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Postponing a Reckoning

A ballot title has been drafted by the attorney general for the referendum petition the auto stage and freight lines are to circulate against the law passed by the recent legislative session imposing a tax upon busses and trucks that will to a slight extent repair the damage done to the state highway system by traffic they were not constructed to carry.

By the referendum, and the action of the governor in vetoing the bill calling for a special election, the measure will be kept from going into effect until the general election of 1926 and those who are destroying the highways for private gain will escape paying during the interval.

These selfish traffic interests who treat our \$60,000,000 highway system as though it was built for their personal gain, and oppose every effort to force them to share in repairing the ruin they are causing, will hear from the people in no uncertain manner when the election is held. The highways were built for the general public, not to be commercialized as free rights of way, maintained at public expense and tourist inconvenience and the referendum merely postpones the day of reckoning.

The bus and truck lines are making a mistake, and their greedy attitude will merely bring more drastic penalties. Had it not been for them, we would have twice the highway mileage, for a four inch pavement is ample for auto traffic, while the bus and trucks necessitate from 6 to 8 inches.

Without Warrant

It now develops that the raids by Mayor Baker's stool-pigeons, snitches and crow-bar brigade in Portland, wherein private homes are ruthlessly invaded and members of the family black-jacked for being in the way, are made without even the formality of a fake search warrant. In fact, to enforce the prohibition law, all other laws are broken with the approval of the mayor and his demoralized police force.

These raids have been going on for two years, yet it was not until the home of a member of its staff was outraged that the Oregonian protested. Scores of instances can be cited, where the outrages of the laws minions had the open or tacit approval of the Oregonian and other Portland papers. It depends on whose house was raided, rather than the principle involved.

The Bill of Rights is the foundation of Anglo-Saxon liberty and was enacted only after centuries of bloodshed. It is the only safeguard against tyranny, whether of petty officialdom or of fanatical majorities, and its every violation creates a new train of evil consequences. Better far that prohibition be abandoned than that a single provision of the Bill of Rights be vacated.

Should March Back

Removal of the state banking department from Salem to Portland is not only in violation of the old state law under which the department was created but in violation of the new banking code passed by the recent session. The latter reads as follows:

The superintendent of banks shall maintain his office in the city of Salem, and the secretary of state is hereby required to furnish suitable quarters therefor; provided the superintendent of banks, when considered by him to be expedient or convenient, may establish branch offices within the city of Portland.

The old law requiring offices to be in Salem is in virtually the same words as the new act, except that the latter allows branch offices to be located in Portland. As the new law does not go into effect until May 28, there is no authority for even a branch office in Portland at the present time.

Like the celebrated hero of history who with 10,000 men, marched up the hill and then marched down again, it would seem imperative for the superintendent of banks having marched to Portland, to march back again to Salem, and hence at least, keep within the letter and spirit of the law he is sworn to obey.

SILVERTON SUED BY UNKNOWN MAN

The city of Silverton is confronted with a mystery. A day or two ago one F. H. Morrison filed action in the circuit court here against Silverton to collect \$700 which he alleged to be due him as architect's fee for drawing plans for a proposed new \$35,000 city hall for the city.

Now, according to John H. Porter, county commissioner, resident of Silverton and former councilman there, the Silverton city officials are wondering just who this F. H. Morrison is, who alleges he drew the plans for the city hall and is seeking a fee therefor.

"I met former Mayor Eastman on the street yesterday," said Commissioner Porter. "He told me that he never heard of Morrison, knows nothing of him or his plans, that he knows of no contract with any Morrison for drawing plans and that he doesn't understand the situation."

"Mr. Eastman was mayor of the city up to the first of the year and should have some knowledge of the situation if the plans were ordered," stated the commissioner. "As near as I can find out Silverton seems to know nothing about the proposition whatever."

Berlin, March 25.—A dispatch from Hamburg reports seven persons dead, two missing and three seriously injured as the result of an explosion on the oil barge Saturn following a fire. The force of the explosion flung wreckage from the harbor into the city streets.

ALVITA RELIEVES KIDNEY TROUBLE SAYS DOCTOR

Dr. W. B. Acastering of Newport Beach, Calif., gives the following remarkable testimony as to the virtues of Alvita, the new discovery:

"There is an old gentleman visiting his daughter here; he comes from Indiana. He is 82 years old, and could not retain his kidney excretions more than half an hour, and was in a very bad condition otherwise. I advised him to use the Alvita Tablets. He used three boxes and got the fourth today. He is very much better in every way, and looks ten years younger."

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ALVITA

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Walked
4. Ignored
7. To be busily active
8. Also
9. Robbin
11. Large open vessel
13. Immediately
14. Neither
16. New Brunswick (ab.)
20. To silence by force
22. Slime
24. Sap of trees
26. Child (used contemptuously)
29. Not odd
31. Wrath
32. To weaken
33. Hastened

VERTICAL

1. Large gathering
2. Regret
3. Sign
4. Breakard
5. Name of a thing
6. To partake of reality
10. Not high
12. Fend low
15. Refreshed
17. Receptacle
18. Polish
21. Weapons
23. Let fall in drops
25. Metropolitan (ab.)
27. Land measure
28. Either

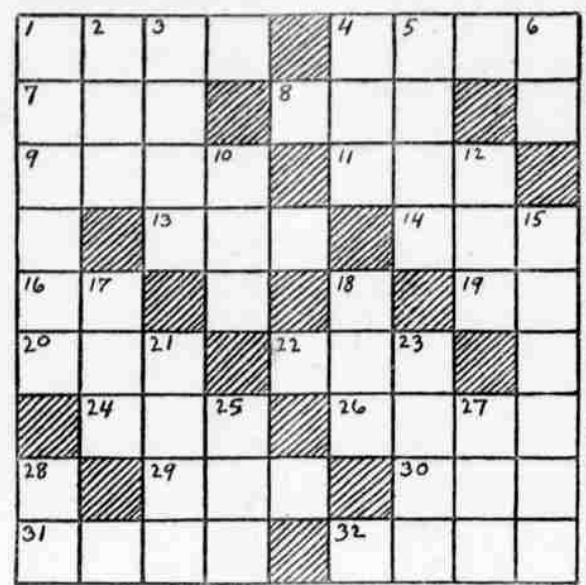


HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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

THOUGHTS OF THE DEAD

"Can't you see," Mr. McLean kept saying to those about him, "that only to her husband could her vast fortune descend, as she had not designated me by my name? She loved me so much that she defied death and came back to me to give me all she had to give. Doing this, she went back among the shades. I do not deserve it; I do not deserve it."

The whole thing has been most unneatly. Mr. McLean's story has been corroborated by the physicians who were called in as well as those who prepared the body of Mrs. McLean for burial. All these declare that rigor mortis was apparent, that the body was that of a person who had been dead some hours before "the death-bed marriage."

The affair has created much discussion. A full account of it has been sent to societies of physical research in France and the United States.

Mr. McLean is sure that through intercession and because of her great love, Miss Eames returned for a short time to become his bride.

Mr. McLean and Miss Eames were childhood lovers. Her death seems particularly tragic, coming as it did, sharply upon the culmination of a youthful betrothal. With his mother and father, the bereft husband will go to the south of France for the winter. Then he intends to return to America.

"I am not sure, Lillie, but I think anything can be true to a woman who loves greatly." "And she did love greatly," Lillie may say. "Strange that any man could inspire the great love that both Geraldine Eames and I had for Robert McLean. I know that if he had called me I would have come back from the very portals of death to do his bidding. And this other girl did the thing that she seemed to feel was necessary for Robert's happiness."

"I am very glad, Nonnie, that I did not take your advice and go and tell Miss Eames about Robert and me. She really deserved him more than I could. Poor Robert!" Antoinette Norton looked at the girl before her with speculating eyes. Would the death of Geraldine Eames make any difference in the life and destiny of Lillie May?

After the return of Robert McLean to her (Miss Norton was sure that after time had softened his grief a little Robert McLean would return to Lillie May) would she feel as bitter toward Harold Kennedy as she did now?

Antoinette Norton had secretly become a sympathizer of Harold Kennedy. She had reached the age when all the sweet interludes of romance seemed to be something that were to be remembered during life's long afternoon.

It was most peculiar that all her romantic episodes had been vicarious. Antoinette Norton was not plain and she was very clever. The affair between Mrs. Vail and Harold Kennedy was most interesting to her. She could imagine the joy that the young man's attentions

brought to the older woman. There was nothing incongruous in it to understand Mrs. Vail's position and feelings.

Of course she knew Ovid Marchmont had loved Mrs. Vail all his life. She knew that he, in the eyes of the world, would be a much more suitable husband. She knew that he was a very estimable man. She knew that he was devoted to her. She also knew that Ovid Marchmont had always been near Mrs. Vail. He was a part of that sad time of her life that she was most anxious to forget. He made her think always of the things she had missed. There was not the thrill in his presence, the radiance that could make her live in the present.

Again Nonnie's thoughts traveled to that "death-bed marriage." If Geraldine Eames' love was strong enough to bring her back from the door of eternity for a little while, would it not be strong enough to influence Robert McLean's life always? Would he not consider that to be faithful to her memory was the only thing he could do to prove his loyalty?

It was a maze into which Miss Norton's thoughts carried her. She arose to leave the room. As she bent to kiss Lillie May she found the girl was weeping silently and miserably with her face to the wall.

She knew instinctively that the girl was thinking the same thoughts of Robert McLean that had just come to her.

At the door of the girl's room, she met Mrs. Vail, who asked her what she thought had caused her daughter's sudden breakdown.

"I hope she will be well enough to go tomorrow. The moment that Harold knew that Lillie May was so ill, he immediately chartered a private car. If we can only get her to the station, I know she will be quite as comfortable as here."

Tomorrow—Love Never Forgets Denial.

By George McManus

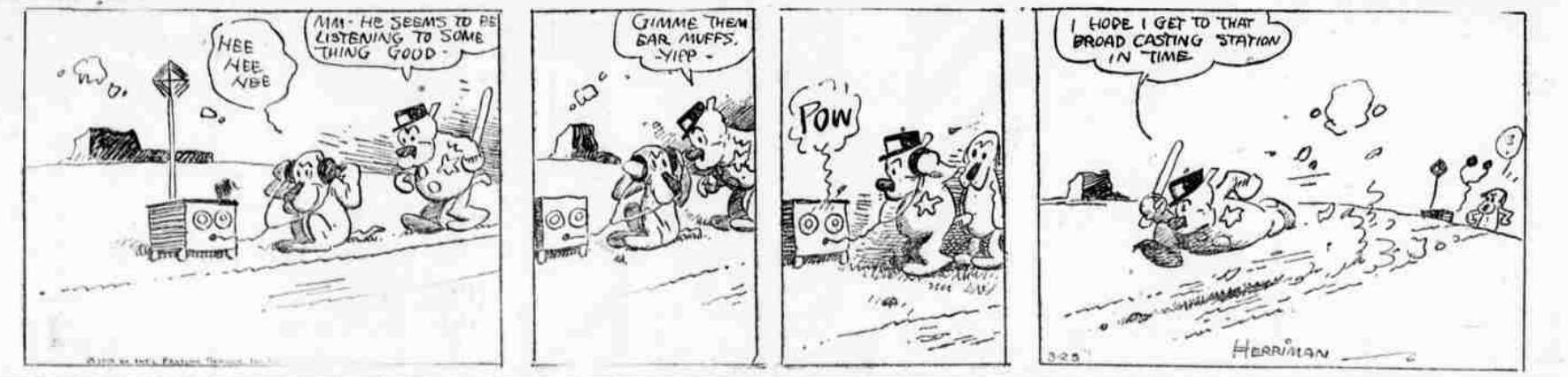
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