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More Harm Than Good

While the Capital Journal did its share to help send the state high-school basketball champions back to Chicago, as a recognition of merit, it is frank to admit that it considers the idea of a national contest among high schools vicious in the extreme and calculated to do much more harm than good by the over-emphasis placed upon athletics, and its tendency toward professional sport.

It is another instance where the modern high school strives foolishly to ape the college and the university. Athletics in the high-schools are coming to mean the same as in the college, the main end for a few, of no benefit to the many, and of no lasting good to the few. Professional trainers and coaches are employed by the larger schools and a business made out of football and basketball. Without the professional trainer, who reduces sport to science, the team, no matter its native ability, gets nowhere.

In many communities, taxpayers will not stand for school funds being diverted from educational purposes to develop an athletic team that spends its time and energies in touring the country staging contests with other teams, and in such cases, the professional trainer is paid from funds raised by special subscription or from the gate receipts of games. Schools unable to employ such trainer are hopelessly handicapped.

A state contest of high school teams is as far as the competition between schools should be allowed to go—a national contests should be barred out of high-school class.

New Era of Mergers

Announcement of the sale of the Dodge Brothers automobile plants to a New York syndicate for \$175,000,000, followed by the purchase by British and Standard Oil interests of the control in Doheny's oil companies for approximately \$40,000,000, indicate that another era of big business mergers to create trusts and monopolies is impending, similar to that inaugurated under President McKinley a quarter of a century ago, when the steel, tin, copper, woolen, paper and other trusts were organized.

Purchase of Dodge Brothers is announced a move in the formation of a rival to the General Motors Company, which has absorbed so many plants. The result will probably be the purchase and consolidation of independent motor concerns with the eventual concentration of all automobile manufacturers in two or three great groups. Fortunes will be made in the financing if not in the operation.

Purchase of the Doheny oil interests rests the control of the United States naval oil reserves, bartered for a bribe by Secretary Fall, in the hands of foreigners. Suit instituted by the government to recover these oil fields will probably be foiled, as the Teapot Dome suits have been, by witnesses, including Standard Oil officials, depended upon by the government, taking refuge beyond the jurisdiction of the law, in foreign lands.

The Coolidge regime, friendly to big business, with its proposed cut in income and surtaxes, offers a premium for a return to predatory ways. Fear of prosecution has been removed. Complacency rules the White House. A new golden age is being inaugurated for the unscrupulous business adventures, who is already cashing in on the stock and grain markets, and starting a clean-up on industrials.

CHAMP LAUGHS AT NEW YORK BAN

Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—When the New York boxing commission recently placed the name of Jack Dempsey, holder of the world's heavyweight boxing title, on its ineligible list, the champion dubbed it top notch comedy, shrugged his shoulders and said: "I should worry; they make me laugh."

Dempsey had another laugh coming yesterday when he was apprised of the signing of papers for a match between Tommy Gibbons and Gene Tunney for the heavyweight championship of the world he took it: "A laughing proposition," he said. He then scoffed at Gibbons' claim to the title and termed it advertising.

He also took occasion for a long distance, verbal jab at the New York commission, saying that that body can do whatever it wishes in New York, but that there are other states in which to fight.

The champion again denied any intention of retiring and his appearance lent color to his denial for he was then preparing to enter the ring for an exhibition performance at a naval day field program. In his exhibition he showed some fast footwork and played with his opponent for three rounds. He indicated that his next fight may be in California and said that he had received some tempting offers from California promoters.

INDIANS TO PLAY FRANKLIN NINE

Chemawa, April 2.—Tomorrow afternoon the Chemawa Indians baseball nine will travel to Portland where they are scheduled to meet the fast Franklin team. Not much is known as to the ability of the Portland team although they have prospects for a winning team. The Franklin team came to Chemawa last Saturday but the game was called off in the third inning on account of the severe rain storm. The score stood 1 to 3, with but one out and a man on second it looked as though the Indians might have scored. Hall, first man up for Franklin, started the game with a three-bagger over the centerfield. Miller fanned but Hall scored after the catch on Jackson's fly to center.

The Indians had several men on bases at all times and the Franklin side was kept worried. Charles George, veteran of the team of last year, batted for the Indians. He is going better than last year and will be depended on for a good part of the hitting.

JACKSON COUNTY MAN TO HEAD DAIRY UNIT

R. G. Fowler, assistant agriculturalist of Jackson county, will succeed R. F. Noll of Turner, Marion county, as superintendent of the dairy cattle division of the Oregon state fair, according to an announcement by the state fair board at a meeting here yesterday. Noll has gone into business at Rainier and Fowler was for some years head of the livestock division in the Southwestern Washington fair at Puyallup.

Other superintendents are: J. E. Finnicum, Dayton, Or., best cattle; Thomas Brunk, Salem, swine; Professor Nelson, O. A. C., sheep; and Jay Reynolds, Corvallis, horses.

Golden Sun Is Winner. Newbury, Eng., April 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Paddy, by Golden Sun out of Shanogun, owned by Lady Bradford, won the spring cup of 1500 pounds sterling run here today.

Silverton News

Silverton, April 2.—Funeral services for Mrs. Clifford Ross will be held this afternoon from Trinity church at 2 o'clock with Rev. George Henriksen officiating. Burial will be made in the Silverton cemetery.

Dan Riveness and Olum Larson left Wednesday for a tour of California. Both Mr. Riveness and Mr. Larson have been employees of the Riveness grocery for some time. They expect to return to Silverton at the end of a few weeks traveling about in California. Trinity Musical Organization is preparing a program to be given at Trinity church Friday night of this week. The program will consist of group and solo selections, both instrumental and vocal. Following the program a pie social will be held. Proceeds of the evening's entertainment will be used for purchasing new music and instruments for the various musical

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Whenever
- To titter
- Disorderly crowd
- Grassy plain
- Boleat
- Covers
- Vibrate
- So
- Sunken track
- Royal Engineers (ab.)
- Extra allowance
- Drag along
- Organ of hearing
- Girl's name
- Mechanical machine
- To have actuality

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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S REEF S
WARAPE
S MERGE B
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VERTICAL

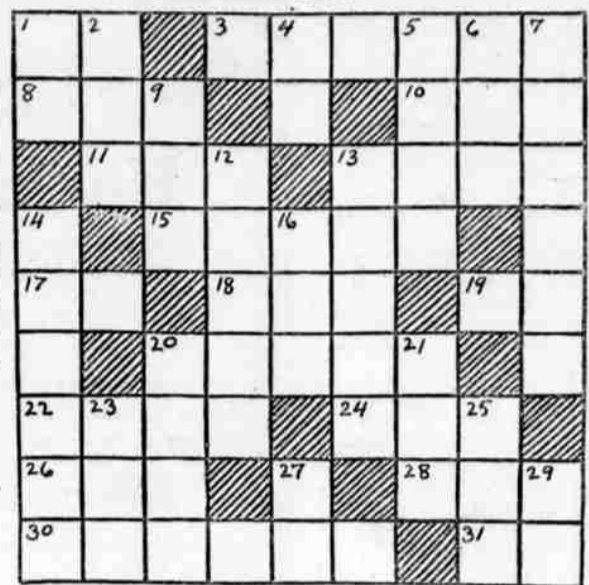
- I am (contraction)
- Preposition
- Ireland (ab.)
- Voluble
- Carried along
- More easily
- Winged mammal
- To cast forth
- Flower
- Covered with sand
- Move rapidly
- Place for storing hay
- Total
- Glean
- To seize suddenly
- America (ab.)
- You (poet)

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 uninteruptedly.

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 uninteruptedly.



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Men, Mothers and Maids

A Romantic Serial of Modern Life

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON

FROM NEAR AND FAR

Lillemay looked at Harold Kennedy curiously. "What did he mean by telling her that she was to meet handsome and clever men in Hollywood? Did he want to warn her against them?"

"I can believe that they are both handsome and clever if you are a snip, Harold," she bantered. "The man smiled with her. 'Do you know you can be very sweet if you want Lille? I am glad that you have decided not to hate me.' 'Oh here you are, both of you. I have been trying to find you to tell you that breakfast is ready.' said Mrs. Vail, looking curiously at the two. She wondered if they had made up their differences. Harold's caressing smile however brought an answering one to her lips. She decided that it was all right between the two persons she cared for most on earth. She came forward and kissed her daughter. 'Lillemay,' she said, 'you must have recovered in the night. You are looking radiant this morning.' 'I confess I am hungry Lille,' interrupted Harold. 'See, we are just come into the rickety old Cleveland station, a disgrace to the town.' 'But anyway we shall have time to eat our breakfast while our car is still.'"

As the train slowed down Mr. Marchmont called a newsboy and bought the morning paper. Lille looked eagerly over the one that Uncle Ovid held out to her. Soon she found what she was looking for under a headline—"American still ill from shock over death of fiance." She read: "The mysterious hallucinations of Robert McLean continue. He in-

stated that he is still receiving communications from his wife to whom he was married on her deathbed after she had fallen from her horse.

Although seemingly right in every other particular, Mr. McLean other things since she told him she had come back after her death to marry him. What these communications are, however, he declines to tell.

The whole episode has brought about a rather peculiar legal tangle. If by any possibility it could be proved that Miss Emma did come back to enact a dramatic marriage after she was already dead, it would raise the question immediately—is Mr. McLean her legal heir?

The whole thing has stirred up great interest among those who insist that the dead can return as well as among those who are certain that Mr. McLean's mind has become unhinged by the tragedy in which he has played one of the principal roles.

One thing, however, Mr. McLean does say he has been asked by Miss Emma to take her body back to America as soon as possible. This he will do as soon as it can be legally accomplished. Just now Mr. McLean and his mother are in the south of France waiting for permission to carry the dead bride back to America. "That is a queer kind of affair that has happened to that chap in Paris," said Marchmont. "Did you know him Lille? I see you are reading the account in another paper."

"Yes, I knew Robert McLean very well, indeed, and I met Miss Emma just as I was leaving for

home." In spite of everything the girl could do she could not keep her voice from sounding queerly.

"Well, have you any theories about the matter," asked Marchmont. "Did you know this man was a believer in the occult?"

"He never said anything to me that led me to think he was," answered Lille. "He was one of the sanest men I have ever known and I had such confidence in him that if I should hear him say his wife told him that she had come back from the other side to marry him I would believe him rather than think his mind was unsettled. Had never had a 'case of nerves' that I knew of." Lille may stopped and blushed as she realized that she had called McLean by his first name. No one seemed to notice it however.

At Cleveland Mrs. Vail received a wire which told her that her other well had been drowned out. Lille may noticed that her mother looked quite worried. She again tried to press upon her her part of the oil field but her mother declined more peremptorily than before.

From Ovid the girl learned that while the real estate deals in which her mother had become involved would probably bring her in a great deal of money, yet real estate at that moment was suffering one of its periodical slumps in Los Angeles and her investment was costing instead of making her money.

"What shall I do Uncle Ovid?" Lille asked Marchmont. "I don't want to rob mother, neither do I want to sacrifice my half of the field which happens to be at this moment profitable to take care of some financial foolishness that Harold Kennedy has gotten her into."

"Just sit tight, Lillemay," counseled Uncle Ovid, who did not realize that half of his advice was colored by a little jealousy of Harold Kennedy and part of the other half by his natural cautiousness.

By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



DUMB DORA

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



KRAZY KAT

The Magnetic Mouse

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

Is Sir Sidney a Baseball Fan? Well, We'll Say He Is.

By Bud Fisher



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