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## Wheat Prices

Only the inexorable economic law of supply and demand, fixes the price of wheat. We are constantly assured this by the Chicago Board of Trade and its members, its bankers and its press propagandists, who reap fortunes buying and selling the world's food supply.

It was a world wide scarcity, we were gravely informed, that three times in the past three months sent the price of wheat over \$2 a bushel. Likewise it must have been an undiscovered surplus that sent it tumbling down again, as fast as it climbed.

Almost daily for the past month, the fluctuations have been so violent as to force legitimate purchasers to withdraw from the market until it has been stabilized. Meanwhile the consumer is mulcted excessive and unnecessary prices for wheat products, without benefitting the producer, who long ago sold his crop.

There is no secret concerning world production of wheat, crop conditions, market demands, etc. Reliable international figures are compiled reflecting the actual output and consumption. A short crop means higher prices, but it does not necessarily mean spectacular rises and sensational declines within a few minutes of each other. These are due to the grain speculators, who play the wheat pit like a gambling game and win or lose fortunes like roulette players, the only difference being that the public loses as well as the gamblers.

Many efforts have been made to control marginal speculation in grain and substitute a stabilized market, as for other products, but so far the grain gamblers have successfully resisted regulation and maintained their get-rich-quick swindle with its lure of great fortunes magically won and as speedily lost. Until the production is controlled, the marketing can not be.

## Reformers

The London Outlook holds up the profession of reformer as an admirable method of making a comfortable livelihood, without overstrain of effort and declares:

It is peculiarly suitable for the more delicate youths, who are entirely unscrupulous, and yet have not the nerve to undertake the more dangerous trades of murder, arson or forgery. For the chief quality necessary in a professional reformer is to be two-thirds a bit of a humbug. The cleverest of the class even deceive themselves. These principles apply to all creeds and all parties.

The public likes to be humbugged and hence the uplifter and the welfare worker, the humanitarian and altruistic reformer finds easy picking. As a people we are indifferent and lazy and hence fork-up willingly en masse for those who offer to do the uplifting for us. It is so much easier to delegate some willing worker to do the job than it is to get busy ourselves.

The phenomenal growth of luncheon and service clubs, which furnish a forum for the reformer as well as the propagandist, have greatly stimulated the profession of reformer, and as a result many fool laws have been added to the statute books for regulating the other fellow—all of which furnish jobs for reformers at taxpayers expense.

So fast has the profession of reformer and minder of other people's business increased that regular courses should be installed in all our colleges, for there is no easier nor more lucrative calling.

## Mt. Angel News

Mt. Angel, March 21.—(Special)—Robinetta Theresa, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Handel, who formerly made their home in Mt. Angel, died recently at the Handel home in Alberta, Canada, according to word received by relatives here. The little girl had a combination of diphtheria and pneumonia.

Emil Scherback was elected president of the Mt. Angel baseball club at a recent organization meeting. The line-up for the season looks promising.

Guests at the Louis LeDoux home recently were Walter and Frank LeDoux and Mrs. Florence Provost of Portland.

A wedding solemnized in Hillsboro last week that is of interest here was that of Miss Mamey Greenbomer to Jerry Hestlin. Mrs. Hestlin never made her home here yet she is well known as she visits frequently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Greenbomer, who have lived at a ranch near town for the past few years. Mr. Hestlin is secretary of the Hillsboro chamber of commerce.

D. C. Molsan has traded his farm near Brooks for some Astoria city property.

Miss Dorothy Kober, a sophomore at the University of Oregon, arrived yesterday to spend the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kober.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hockett (Marie Wilke) are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son whom they have named Edward. The Hocketts are making their home in Raymond, Wash.

The population of Mt. Angel was increased by two on Wednesday when a baby daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meier and another girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schaefer.

Matchless songs as "I Dreamt that I Saw in Marble Hall," "O' Precious Me," "O' My Dream" and "My Hero" is something long to be remembered.

Among the good things listed for this city are "The Chimes of Normandy," that thrilling, romantic story set to music of gypsy life in middle Europe; "Robin Hood" with its ringing "Brown October Sky" song and the charming story of Robin Hood and Maid Marian in the woodland setting, and last but not least the greatest musical comedy hit, which ever entranced America, "The Chocolate Soldier."

This list has just been recently added to the company's repertoire and when it was given in Portland it made a tremendous hit.

New Corporations  
The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the state corporation department:  
Second Spiritualist Church, Portland, incorporators, Anna C. Jones, Louise Blum, Carl C. Richthofen.  
Brotjenbush Mineral Springs company, Portland; incorporators, M. D. Bruckman, P. A. Bruckman, H. R. Hooch; capital, \$50,000.  
Oswego Lumber company, Oswego; incorporators, Harold D. Jackson, Norman R. Jackson; capital, \$11,000.

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# TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

## HORIZONTAL

- To frisk
- Bill of Exchange (ab.)
- To litter
- Place for storing grain
- To scoff at
- A glazier's tack
- Answer (ab.)
- Hints to secrecy
- Double (L.)
- Man's name
- Alas
- Expressing negation
- Elongated
- Aroused
- Form of excited feeling
- Personal pronoun
- Parent
- Loaded

## SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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## VERTICAL

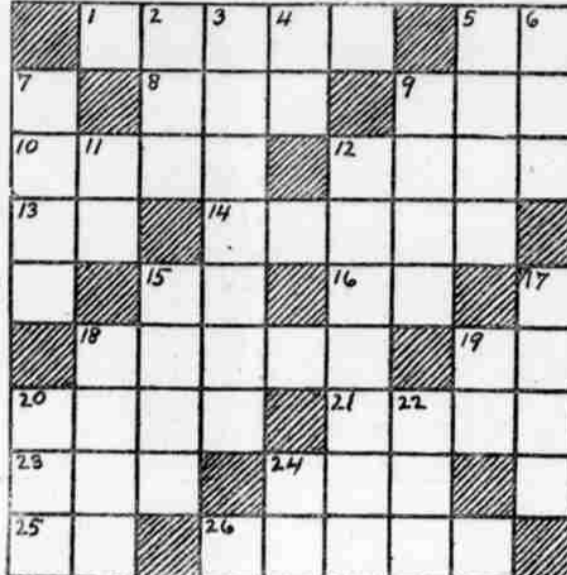
- Beer
- Leaving
- Egypt (ab.)
- To prejudice
- Attainment
- Reared
- Part of a skeleton
- Aroused
- Alkaline compound
- Point of compass (ab.)
- To cut off
- Before
- Exclamation

## 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

## The Youthful Heart Changeth

"I found soon after you left, Lilliam," continued Mrs. Vail, "that I was still youthful as youth is reckoned today. I saw that possibly I could snatch some of the joys of youth for myself. Do you blame me, my daughter, because I am taking them?"

"But we won't discuss these things, Lilliam. All my life I have been thinking and planning, analyzing and comparing and discussing with myself my actions. Now, I don't want to think about them at all. I don't want to think even about money. I just want to spend it, to make it fulfill my impulses; I just want to act, dear, I don't want to think how I shall act."

"This morning however, Lilliam, we have got to decide about going home. Do you want to go back immediately to California or do you want to stay in New York for a little while?"

Lilliam turned quickly—and threw her arms about her mother's neck. "I want to go home, mother, I want to go home. I want to see if the place I remember has changed as much as you have, mother dear."

Although her daughter spoke with a smile, a hurt look passed over Mrs. Vail's face. And then she smiled and said: "I am afraid, my dear, that you will find your old home has changed as much as I and I expect it has changed in the same way."

"The place where you were born is only an old field with great black derricks, the hum of machinery and the raucous tones of workmen. All this is pervaded with the smell of crude oil. The place that now you will

have to call home is an estate which I bought in the foothills of Hollywood soon after you went away.

"I think you will love my pink Italian villa just as love me after you get used to us in our transformed state."

"At first sight, however, you will be probably as surprised and disappointed with it as you were with your mother."

Mrs. Vail was hurt at Lilliam's frank expression of disappointment in her but she tried to hide it as she lightly kissed her daughter's cheek and told her that she was going to dress for breakfast.

"Would you like to come to my suite for breakfast or will you have it sent here?" she asked.

Lilliam answered: "I'd love to breakfast with you, mother dear, and I shall be down in ten minutes."

As Mrs. Vail closed the door, her daughter felt that in some way she had been put outside her mother's loving arms and she wondered if Harold Kennedy had told of their conversation of the night before.

She had come home to be her mother's chief counselor and guide and she had been displaced by an adventurer.

Suddenly she determined to change her tactics. She picked up her hand glass and what she saw there again gave her great courage.

Smiling at the girl in the mirror she said: "I had almost decided, last night, to give up my plan of visiting you care for me but this morning, Harold Kennedy, look out. If I can not circumvent you in one way, I can in another. You shall not only like me but

shall love me and tell me so where my mother can hear it. If it is youth you want—I have it. If it is money—I have been told it is mine. If it is money you need—my mother has just given it to me. And if it is love you ask—I can simulate it until my turn is served." She bowed to the girl in the mirror and blew her a kiss.

Then arrayed in her most devastating negligee she opened the door into her mother's suite.

With an admirable start of surprise she said: "Oh, Harold, I did not know that you were here. I have come to breakfast with mother."

"That is what I have come to do," the man said as he came to greet her. "I think Lilliam is changing her riding tops. She told me that you would probably be here before she came back."

Lilliam walked toward Kennedy with a winning smile and an outstretched hand. "Will you forgive me for being so horrid last night? I have really come to myself this morning and I want to thank you for all the kindly things that you have done for mother."

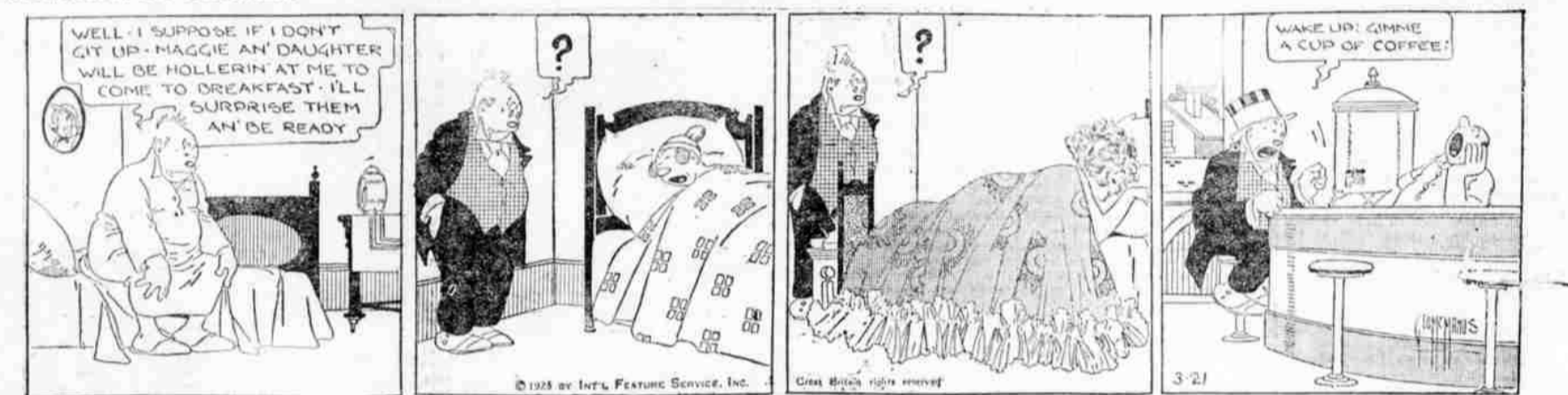
Harold Kennedy grasped the extended hand quickly. His smile was very winning as he answered: "I could forgive you for much more than that, my dear Lilliam, but I can't ask anything and it will be given her. Surely you must have learned that before now."

"I hope I shall never put you to the test," the girl answered gaily. "Do you know what mother is going to do about returning to Hollywood? She came into my room this morning to ask me about it but it was not settled when she left."

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## BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

## DUMB DORA (Substituting for Barney Google, during Billy DeBeek's illness)



## KRAZY KAT

## Dogged Premonitions

By Herriman



## MUTT AND JEFF

## The twins caused their mother lots of worry years ago, too.

By Bud Fisher



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