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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.—Matthew 12:30.

The Flag a Formula?

One hundred and forty-eight years ago "Old Glory" was adopted by the Continental congress as the emblem of freedom for the thirteen united colonies in their effort to separate from old world tyranny and establish a new government dedicated to liberty and the rights of man. Since then its constellation of thirteen stars has grown to forty-eight, and the nation, sprawling across a continent and its distant lands, ranks as the mightiest on the globe.

After all these years in which the "Stars and Stripes" has been the emblem of the nation and the symbol of liberty to the oppressed of the world, in which it has led our troops in the campaigns of six wars at home and abroad, it has suddenly been found necessary to establish a flag code, to define proper manner for its display and pass regulatory laws providing penalties for violation.

Some "sixty-eight great patriotic organizations" at recent national flag conferences have drafted some sixteen rules, based upon the fundamentals of the obsolete heraldry of feudalism, instructing patriots in the angles and positions, the hours and the occasions, the flag should be displayed, saluted, etc., etc., along with some sixteen cautions or don'ts upon its treatment. Upon this foundation, numerous state statutes and city ordinances have been enacted to enforce the code.

So Old Glory has fallen victim to the modern mania of statutory folly for regulating everything and everybody under the sun. Mass uniformity must govern patriotism. It must be standardized and systematized. The Stars and Stripes must be displayed according to rule and patriotic fervor and have a perfectly proper etiquette or it functions illegally, and will be suppressed by the stern arm of bureaucracy. The star-spangled banner, will not hereafter be permitted to wave even in triumph, unless it waves according to code in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

When it comes necessary, in the course of national affairs, to reduce patriotism, as symbolized by the flag, to formula, to conventionalize it, it may fairly be considered to have become decadent. Tribute is not then paid the flag as the emblem of the nation, the symbol of liberty, but as a thing in itself. As the code says "the flag must be considered in itself as a living thing." The form has supplanted the spirit, the material the ideal.

Religion offers similar illustrations of decadence. Idols originally were only symbols of the spirits that in the mind of primitive man, ruled the universe. But conventionalized, the symbolic character gradually was lost and the images eventually worshipped as living gods. Codes in the form of rituals and creeds replaced ideality and spirituality with formula, and gradually supplanted even the graven images, obscuring the gospel they interpreted.

Perhaps however, there is method in the flag code madness. Did the "sixty-eight patriotic organizations," realizing that the freedom which the flag originally symbolized had been replaced by the statutory tyranny and bureaucratic despotism of an age of super-regulation, fear that some day the flag would no longer command the love and admiration of a liberty loving people? Did they therefore resort to a compulsory code of enforced tribute, lest it fall into disrepute? Does this explain the effort to make the flag "a living thing in itself," instead of the symbol of the ideals upon which the republic was builded, to thus preserve the form of patriotism when the spirit shall have flown?

SPEC WOODS AND FRANKIE LEWIS BATTLE TO DRAW

Spec Woods and Frankie Lewis went ten full rounds to a draw in the boxing show at the armory last night.

It looked like Lewis would knock Woods out, as the Indian landed time after time with a heavy left, but Woods was propped up and managed to stay the limit, although most fighters would have gone down under such punishment. The fight was not as good as the first meet although the boys fought all of the time. The final round was the best of the ten with both battlers trying for a knockout. Lewis had Woods pretty groggy in this round but by visiting batter hung on. Woods tipped the scales at 147 pounds and Lewis at 141.

The Bill Hunt, Salem fireman, met the most opposition that he has yet encountered in a local ring when he went to the floor eight times in the second round. He kept covering up and was getting stronger as he got up each time. Danny Garth was wearing himself out trying to keep Hunt down for the count. In the third frame, Hunt came back strong and floored Garth twice. The second time Garth stayed down for the count. Garth was substituted for Speed Murphy of Portland, who was unable to appear on account of a broken bone in one of his hands. Garth was twenty pounds lighter than the Salem lad, he was out of condition and, it was announced after the fight, that it was the first time he had had the gloves on.

HOTELMEN NOT TO SEEK DRY LAW MODIFICATION

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 6.—The advisability of seeking modification of the Volstead act will not be discussed at the annual convention of the American Hotel Association in session here, according to John P. Shea, executive secretary.

A report of an investigation of the effects of the prohibition law being carried on by a special committee of the association, was to be made at this year's convention. Sufficient time, however, has not been had to conduct a thorough examination, Mr. Shea announced. He said the association probably will receive the committee's report and take action at next year's meeting.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The following articles of incorporation were filed yesterday with the state corporation department:
Full Gospel Church, Bend; incorporators, A. B. Clark, D. L. Jacobs, P. T. Carpenter.
Empire Realty Company, Inc., Eugene; incorporators, Edna Burke, Fred L. Baker, A. D. Clark, non-par value stock.
Lakewood Larch club, Lakewood, Clackamas county; incorporators, A. S. Pattillo, Fredrick H. Strong, Paul O. Murphy, A. C. Meblin, P. B. Uphaw.
Notice of an increase in capital from \$10,000 to \$15,000 was filed by the C. H. Western company of Portland.
Notice of an increase in capital from \$2,500 to \$5,000 was filed by the Englewood Park Water company of Multnomah county.
Notice of dissolution was filed by the Smith River Mutual Telephone company of Douglas county.
Under the blue sky act the following permits were issued:
Carr & Preston, Portland, to sell stock in the sum of \$500,000; Multnomah Fair association, Gresham, to sell stock in the sum of \$50,000.

TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

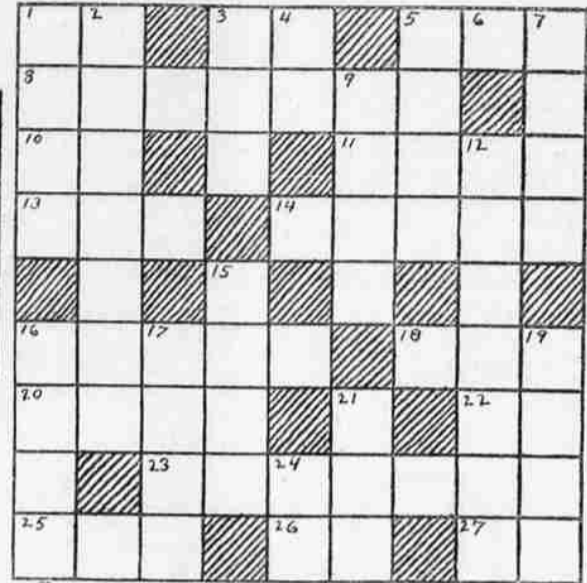
- 1 Steamship (ab.)
- 3 A parent
- 5 Same
- 8 Arranged side by side
- 10 Georgia (ab.)
- 11 Wets with dew
- 13 Make a mistake
- 14 Floats aloft
- 16 A heavy tread
- 18 Incorporated (ab.)
- 20 Succeed
- 22 Depart
- 23 Attacks
- 25 Past tense verb "to be"
- 26 Upon
- 27 English translation (ab.)

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 uninterruptedly.

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



SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

I	N	D	I	G	O	A	S
N	E	A	T	W	A	R	P
A	N	B	E	N	C	H	
A	R	T	Y	H	E		
L	E	G	A	S	R		
I	F	I	T	H	E		
G	E	A	R	S	R	A	
H	A	T	E	H	O	L	Y
T	R	D	R	A	P	E	D

VERTICAL

- 1 Used in flavoring meats
- 2 Scatillate
- 3 Seed vessel of a plant
- 4 So
- 5 Thought
- 7 A caress
- 9 Later name of Esau
- 12 Quarrel
- 15 Mischievous persons
- 16 Masticate
- 17 Exclamation
- 19 Price
- 21 Pale
- 24 South (ab.)

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BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

Two of a Kind

By Billy de Beck



KRAZY KAT

The Truthful Kat

by Herriman



MUTT AND JEFF

It was a Bit of An Optical Illusion.

By Bud Fisher

