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INSULTING THE VOTERS

The Portland Journal says that the expenditure of a large sum of money to defeat the income tax had an improper influence on the result.

The Oregon Voter says the claim insults the voters, who are intelligent enough to know what they want and therefore cannot be improperly influenced.

We feel like asking a few questions on this subject.

If the voters knew what they wanted did the spenders of that money insult their intelligence by trying to change their views?

If the voters needed education on the subject was it fair play to spend a large sum of money presenting one side of the question when no money was available for propaganda on the other side?

Does the state of Oregon insult the intelligence of the voters when it limits the amount a candidate may spend in a campaign?

Did Mr. Newberry insult the voters when he resigned the seat in Washington to which they had elected him and went home under charges (and a conviction in the state courts) of having spent too much money in seeking his position?

Are the Portland opponents of the tax insulting the voters now in raising a fund to be used in the next election against the tax?

If the voters know all about the matter why are all these things thus?

Our idea is that when much money is used on only one side in a campaign the issue is unfairly presented to undecided voters and friends of the well-financed cause are induced to come to the polls in increased numbers and the election is not a fair expression of the well-considered will of the people.

UNDESIRABLE CITIZENS

The man who will come to Oregon and employ labor if we have no income tax and will not if we have one will never be a desirable citizen. Such a man will be as selfish and penurious in other matters as in forcing upon the shoulders of others the share of the tax burden that rightfully is his.

Let him go where he is wanted, if there is such a place. But the efforts to trace the sums somebody was prepared to spend here if the income tax were repealed usually results in the discovery that that somebody is a myth or just a plain campaign liar.

As usual when "big bugs" are prosecuted for robbing the people, a convenient loophole was left in the indictment against Fall, Doheney and the rest of the oily gang and they have slipped through it. There is too much law and too little justice.

If we hanged every "alienist" whose perjury and quackery helps a murderer escape the noose it would not be long before an occasional murderer, too, would hang.

Taft was putty. Roosevelt was dynamite. Wilson was flesh and blood. Harding was malleable iron. Coolidge is case-hardened steel.

The government has burnt its fingers with cold water and the administration opposes appropriations for any new reclamation projects.

STILL FED BY THE FARMER

A hundred years ago ninety per cent of the population of the United States lived on farms. Now less than half the people are found there. These facts are sometimes cited as indicating that farming is being abandoned for city life, but there is no good foundation for a cry of alarm or a "back to the farm" movement in America. The farmers are still producing food enough for all. In fact, they are overproducing in many lines. The prices they are receiving prove that.

The efforts made by city chambers of commerce, and successfully, to bring hundreds of new settlers into Oregon are really efforts to increase production of the crops the city consumes and thus keep prices down.

The labor union limits the number of apprentices per shop and prescribes the time each must serve before he can compete in the labor market. The farmer has no union.

It takes fewer farmers to feed a million of people than it did when land was plowed and harrowed with an ox team and grain was sown, cradled and thrashed by hand and separated from chaff and dirt with a hand grain fan. The men thus released can be spared to the cities.

A hundred years ago our clothing was made on the farm, from the raising of the sheep or the flax to the sewing on of the last button, from the tanning of the cowhide to the driving of the last shoe peg. Farmers built their own houses and made their own furniture. Now thousands have gone to the cities to do these things in factories. Let them go. There are still enough people on the farms to feed the world, and they are doing it.

HIS NAME IS DENNIS

Portland descended on the last legislative session like an army with banners. She had gone into outside sections and obtained a majority of the lawmakers and proposed to "get" the governor and to get everything else in sight. But "the best-laid plans of mice and men gang aft a-gley."

Governor Pierce came out with his own scalp and a few others.

Portland wanted to lay the ghost of the income tax, and, to camouflage its movement as an emanation from the country, had it introduced by a rural senator, Bruce Dennis.

Angered at Dennis' introduction of the anti-income-tax amendment and his advocacy of that and the measure to emasculate the direct primary law and some others, the Pomona grange in his district demands his recall for misrepresenting his constituency.

Portland, now busy organizing a machine to run Oregon as Tammany runs New York, sees in this recall movement an indication that Pierce intends to seek re-election and stands aghast at his audacity.

Harding proclaimed "government by party. Coolidge practices it."

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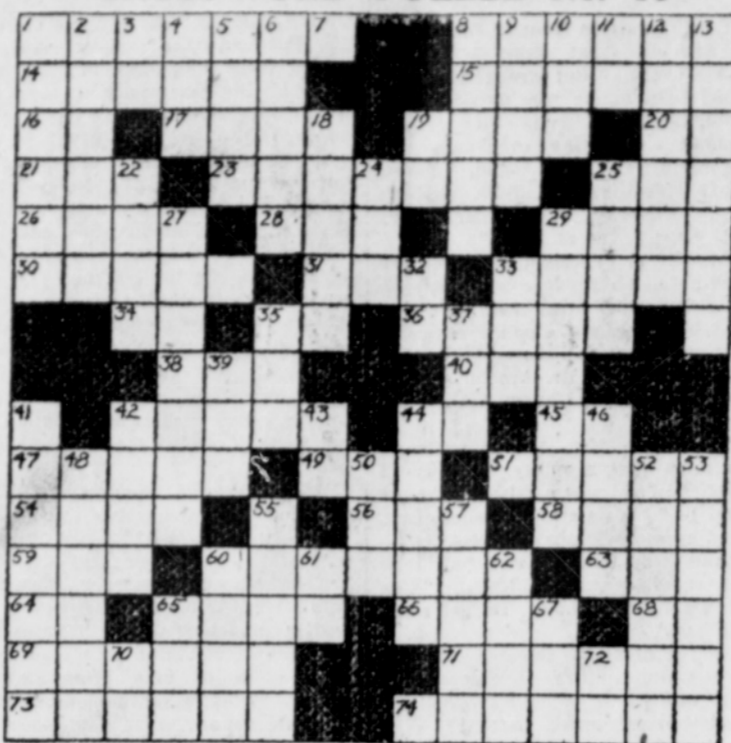
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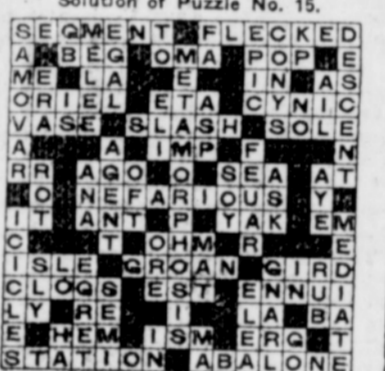
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- Horizontal. 1-One who builds air castles. 2-Walks in a haughty manner. 3-Tattered. 4-Occupant. 5-Commercial announcement (abbr.). 17-Mixture; medley. 18-Tidy. 20-Conjunction. 21-Prefix signifying wrong. 23-Fall month. 25-One. 26-Viper. 28-Article. 29-Long walk. 30-External appearance. 31-Before (poetic). 32-Primary. 34-Negative. 35-Land measure. 38-Slug. 39-Fish trap. 40-Fit or suited. 42-Assent. 44-Article. 45-Upon. 47-Additional, different. 49-Wipe up. 51-Crawl. 54-Any of various bamboos like grasses. 56-Part of verb "to be". 58-Cry. 59-Bump. 60-Not sterile. 62-Female rabbit. 64-You and I. 65-Part of roof. 66-Pat. 68-Father. 69-Small stone. 71-Class. 72-Talpe. 74-Mate, loathe. Vertical. 1-Plays. 2-Vegetable. 3-For example (abbr.). 4-In the past. 5-Prefix meaning song. 6-Official order. 8-Guide. 9-Rip. 10-Insect. 11-Note of musical scale. 12-Haps. 13-Roadway. 18-Same as No. 47 horizontal. 19-Take notice (abbr.). 22-Bridge. 24-Across (poetic). 25-Song. 27-Absorbed. 28-Chronicle of past events. 32-Boy's name. 33-Foish person. 35-Consumed. 37-Hastened off. 39-Make a mistake. 41-Taint. 42-Forced cough. 43-Printing measure. 44-Mouth. 46-Use for. 48-One who terrifies playfully. 50-A grain. 52-Runs off. 53-To gratify. 55-Southern wharf. 57-To please. 60-Descend rapidly. 61-Note of musical scale. 62-Makes a mistake. 65-To flow out. 67-Immerse. 70-Exit. 72-Prefix meaning two.

Solution of Puzzle No. 17.



Solution of Puzzle No. 15.



International S. S. Lesson

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Lesson for April 12

THE CRIPPLE AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

LESSON TEXT—Acts 3. GOLDEN TEXT—"I am the Lord that healeth thee."—Ex. 15:26. PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of a Lame Man. JUNIOR TOPIC—The Care of a Cripple. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Care of a Cripple and Its Results. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Church's Ministry to Body and Soul.

The indications are that some months had elapsed since Pentecost. The believers were being taught by the apostles who were showing their credentials by their mighty works (Acts 2:43).

1. The Lame Man Healed (v. 1-11).

1. The Occasion (v. 1). Peter and John were going to the house of worship. They were friends who were mutual complements—each having that which the other lacked. This fellowship was according to the Lord's own arrangement and was most fitting. They were going up to Jerusalem to worship, though they knew full well the corruption of Judaism.

2. The Place (v. 2).

It was at the gate which leads from the outer to the inner court of the temple. It was called beautiful because of its magnificent bronze doors. This man was placed at the entrance to the place of worship because when a man comes closest to God he also comes closest to his fellowmen.

3. The Man (v. 2-3).

This beggar was infirm from his birth. He was a familiar figure, known by the people for years. When he saw Peter and John he asked alms.

4. The Method (v. 4-8).

(1) Gained the Man's Attention (v. 4). Peter and John commanded him to look on them. The sinner's attention must be secured before Christ can heal him. Having secured his attention they gave him more than he

asked or expected. He asked for money and got healing.

(2) Peter Commanded Him in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to rise up and walk (v. 9). This was the very thing he was unable to do for so many years. Was not this mocking his very impotency? No! No! for it was in the name of Jesus. With the command went the ability to do.

(3) Peter Took Him by the Right Hand (v. 7). This act was meant to give impetus to his faith, not strength to his ankles.

5. The Man's Response (v. 8). Strength came to his feet and ankle bones at once. He stood; he walked; he leaped and shouted praises to God. He thoroughly advertised the miracle. He ascribed the honor to God for his healing, and walked into the house of God.

6. The Effect (vv. 9-11).

The people were filled with wonder and amazement. The multitude ran together to see this remarkable thing. There was no question as to the genuineness of the miracle for this man had been a familiar figure for many years. It was evident that something supernatural had occurred.

(1) The helpless beggar had to be carried to the temple gate. Men and women out of Christ are spiritually helpless. We should bring sinners to Christ.

(2) Taking him by the hand shows the manner of Christian help. Ministers of Christ may not have silver or gold, but have something infinitely better to give.

11. Peter Witnessed of Jesus Before the Multitude (vv. 12-26).

This miracle focused the attention of the people upon Peter and John. Peter immediately turned their attention from himself to Christ. Peter seized the opportunity to present Christ to the people who had assembled. He told them that it was by faith in Jesus Christ whom the God of their fathers had glorified, whom they had delivered up and denied before Pilate when he desired to set Him free, and had desired a murderer to be granted to them instead. He showed that the disciples were also witnesses that God had raised Jesus from the dead, and charged home upon them

their awful guilt; for they had denied the true one and chosen Barabbas, a murderer, instead of Christ, and even killed the Prince of Life. Despite their crime he appealed to them to repent (v. 19). Since they had committed this awful crime in ignorance, God would pardon their sin if they would repent, and he assured them that they should yet enjoy refreshing seasons from the Lord when God would send back Jesus Christ to earth to consummate the work of redemption.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

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MR. RACCOON

"Now you know," said Mr. Raccoon, "that parents of children are much more particular about their children's names than animal parents are."

"My children are lovely little dears, but we don't worry about what we shall call them. They may have names or they may not."

"But parents sit up for the longest time and say: 'Dear me and shall I call him Junior after his father or shall I call him Charles?'"

"Or they say: 'Dear me, shall we call the little rosebud (meaning the baby, you know) Rose or shall we call her Hortense?'"

"We don't fuss like that." "You are particular that your children wash their food before they eat it, though," said Billie Brownie.

"Yes," said Mr. Raccoon, "we're fussy about that, and we're always anxious that the children eat plenty of fresh vegetables."

"But parents are the same way there. Haven't you told me, Billie Brownie, of parents urging their children to eat vegetables when they wanted everything else but vegetables?"

"I think I have told you that. But I've also told you that parents are fussy about the hours their children go to bed and you're not fussy at all."



"You Are Lucky," Agreed Billie Brownie.

"We like the dears to sit up late at night so they'll be sleepy in the daytime when we are," said Mr. Raccoon. "We wouldn't want them to wake

up at dawn when it is just about dawn when we go to bed.

"But we let them eat almost anything so long as their food is washed. Parents are more particular about children. Yes, they are more particular in almost every way."

"But what I cannot understand is why they fuss so much about names. If they think of names, well and good, if they don't why bother to worry their heads?"

"They enjoy thinking about what they will call their children," Billie Brownie said. "They don't worry so much about names. They enjoy it."

"Ah, well," said Mr. Raccoon, "I say to myself so often: 'Mr. Raccoon, I say, for I always treat myself politely, Mr. Raccoon, you have the ways of a raccoon and not those of a human.'"

"It is a lucky thing for you that you don't have to go to business and work in a bank or a shop or a garage."

"It's a lucky thing for you that you don't have to wear a stiff collar and a necktie and a suit of clothes and heavy boots."

"It's a lucky thing for you that your children don't ask you for money to spend on sodas and candy and pictures and books."

"What would you do when they asked you? You'd never have a cent and you'd always, instead of just sometimes, have to refuse."

"What would you do if you had to get up at an early hour each morning to go to work?"

"What would you do if you had to make a speech at a meeting?"

"What would you do if you had to talk over with your son whether he wanted to become a doctor or a lawyer or an engineer?"

"What would you do if you had to shave each morning or at least every other morning?"

"What would you do if you had to live in a house instead of a tree?"

"Yes, Billie Brownie, there are the questions I ask myself."

"And when I answer myself, I say: 'Mr. Raccoon, you're very lucky to be a raccoon. Very, very lucky.'"

"And you are lucky," agreed Billie Brownie. "I think so too."

Riddles

- Who was the first whistler? The wind.
What nut is a girl's name? Hazel nut.
What nuts are twice-told tales? Chestnuts.
What nut should be eaten with bread? Butternut.
What nut is a sandy coast? Beech (beach) nut.
What nut is two boys' names? Filbert (Phil-Bert).
Why does a duck go into the water? For divers reasons.

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