Fisher

