

# Capital Journal

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## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord; for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of the evil doers.—Jeremiah 20:13.

## The Tarheel State

A 252 page edition of the Charlotte Observer, the largest edition of a newspaper ever issued in the south, calls public attention to the amazing progress and prosperity of North Carolina. Over a thousand pictures illustrate the agricultural progress of the state and an equal number of special articles portray development, which is summarized in the terse announcement "North Carolina pays more federal taxes than any ten or twelve southern states."

The occasion of this mammoth issue is the celebration by the state of the 150th anniversary of the issuance of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, wherein residents of Mecklenburg county asserted on May 20, 1775 their independence of British rule—preceding the declaration of the continental congress over a year. For the past century the anniversary has been observed as a state holiday.

Throughout the hook-worm belt, the Ku Klux Klan burns its fiery crosses in triumph, the Anti-Saloon League finds easy pickings in the way of collections against the demon rum, the hell-fire revivalists do a land office business in saving souls for dollars, and all unite to fight the devil in the form of evolution, but not North Carolina. The spirit of the old Mecklenburgers still survives and freedom worships fanaticism.

Georgia permits peonage and funeral pyres for persons not "white, protestant and gentle," Florida varies the skinning of suckers in swamp-lands with fatally flogging enslaved convicts, Tennessee forbids the teaching of science to her clay-eaters—but none of this for North Carolina. The light of liberty, though it flickers at times, still burns there as of old. Evolution is not only taught tar-healers, but lynchers are penalized, even though they be preachers.

North Carolina has just set a fine example, not only to the south, but the north as well, by trying, convicting and sentencing a mob of the chivalrous protectors of southern womanhood, who broke jail, carrying away and horribly mutilating a Jew traveling man suspected of assaulting a white girl at Williamston. Twenty-eight were arrested, six made complete confessions, the ring-leader got thirty years, his assistants six to ten years, those who drummed up the crowd got two to three years, and those who took no active part, but were among those present were fined \$500 each—and the Jew proven innocent.

This conviction of lynchers, bearing out the favorable impression made by the Charlotte Observer, is convincing evidence that North Carolina is not only the most prosperous section of the south, but the most civilized.

## Flax Importations

The market for flax in the United States is shown not only by the importation of nearly \$100,000,000 of linen fabrics and products but also by the importation of flax fibre, of which we do not begin to raise enough to supply the limited needs of the little manufacturing done.

Federal statistics show that in 1923 there were imported into the United States 2136 tons of hauled flax fibre, valued at \$2,181,394 and 5284 tons of fibre not hauled, valued at \$1,610,876, the total importations being valued at \$3,792,270.

In 1924 there were imported 1011 tons of hauled fibre valued at \$1,143,104 and 2878 tons of fibre not hauled, valued at \$860,489 a total of \$2,003,593. The decrease in importations from the previous year was due to the fibre not being available, either in Europe or Canada.

In 1923 Canada exported to the United States 1635 tons of fibre valued at \$233,878 and in 1924, 1008 tons, valued at \$184,890. The other importations were from Europe.

On account of the excellent quality of the fibre raised in the Willamette valley, where climate conditions are as near ideal as in Ireland and Flanders, this valley is the logical site for the development of a great linen textile industry which should in time rival the cotton textile industry of New England.

As the automobile industry centered at Detroit, the tire industry at Akron so should the linen industry center at Salem and the way to assure it is to speed-up the financing of the proposed \$640,000 mill.

## 14,173 NAMES ON PETITIONS FOR TAX REFERENDUM

With 14,173 signatures attached, the completed petitions for the referendum of the tobacco tax act of the 1925 legislature were presented to the secretary of state yesterday and will be formally filed as soon as the signatures are checked by the state department. Only 2000 signatures of bona fide voters are required to make the petitions good.

It was necessary that the petitions, to make the referendum effective, be filed on or before May 27. Two days remain for the filing of the bill and the petitioning received by the secretary of state are that the bus bill petitions will be completed and filed on time.

There is some uncertainty relative to the filing act, which imposes upon self-sustaining state activities the requirement that 10 per cent of its proceeds go into the general state fund.

The effect of the referendum of each measure for which the petitions are completed will be to hold

up the effectiveness of the act pending the referendum vote at the general election of 1926. The referendum of the tobacco tax along with largely the state's financial program by creating a short-term of funds more serious than has ever before existed in the state, due to the curtailed state tax levy of last December which the tobacco tax would yield more than \$1,000,000 for the biennium. The taxing act was estimated to produce about \$150,000. The bus bill, though a revenue measure, is not one of the measures on the state financial program.

The completed petitions for the tobacco tax referendum show signatures by counties as follows: Baker, 325; Benton, 244; Crook, 89; Clackamas, 196; Columbia, 75; Deschutes, 218; Douglas, 149; Jackson, 158; Josephine, 44; Wallowa, 41; Linn, 180; Marion, 223; Polk, 191; Tillamook, 80; Umatilla, 101; Wasco, 203; Multnomah, 11,018; Lane, 120; total, 14,173.

## GOLF EXPERT QUILTS GAME

London—James Braid, the well-known golfer, will be too busy to take part in important golf tournaments this year. He has not lost interest in the game, but has become an authority and specialist on laying out golf courses, and has on laying out golf courses, and has

# TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

## HORIZONTAL

- Tree
- Sated with pleasure
- Luster
- Bashful
- Pronoun
- Loutish fellow
- That is (L. ab.)
- Master (ab.)
- Halt
- Entrusted
- Excitation
- Compass direction (ab.)
- Thoroughly (L. prefix)
- Fourth note musical scale
- Direction
- Suffr
- Permit
- Female deer

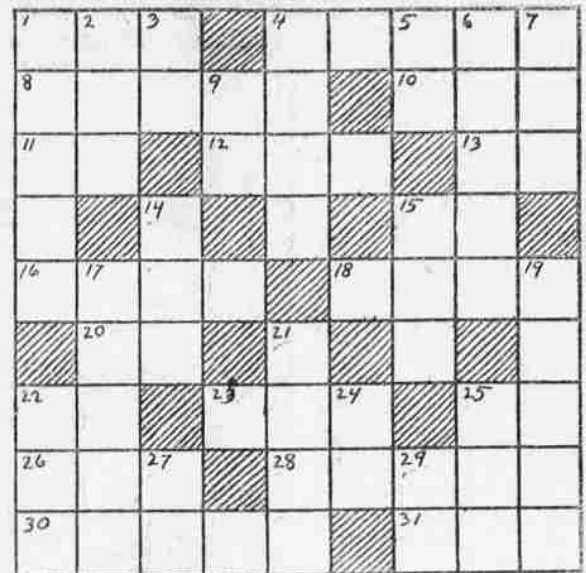
## VERTICAL

- Remnant of something burned (pl.)
- Personal pronoun
- Hawaiian Islands (ab.)
- Ray of light
- Adverb
- A county
- Organ of sight
- Word of negation
- Also
- Mire
- Possessive pronoun
- Male duck

- To rain in very fine drops
- To bend downward
- Attorney (ab.)
- Away from
- Master of Arts (ab.)
- Advertisement (ab.)

## 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 uninterrupted. 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.



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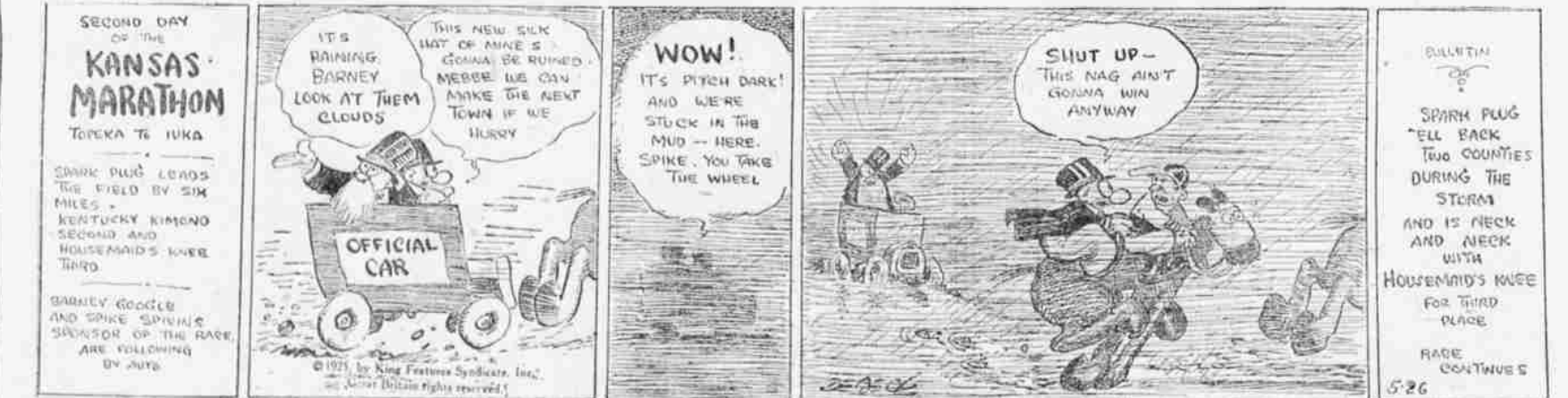
## BRINGING UP FATHER



## BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

It Makes No Difference, Barney Can't Lose Anyway

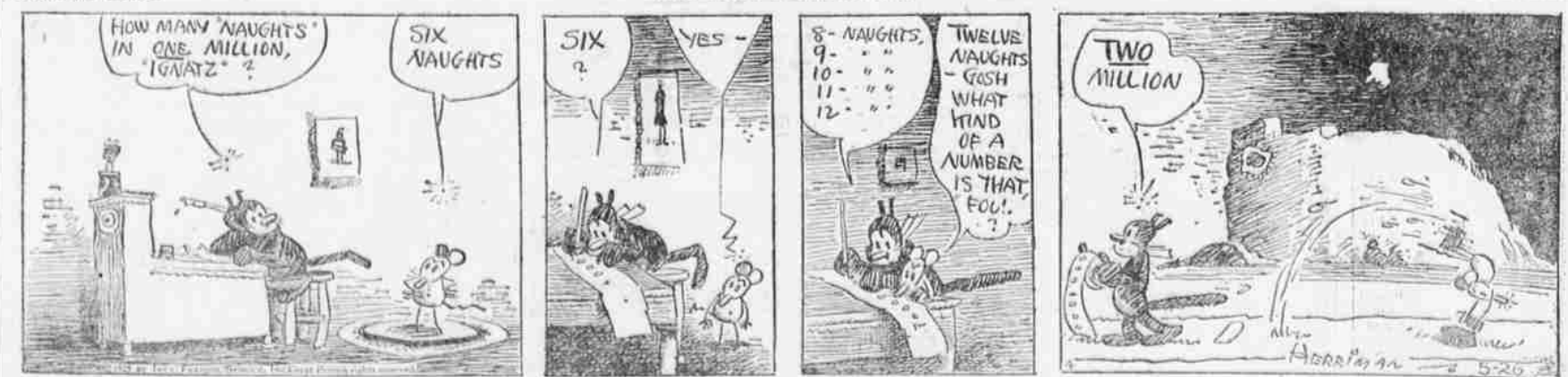
By Billy de Beck



## KRAZY KAT

Krazy 'n Idea of Multiplication

By Herriman



## MUTT AND JEFF

By Bud Fisher

