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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psalms 37:3.

A Colossal Waste

Nothing is appreciated unless it is earned. When anything is made easy, interest soon lapses. That which comes without effort is seldom valued. It is the struggle to acquire that gives life its zest, and makes anything worth while.

These rather trite truisms probably explain why higher education today fails to educate—that is it fails to make the recipients think, or if they do think, makes them think alike destroying originality. Education can be obtained without serious effort or struggle or sacrifice and therefore is unappreciated.

We have built up huge higher educational institutions at taxpayers expense, on the paternalistic theory that the state should do for the adult what it does for children, provide them with every possible advantage in the way of educational frills, book and technical learning without cost or reciprocal effort upon the student's part.

The great increase in attendance resulting, an increase artificially stimulated by careful campaigns and persistent propaganda on the part of already overcrowded state institutions, each branch of which competes with every other branch, and each institution with the other, has forced a revolution in educational methods along lines of quantity production. The factory methods of Henry Ford are utilized. The individual is submerged in the mass, standardized, and mechanized. Each instructor working under tension, adds a bolt or a nut as the student passes on the moving educational belt, until an immense amount of unassimilated knowledge and useless rubbish is assembled and labelled an education by a commercialized institution.

Along with the fallacy that all men are created equal, when no two are, we have imbibed that other illusion of democracy that education is synonymous with intelligence, and all that is necessary is to fill a fifth-rate mind with textbook stuff to raise it to first class. So we tax ourselves to the limit to cram morons with book-learning on the theory that we are making silk purses out of sows ears, spoiling thereby good laborers and mechanics, fine hewers of wood and drawers of water, to make poor parasites for the professions and pitiful failures with aspirations absurdly out of proportion to ability.

Higher education as we know it today, is a colossal waste, waste of time, of energy, of money that might be far better spent in other ways and probably does more harm than good, creating discontent, dissatisfaction and unrest among the unfit. It is questionable whether the country is really better off for those who seek knowledge always find it and the self taught is better taught than the factory product. It has not made for improved citizenship or higher standards. With more education there is more bigotry, more fanaticism, more intolerance, more regulation, more interference, more paternalism, and less democracy, less liberty and less reason than in the nation's history. The more educated we become, the worse off we are as a nation, for the fewer thinkers we develop despite the increase in population.

World Got News of Amundsen's Initial Conquest by Fluke

Seattle, Wash., May 25.—First news of Captain Roald Amundsen's discovery of the southwest passage in 1911 was flashed to the world from Seattle because a telegraph operator in Alaska refused to accept a long collect message to Elling Nansen in Norway from a guest unshaven giant who appeared in Haglo City, it was revealed here today.

Amundsen disappeared in Arctic wastes in 1902 and nothing more was heard from him. With a crew of eight men he pushed through the unexplored legendary route to the Indian in his seventy-foot steam ship. He finally reached Herschel island in MacKenzie bay, north of Alaska in October, 1905.

Then sickness of a member of his crew forced him to make a six-week overland trip by dog team for medicine. Accompanied only by one man, he started out on the long march on October 24, 1905.

He reached Eagle City ten miles below the international boundary on the Yukon river on December 5.

His appearance headed in the eyes and hearing marks of northern men did not excite any interest, as he was thought to be "Yost," a Swedish prospector. He visited the army signal corps telegraph office

and filed a lengthy collect message to Elling Nansen, the Norwegian Arctic explorer, and dropped out of sight.

The operator in charge of the office had no authorization to accept such a long collect message and wired to his chief in Seattle for instructions. This signal officer happened that night to be a dinner guest of Krastus Brynland, then editor of the Post-Intelligencer, and in recounting happenings of the day, mentioned that a "Swedish man" in Eagle City had tried to file a long message to "somebody in Norway" called Nansen. Brynland immediately became interested and inquired the name of the sender.

"It was something like Amundsen," the signal officer replied. Brynland made arrangements to pay the telegraph bills himself in exchange for the privilege of publishing the telegram—and the next day Seattle announced Amundsen's discovery to the world.

A diplomatic inquiry was instituted by the Norwegian government to ascertain how an American newspaper got possession of a message to a Norwegian diplomat, but the exact manner in which the news got out was not revealed until years later when Brynland told it himself.

dot. Doc Brown; Jenks & Smith, We and Our Government; James Baldwin, Fairy Stories and Fables; Joseph Jacobs, Gullie Fairy Tales; F. W. Roth, Wheeler, The Boys' Book of the World War; M. H. Wade, The Trail Blazers.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the state corporation department:

- Oregon Market, Inc., Astoria; incorporators, O. Mulligan, John Fuhrman, R. W. McLean; capital, \$12,000.
- Vico Cerval company, Portland; incorporators, J. E. Budd, Harry M. Lodge, William A. Williams; capital, \$15,000.
- Swedish Importing & Baking company, Portland, to sell stock in the sum of \$25,000.
- M. P. H. Irrigation company, Medford; incorporators, P. Welch, Raymond Welch, R. F. Moran, J. R. Moran; capital, \$25,000.
- Notice of dissolution was filed by Herring's Inc., of Portland.

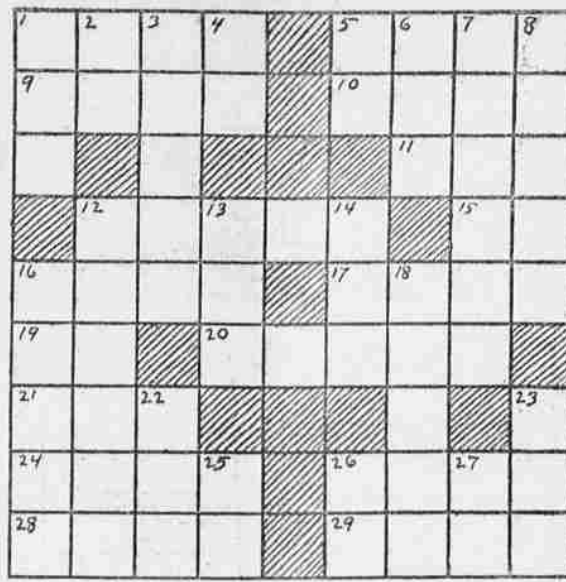
TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- Vessel for furnishing artificial light
- Wagers
- Aluminum (ab.)
- Two-wheeled vehicle
- Export of China
- Water in form of vapor
- Bachelor of arts (ab.)
- Rivers of lower regions (Myth)
- Asides
- Telegraph office (ab.)
- Small mountain lakes
- A sphere
- Not far
- To utter
- Circulating current of water
- Normal

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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SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

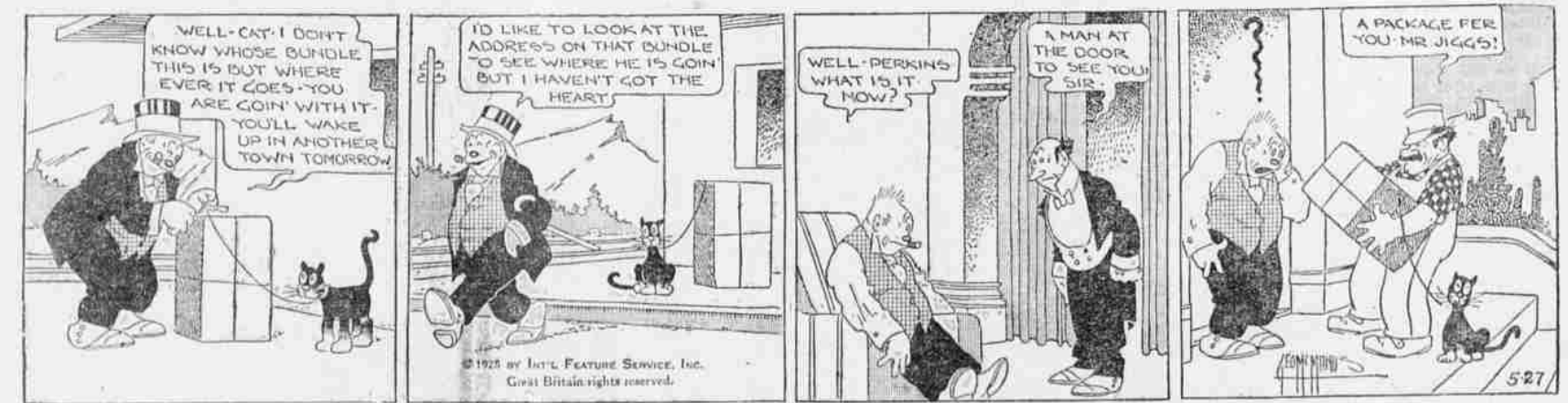


VERTICAL

- To place
- Albert (ab.)
- Mouldy
- Postmaster (ab.)
- British Columbia (ab.)
- Consumme
- Walks
- Pierces with pointed weapon
- Put away for future use
- External (ab.)
- To spoil
- A pebble
- Below (prefix L.)
- Wicked

- Alone
- Has existence
- Upon
- Rayway (ab.)
- Epon

BRINGING UP FATHER

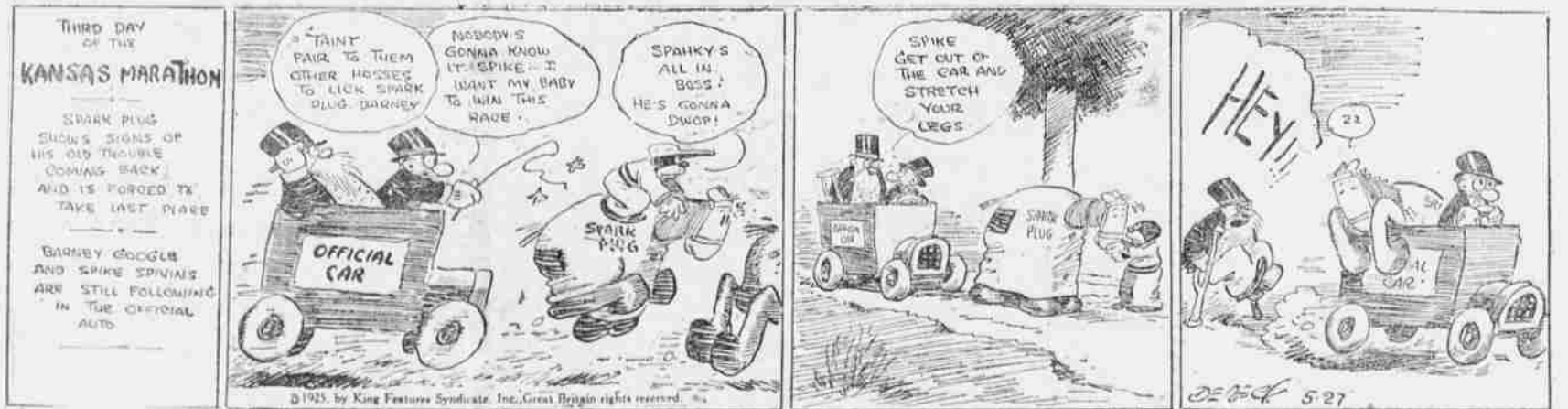


By George McManus

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

There's a Crowd

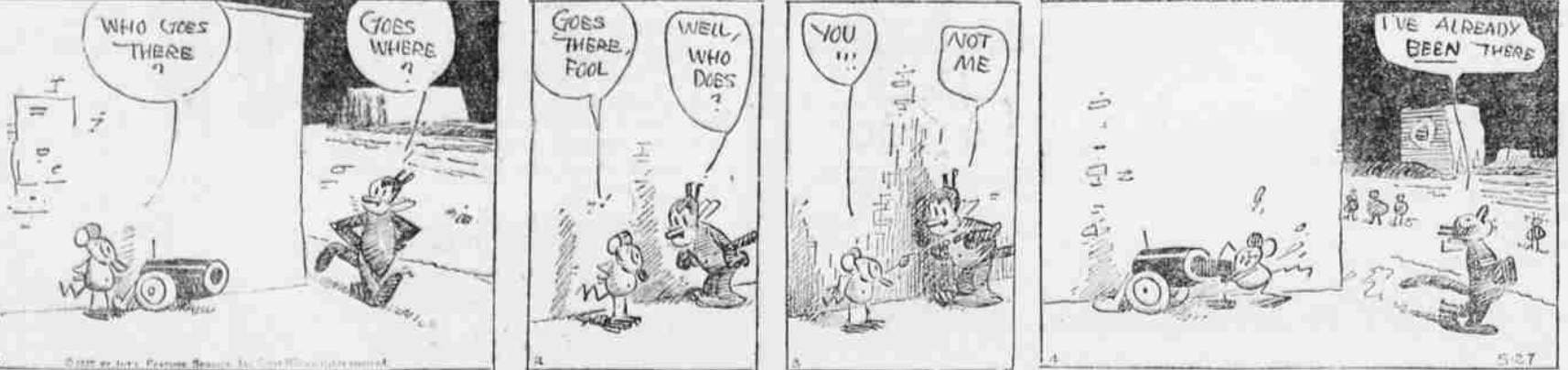
By Billy de Beck



KRAZY KAT

The Annoyed Sentinel.

By Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

At Last the Boys Are Making Some Headway.

By Bud Fisher



NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wallace Irwin, The Golden Bed; Allan Monkhouse, My Daughter Helen; C. M. Sublette, The Scarlet Cockerel; Florence Water, The Unstable Child; W. O. Scroggs, A Century of Banking Progress; D. W. La Rue, The Child's Mind and the Common Branches; Eells and others, Rural School Management; Samuel Seville, More Will Folk; C. R. Mubener, Hells of the Incas.

For the Children: Helen Bunkerkin, The Story of Little Black Sambo; M. C. Du Bois, The Girl of Old Glory; G. C. Eggleston, The Last of the Flatboats; G. C. Eggleston, The Wreck of the Red Bird; William Heyluer, Dan Strong, American; F. W. Howard, Banbury Cross Stories; Beatrix Potter, The Tale of Peter Rabbit; Beatrix Potter, The Tale of Tom Kitten; Dillon Wallace, Tramp One of the Laborer; J. F. Wildon, Tad Shel-