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## A Busted Boom

What has become of the heralded era of prosperity, ushered in by the election of Calvin Coolidge as president, which sent Wall street stocks and securities booming and sky-rocketed the price of wheat? Here we are, less than thirty days after inaugural day, with stocks at the lowest level of the year and wheat down to what it was before we heard the glorious election news.

No sooner had the votes been counted than prices of all stocks began to rapidly advance until they had reached the highest notch in years, and wheat for the third time in fifty years climbed above the \$2 mark. Thus did big business react to celebrate the defeat of Davis and LaFollette. But the deflation has been more rapid than the inflation and prices are sagging to pre-election basis.

All of which is proof that prosperity rests upon economic and industrial conditions and not on politics and that the claims of politicians that prosperity, other than their own, depends upon their return to office, is the purest kind of bunk.

There was nothing, outside of politics, to justify a boom in the stock market, no increased earnings or development in prospect to base it upon. Following election came the depression in the textile industry with heavy wage cuts. Then came the seasonal slump in the lumber industry, followed by the bankruptcy of the great St. Paul transcontinental railroad system. Now the bituminous coal industry faces collapse, all part of a delayed after-the-war readjustment and a liquidation needed to bring down costs of production and living too long artificially inflated.

There is, however, every reason to believe that business conditions will steadily improve during the year. A good crop will be the main factor. Industrial production is stabilizing itself. Building shows no sign of curtailment, and unemployment is steadily diminishing. Politics, however, has little to do with it.

The great Coolidge business boom is neither lost, strayed nor stolen. It has busted.

## A Course for Sissies

According to the Corvallis Gazette-Times, the public schools of that thriving city, probably taking the cue from the enterprising Oregon Agricultural College, have installed a course in cooking for boys. It remarks:

We learn through the medium of the sprightly Hi-O-Scope that the Corvallis taxpayers are conducting a cooking school for boys. Many of them probably did not know this. We wonder what the founders of the free educational system would think now if they could witness the riot of money spending in the so-called education system, that includes the study of everything under the sun except those things for which free schools were founded. The taxpayers are patient. They let the uplifters run the schools and they pay the bills.

Why not? The main object of schools nowadays is no longer to provide education in fundamentals, but to amuse, entertain and give the pupils a chance to have a good time. If the huskies have a special instructor and specialize in athletics, why shouldn't the sissies play at cooking? It may be useful later when wife becomes the bread-winner. Courses in sewing, housekeeping and baby nursing should be added to make course complete.

Then there are the parents and teachers to be considered. The more subjects taught, the more jobs for teachers. The more things shovled on the schools, the more leisure for the parents. Only the taxpayer objects—and he has learned the futility.

## BOATHOUSE HERE BEING REBUILT

Work was begun this morning on rebuilding the Salem boathouse owned by Captain J. Spong. His boathouse, with the bathhouse adjoining was crushed by the ice which covered the Willamette river from bank to bank late last December. The bathhouse, which was owned by Charles K. Denton, will not be rebuilt. Mr. Denton stated this morning.

The new boathouse will measure 26 by 36 feet, being somewhat larger than the house that was destroyed. It is being built on a float large enough to allow for a strip of platform four feet wide on three sides. It will be large enough to hold 15 canoes.

The five large logs which will support the house were fastened together with heavy crossbeams today. The logs were in the Willamette slough near the Spaulding lumber mill. The float will be towed to a point immediately below the warehouse used by the Salem Towing & Transportation company, which operates the Northwestern on the Willamette river between Salem and Portland. The new location of the boathouse is a few feet below the point where it was formerly moored.

## OREGON TAX LEVY OVER \$42,660,338

(Continued from page one)

1924 is \$42,660,338.65, including \$111,342.15 for fire patrol, according to a statement made public today by the state tax commission. Excluding fire patrol the total is \$42,548,996.50.

The several classes of taxes total as follows:

State, \$7,492,761.47; county, \$3,826,598.26; county school and school library, \$3,015,585.82; high school tuition, \$793,118.62; special school, \$9,409,118.85; general roads, \$3,164,861.42; special roads, \$1,256,542.18; market roads (county levy), \$1,161,598.47; bond interest and redemption, \$1,654,237.28; special cities and towns, \$7,713,271.09; irrigation and drainage, \$1,595,250.69; ports, \$1,455,637.97; miscellaneous, \$32,604.68.

Last year the total exclusive of fire patrol was \$40,155,032.30. The fire patrol levy was \$69,668.11, making total with that including \$40,224,700.41.

For Marion and Polk counties the figures on this year's and last year's levies compare as follows:

Marion County		
	1924	1923
State	\$7,492,761.47	\$7,492,761.47
County	\$3,826,598.26	\$3,826,598.26
School and Library	\$3,015,585.82	\$3,015,585.82
H. & S. Tuition	\$793,118.62	\$793,118.62
Special School	\$9,409,118.85	\$9,409,118.85
General Roads	\$3,164,861.42	\$3,164,861.42
Special Roads	\$1,256,542.18	\$1,256,542.18
Market Roads	\$1,161,598.47	\$1,161,598.47
Bond Int. and Redmp.	\$1,654,237.28	\$1,654,237.28
Special Cities-Towns	\$7,713,271.09	\$7,713,271.09
Irrigation and Drainage	\$1,595,250.69	\$1,595,250.69
Ports	\$1,455,637.97	\$1,455,637.97
Miscellaneous	\$32,604.68	\$32,604.68
Fire Patrol	\$111,342.15	\$111,342.15
Total	\$42,660,338.65	\$40,224,700.41

Polk County		
	1924	1923
State	\$7,492,761.47	\$7,492,761.47
County	\$3,826,598.26	\$3,826,598.26
School and Library	\$3,015,585.82	\$3,015,585.82
H. & S. Tuition	\$793,118.62	\$793,118.62
Special School	\$9,409,118.85	\$9,409,118.85
General Roads	\$3,164,861.42	\$3,164,861.42
Special Roads	\$1,256,542.18	\$1,256,542.18
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# TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

## HORIZONTAL

1. That which radiates heat
8. Malayan (ab.)
9. To abscond
10. Precious stone
12. Prefix (L.)
13. Salt (L.)
15. Conjunction
17. Thick gruel
19. Drinking vessel
20. Conveyance
23. Maiden loved by Jupiter
25. Back of neck
27. Attack on fortified place
30. Fragment of cloth
31. More powerful

## 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.

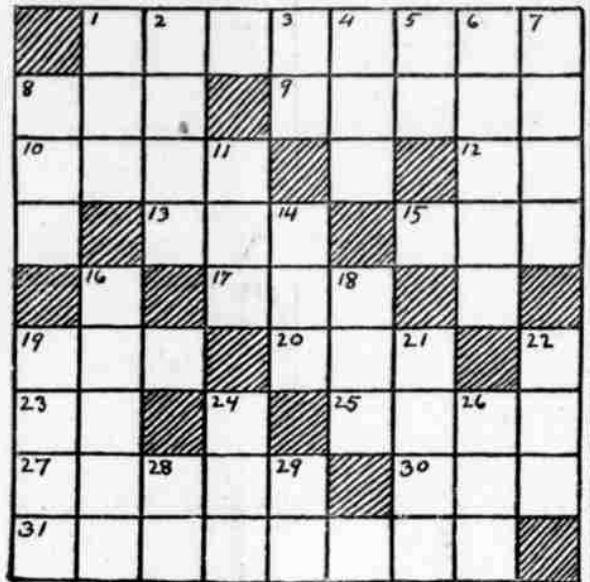
Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin, in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterrupted.

## SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

JAY MARS  
VAN BUTE  
ARCHED HE  
T HUT CEN  
FOG FEW  
TAR SUN P  
AT BANTER  
LOIL RYE  
KIND LEE

## VERTICAL

1. Knock lightly
2. Exclamation (regret)
3. That is (L. ab.)
4. Everyone
5. Telegraph office (ab.)
6. Discloses
7. Tear limb from limb
8. Cat down
11. Language of Lapland
14. Lacquer
16. Disk of iron (used in playing game)
18. Shallow vessel
19. Young woman
21. Precious
22. Solicit
24. Self
26. Equivalence



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28. Used to form comparative
29. Fourteenth letter in alphabet (suffix)

# Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

## HER OWN DAUGHTER

The next day Mrs. Vail and her whole party embarked in their special car for Hollywood.

Just as they stepped on board Mr. Marchmont received a telegram. As he read it a peculiar expression flitted across his face.

"Melway," he said, "I've had news for you. No. 27 has been drowned out by salt water and No. 28 shows signs of it."

"Gracious, Ovid, No. 27 was my largest producing well and No. 28 the best. I wonder what they will do."

"I don't know what they'll do about No. 28, Melway, but nothing can be done about No. 27. It has already been abandoned."

"I don't like the tone of Smith's wire at all. It looks to me as though they were having other trouble. He says he will telegraph again to Chicago."

Lilla certainly had news. "Lissa," said Harold Kennedy. "It will cut off your income at least \$2500 a day, which is no small figure now that by giving Lilla half your operation you have cut your income in two. I don't remember that you have another well that is bringing you in more than 1000 barrels a day in your field."

"Oh, I've enough, Harold."

"You will need much capital for that financing company, my dear."

"That's so. I'm not going to worry. We'll telegraph Smith to start sinking other wells immediately."

"Mother, you need not give me all that oil land, you know," interposed Lilla.

"Don't be silly, child. That is just Harold's croaking. That is the way he always talks about oil. He wants me to get out of it and

into other things. He wants me to put my money into something that cannot 'set up' like oil wells."

"By the way," interrupted Marchmont, "talking about oil wells acting up, that well on Lilla's half that you had almost given up just before you left has developed wonderfully. It is showing about 500 barrels a day, which is quite as much, Melway, as that one of yours that has just been put out of business by salt water. Smith did not know, Melway, that you had turned that part of the field over to Lilla and he congratulated you on the fact that the new well would just about offset your losses from the other."

"My dear, I congratulate you," said Mrs. Vail, turning to her daughter, and then, as though dismissing the subject, she began to talk of other things.

Lilla listened a moment and then, finding that she did not feel strong enough, she went to bed. Her dinner was sent to her.

About 9 o'clock that night she heard her mother talking to Harold Kennedy just outside her door.

"We shall have to borrow some money, Harold, to start that finance company," she heard her mother say. "That latest real estate deal made a big hole in ready cash. I was depending on 27 and 28 to pour enough 'flowing gold' as you call it, into my bank to start the company. I'll have to ask Lilla to help me out, although I hate to. It makes me look like an Indian giver. I don't think I can raise \$50,000 on my own wells now that the two best have gone bad."

"I wouldn't ask Lilla to do anything of the kind, Lissa. We'll get along some way. She'll ask all sorts of questions and make dif-

facilities and misunderstandings that is not worth \$500,000. I am sure that she will hurt you, as she knows nothing about business, and she will object to giving you any money for anything connected with moving pictures."

"What are you talking about, Harold? Surely you don't think that my own daughter will object to raising money on the property I have just given her to help me out of some unforeseen difficulty?"

"She will not look at it that way at all, Lissa. She will think that I am insisting upon getting you into something that you oughtn't to do. She doesn't trust me, dear. Surely you have seen that."

"Why, Harold, I thought that Lilla was very much taken with you."

"Now, my dear, you know that is because you want her to be. I am trying to make her like me because I know you want her to like me, but think it out for yourself. Your daughter comes home from a long stay at a foreign school to find a strange young man in your house, in your affections, in your fullest confidence. Is it not natural that a girl who had probably been thinking she was to fill the place she found me in would not be a little bit jealous?"

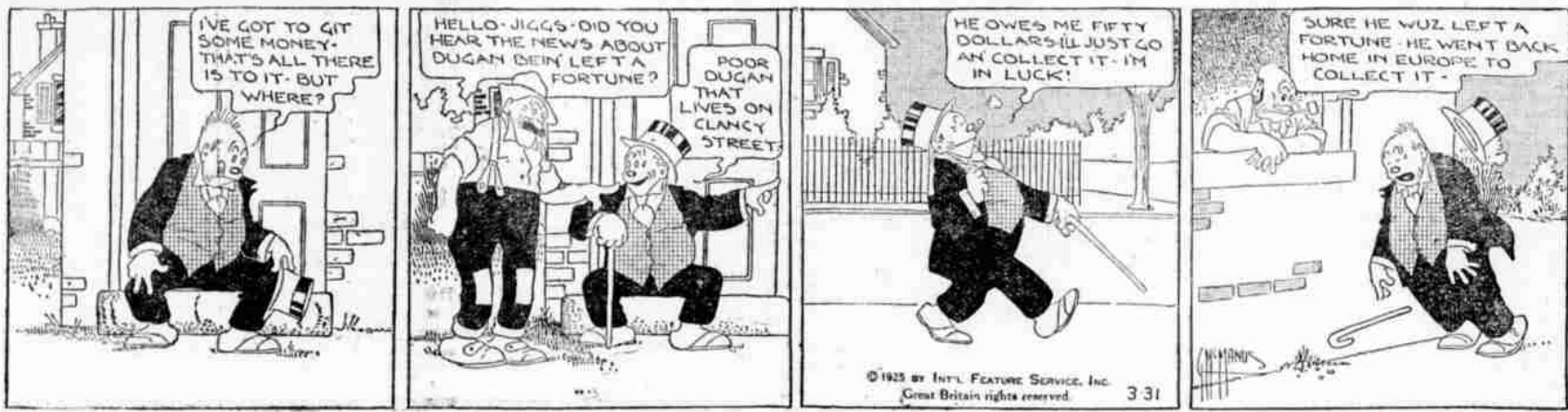
"Oh, that breaks my heart, Harold. I had planned on your being such good friends. I think you must be mistaken. I'll ask her about it tomorrow. Aren't you a little bit jealous yourself, dear. I've affection enough for you both, Lilla is my child, but you, my dear, have made me happier than any other person I have ever known."

Tomorrow—Just Her Mother.

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## BRINGING UP FATHER



## DUMB DORA

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



## KRAZY KAT

Krazy Says It With Flowers.



## MUTT AND JEFF

Joe Spivis Is Doping Out a Cross Word Puzzle.

By Bud Fisher

