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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.—Nahum 1:7.

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

What can one man do in this corporation and cooperative age of quantity production and stifled individualism? Recent events however, show that despite the trend of the times, the individual has plenty of opportunity to deliver the goods, if his genius lies in that way, and he is industrious enough.

Let us take the case of Portland's famous fireman firebug. In a comparatively brief space of time, he set a hundred odd fires in a hundred parts of the city causing a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars and the combined hundreds of the police and fire departments were unable to curb his activities or apprehend him. Then there is the case of that brilliant burglar known by the pseudonym of "Inch and a Quarter Jimmy," who in 150 days burglarized over a 150 residences in one Portland district, despite 150 cops on guard and caused the police "to make a monkey" out of the mayor and a "goat" out of the chief in f. l. e efforts to nab him.

Then there is the case of our Grand Lecturer, who single-handed, has been cutting taxes in half for over two years by multiplying them and has finally, by making an inadequate levy and vetoing a special election, financially embarrassed the state to the extent of several millions of dollars.

All of which proves that one man can still manage to raise hell in a limited time in an unlimited way, if he's built that way. Of course the pitcher always goes to the well once too often, the firebug fired one too many fires, the burglar burgled one too many houses, and the Grand Lecturer forced one too many special taxes, but just think of the fun they have had, in their respective swings around the burnt district, the robbed region and the grand circle before coming to grief.

Sure, opportunity still awaits the individual.

PLANT PEARS

Fruit crops of the county are having their usual spring destruction at the hands of the experts. It is usually necessary to destroy them at least three times before a bumper harvest. However experts tell us that the prune and cherry crops will be light, but the pear and peach crops good. The freeze of last winter is blamed.

Why do not the growers set out more pear acreage? Year in and year out, pears are as profitable as any crop grown, more than most, yet there are only three commercial pear orchards in the Salem territory.

The Willamette valley is peculiarly adapted to pears, particularly as a canning product. Climatically it cannot be excelled, for it is immune from fire-blight, the dreaded destroyer of most pear regions. Frost seldom takes a heavy toll and the trees are freer from pests than elsewhere.

In order to secure pears enough to operate their plant, local canners have to import them in quantity lots from southern and eastern Oregon and Washington districts. There should be pears enough raised here to eliminate this importation.

Diversity is the salvation of the fruit-grower, as it is of the farmer. The wise orchardist will include a pear block with his prunes or apples or nuts, so that in case of failure of one crop, there is another to rely upon, while occasionally there will be bumper yields of all.

LIBERTY NEWS

Liberty, Or., April 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fox recently had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. B. Lauthum of San Francisco, Cal. Mr. Lauthum was a boyhood friend of Mr. Fox, both being reared in Topeka, Kan. They had not met for 23 years.

Mrs. B. Neptune, Carl Huber and C. Mundinger of Salem were callers in this neighborhood last Monday.

H. B. Robb, who has been working in his studio at Pendleton, is now at home but will return to his eastern Oregon work soon.

Miss Vellela Ohmart was the guest of Miss Dorothy Erskine at her home at Jefferson over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Hoag were dinner guests Tuesday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Free Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mapes and daughters, Vera and Frances, of Salem were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Browning, Monday.

Mrs. H. A. Dove is slowly recovering from recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hazas of Portland were visitors at the Rains home last Sunday.

E. L. Coffey is visiting relatives near Sweet Home.

Mrs. McNeer and Miss Gladys McNeer of Silverton visited at the W. H. Dorman home Sunday. Miss Ruth Goffred of Falls City was also their guest.

Cloud Stevenson, who has been very ill with grippe, is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Judd were Rosedale visitors Sunday.

Miss Marion Holder of Portland is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. K. Holder.

Mrs. J. W. Anderson visited at Hoskany over the week-end.

Many from Liberty attended the declamatory contest at Salem Heights last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Dencer, Veneta Rains and Dorothy Coffey were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Dencer of Salem, Sunday.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Walter Allen, who got hit in the eye last week will no longer be blind.

R. X. Myers was called to Portland on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schlemmer and little girl, Betty, of Salem visited at the W. H. Matheson home Wednesday evening.

The Misses Tittle and Tilson, who are attending the Oregon Normal school at Monmouth, were

visitors at the home of P. G. Judd, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cruth, were Monmouth visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Clumber of Portland were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coffey's, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Wolfe of Waldport visited Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fox on their way home from a trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Entwistle and Mr. and Mrs. Adams and two children of Oregon City visited at the Loveland home Sunday.

Lyle Rains and his friend, William Ireland of Salem, motored to Corvallis, Sunday.

Mrs. A. B. Browning and daughter, Peggy, returned Saturday from Seattle and Tacoma, where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Earl Cone was in Portland Sunday.

Bill McKenzie left this morning for Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reynolds and son, Kenneth, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carlton and daughter, Louise, of Portland visited at the William Zosel home Sunday.

SCHOOL PATRONS PLAN FIGHT ON ILLITERACY

Austin, Texas, April 29.—Illiteracy in the southwest is to be attacked by the national congress of parents and teachers, which met into the second day of its annual convention here today.

Because of a large population in Texas and southwestern border states it was said illiteracy in these states is high. Efforts to combat it was the plan of "moonlight" schools as conducted in Kentucky probably will be proposed.

The "moonlight" schools are night schools for adults who desire to learn reading and writing and have no other facilities for education.

DRUNK TEST IS ALTERED

Birmingham, Eng., April 29.—Repetition of the words "British constitution" has been dropped by the Birmingham police as a test of persons suspected of having imbibed too freely.

Instead, the suspects blindfolded, are requested to step lively along a chalked line, pick up their hat at one end and then bow four times to the captain in charge of the test.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- National Guard (ab.)
- Established (ab.)
- East
- Cry of sheep
- Father
- Amusements
- Frank
- Pedal extremities
- To eat
- Regenerated
- To ramble
- Animal
- Indefinite article
- Member of an Indian tribe
- Missouri (ab.)

VERTICAL

- New Brunswick (ab.)
- To talk nonsense (slang)
- To slide
- Hot
- Editor (ab.)
- Granted
- Scorned
- Pain growing in India, East Africa
- Cover with dew
- After (ab.)
- Perceive
- Vigor
- Moved away rapidly
- Dominion (ab.)
- Georgia (ab.)
- Depart

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

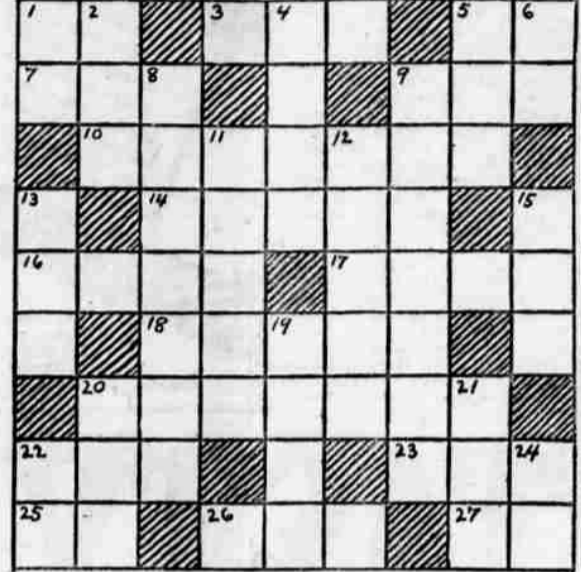
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HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

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 spaces remain uninterruptedly.



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My Matrimonial Vacation

by Violet Dare

A CRITICAL MOMENT

My marriage was so romantic and so unhappy, that it seems like something out of a story, not a real affair at all. When Jim and I went to Virginia and told her that we were married she was angrier than I have ever seen anyone before. Then, suddenly, she had hysterics, not real ones, I saw through her at once. She had decided that she wouldn't gain anything by being angry with Jim, and thought she'd try something else. She begged his pardon for being horrid, and was doubly sweet to both. She wanted to know where we were going to live. He said that he'd be stationed at Governor's Island, just a stone's throw from New York, the first year anyway. "How charming," she exclaimed. "Then I'll often have you with me."

things, like flowers for the house, that made the bills pile up. Virginia warned me that I must be careful not to do anything that would make me lose my looks. "Jim's so attractive that women will always run after him," she said. "And if you let yourself get run down and messy looking you'll lose him and it will be your own fault."

Jim was worried when the bills came in—a second lieutenant can't afford luxuries, and he had nothing but his pay. I was worried too. But Virginia lived with us, as he had urged her to do, and we entertained a good deal, and I suppose the bills never got any smaller.

Virginia was always fussing about what would happen to me when Jim got detailed for foreign service. "Just look at that little Mrs. Eaton, whose father was stationed in the islands a few years ago," she said. "She's hardly recovered her looks yet. And Major Canada's wife told me that it absolutely ruined her health when she was there. You've always been so delicate—never could stand severe heat—I'm so worried."

That scared Jim too. He'd protest that if one knew how to live in the tropics it was really beneficial, but Virginia would always remind him that he'd never lived there and didn't know anything about it.

I'd have gone anywhere with him, though. Then something happened that changed everything.

I came into the house quite unexpectedly one afternoon, when I'd thought I'd go over to New York and changed my mind. Mrs. Eaton was in our living room, with Jim

BRINGING UP FATHER

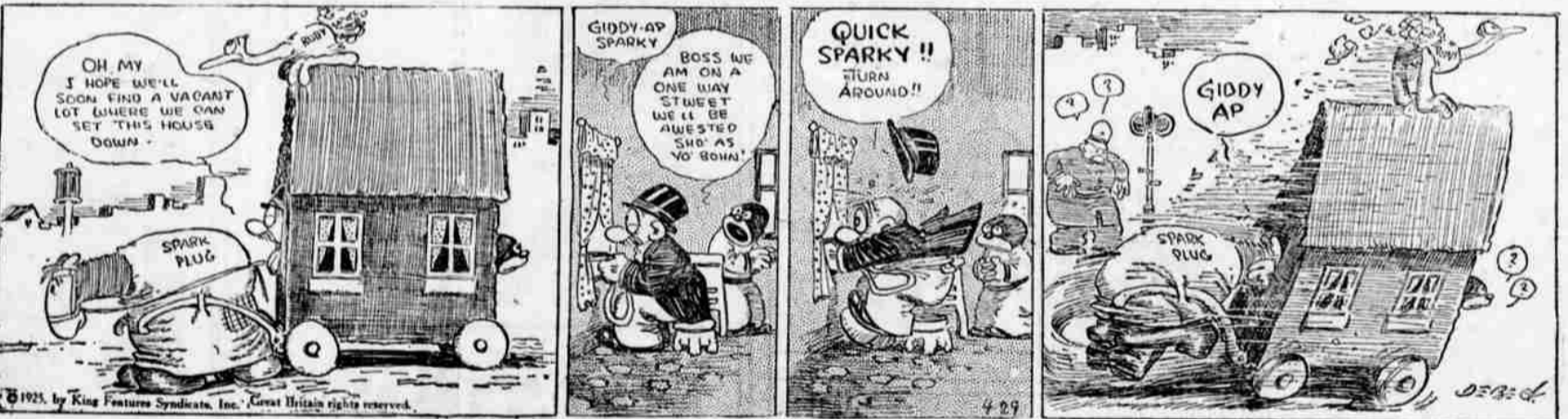


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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

A Case of "Cart Before the Horse"

By Billy de Beck



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KRAZY KAT

The Subdued Teacher

By Herriman



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MUTT AND JEFF

And a Rhino Can Scamper Much Faster Than a Horse

By Bud Fisher



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