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TRYING TO FOOL THE PEOPLE

Just to show you that the California Oregon Power company never sleeps, we want to call your attention to the rumpus over the construction of the Rock Creek bridge across Link river. The company has "magnanimously" stated that it would not force the construction of the bridge, even though it owned more than half the property that would be included in an improvement district, unless more than one half of all the other property affected would signify a willingness that the work proceed. It seeks to take the position of being forced into the district; of being the big brother, by assuming a willingness to assume most of the burden; and manifesting a degree of injured feelings.

Now, the whole thing is just plain bunk. The original plan was to build the bridge just above the Link river dam. That did not suit the scheme of the Power company. It wanted the bridge below the dam, and so placed as to further blockade the Link river canyon. Of course, it got what it wanted, like it always does. To fully cover up its trickery, it now comes out with its holier than thou twaddle about helping to finance the construction of the bridge.

Back of the whole proposition is the contract authorizing the construction of the Link river dam. That contract was for fifty years. Under the law the Reclamation Service had no authority to make a contract beyond ten years. The Power company knows this and is living in fear and trembling that one of these days it will have to surrender its control of the dam and that then the Irrigation district will want to enter the power field. If it can buy up all the land available for power sites, as well as to place in the canyon such obstructions as the bridge, railroad tracks, and the like, it will make it practically impossible for the District to develop any power at that point and the ownership of the dam will be worthless and the development of power made an impossibility. This talk about objecting to an improvement district is simply a smoke screen to divert attention from the real purpose and make it appear that the public is having its way in compelling the Power company to help pay for the bridge.

As a rule the public is easily fooled, but this is one time when the California Oregon Power company can "slip it over."

STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
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WASHINGTON — Militarists, who abound here, are all excited over reports that Japan's reply to the United States' Hawaiian naval maneuvers is to be a set of maneuvers of her own, to show how easily she could beat such a fleet as this country's—of course in Far Eastern waters. It isn't likely the Japanese think they could defeat America anywhere in the vicinity of the latter's home shores. Possibly they don't think they can defeat her at all. That idea may be merely a complex some people have got.

THE expected Japanese maneuvers are said to be scheduled for May 27. This makes the Washington militarists' complex worse. May 27 is the anniversary of the Battle of Tsushima, in which Japan's fleet destroyed Russia's, just 20 years ago.

"An apt reminder," say the militarists, "of the great sea fighters the Japanese are and how necessary it is to be ready for them."

WITH all due respect for Japan's courage and not disputing she can lick any fleet in the state of disrepair Russia's was in, the truth is that the Japanese are known among seafaring men as poor shipbuilders, bad sailors and perfectly impossible hands in an engine room.

THE classic example of Japan's shipbuilding is that of one of her crack 16,000-ton passenger liners, well known on the Pacific and still in service—with the Lord only knows what weight of concrete and pig iron in her hold, to keep her keel underneath her.

This craft's sister ship, which preceded her, was built in England. Her Japanese owners tried her out satisfactorily. Then they told the English builders they

wanted another boat but would like to examine the plans first, with a view to possible modifications.

The builders, suspecting the Japanese of intending to do their own building from the English plans, made certain subtle changes before handing them over.

Sure enough, the new vessel was a Japanese product. Launching day arrived. The ship slid down the ways, hit the water and instantly turned bottom side up.

Later she was induced to assume a more dignified attitude, but it took English experts to persuade her to do it.

ALMOST all foreign airplane instructors who have tried to train Japanese aviators testify to the impossibility of developing them into first-class flying men.

They have courage and ample intelligence to learn all moves to

be made, but practically without exception they lack the instinct of gentleness with machinery. "Cruelly" treated, it misbehaves.

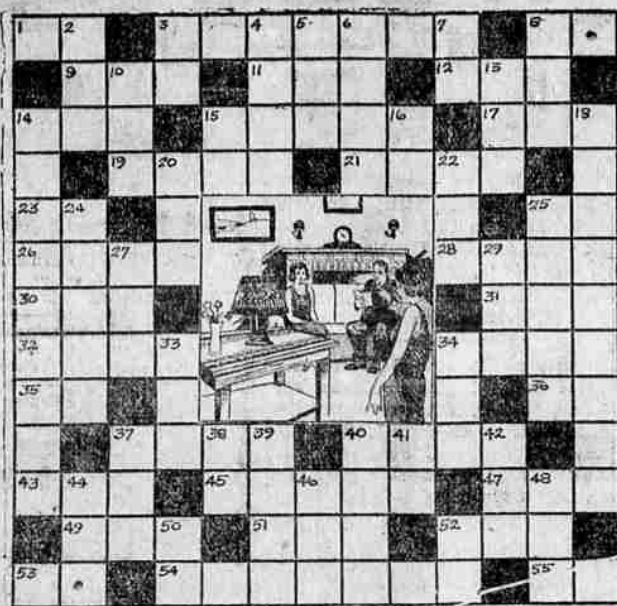
JAPAN beat China in 1895. It looked wonderful but now we know there were few civilized countries—even little ones—who couldn't have done it. She beat Russia—on paper—but had to accept the best terms she could get, because in a few more months she herself would have been beaten.

She took Kiao Chau from the Germans but the latter were outnumbered 100 to 1.

TO hear the Washington militarists preaching "preparedness" you'd think they considered Japan well-nigh invincible. But ask them, as experts, what showing they believe she'd make against a first-class fighting power, and their answer is that nobody knows—she might perform pretty creditably, or she might crumple at the first impact.



TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE



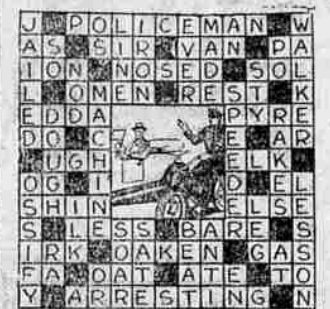
HORIZONTAL

1. Masculine pronoun.
3. Everybody's sweetheart (pl).
8. Half an em'.
9. Regret.
11. Sturdy tree.
12. The thing mothers dread most.
14. To delude.
15. Celestial being.
17. Bag.
19. A house with a mother.
21. Spirit.
23. Atop.
25. Either's wife.
26. Garments.
28. Soft, fluffy feathers.
30. Headgear.
31. Wings part of a seed.
32. Largest plant.
34. To harass.
35. Hebrew word for Diety.
36. Seventh note in scale.
37. Attitude.
40. Mother's minor half.
43. To observe.
45. Devoured.
47. Mother's boy.
49. To do wrong.
51. To perch.
52. Snake Cleopatra made famous.
53. Morindin dye.
54. Vouches.
55. Printer's measure.

VERTICAL

2. The manufacturer of silk.
3. Myself.
4. Sound.
5. Uncomplimentary name for an old woman.
6. Pieced out.
7. Direction of Australia from us.
8. Age.
10. Exclamation of disgust.
13. Tree with tough wood.
14. Father's pet. (pl.)
15. Exist.
16. Melancholy not in scale.
18. Mother's flower.
20. Yours and mine.
22. Sorrowful.
24. Jewel.
25. A young night owl.
27. Dined.
29. Rowing instrument.
33. Self.
34. A dandy.
37. By.
38. Point of compass.
39. Where sun rises.
40. Fondles.
41. Variation of "a."
42. Almost a donkey.
44. Snake-like fish.
46. To bind or unite.
48. Poetic for open.
50. Sun god.
52. Like.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



PHONE SERVICE BADLY CRIPPLED

Repair Crew in Portland Fixing Damage Following \$300,000 Fire

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8.—Repair crews worked in relays last night and today to restore telephone service in the district served by the Main and Atwater exchanges, which were put out of commission by fire yesterday. Emergency numbers were in use by business houses served by the Main exchange. Repair crews, with material arrived from Seattle and others were expected today from San Francisco. District Commercial Superintendent C. E. Hickman expects the bulk of the service to be restored early next week. Officials of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company today estimated the loss from the fire at between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

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BOBBITT WILL GIVE ADDRESS

Baccalaureate Sermon to be Presented in Presbyterian Church on May 17

Rev. W. E. Bobbitt, pastor of the First Christian church has been chosen by the Senior class of Klamath county high school to present the Baccalaureate sermon in the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, May 17. Rev. Bobbitt accepted the invitation this week which is regarded by the ministers of the city as an honor bestowed upon them by the graduating class.

The next two weeks are busy ones for the graduates of the high school, for in the midst of exams and cramming social functions are crowding in on the boys and girls. Although the class is one of the largest sent from Klamath county high school, it does not compare with the banner class of '23, which graduated 91 from its classes. The class of '24 falls short of the mark of Seniors this year by only 5.

May 14 has been the date set for the "Charm School" Senior play to be given in the Pine Tree by a cast made up of Seniors only. On that same afternoon the Seniors will entertain for the remainder of the high school with their class day exercises. Commencement exercises will be given in the Pine Tree theater on May 22, ending up the school year of books and the three "R's". The Junior-Senior picnic, Wednesday, May 13, will bring the Juniors into the limelight for the last time before they assume the role of Seniors.

NEGRO IS HERO OF BOAT WRECK

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, May 8.—Caught in the swirling, muddy current of the Mississippi, as she attempted to stagger ashore, the U. S. government steamer Norman, newest of the federal fleet here, today lies in 35 feet of water just below Coahoma landing, Tennessee. With her in a watery grave the 20 of a gay excursion party that yesterday went for an outing on the broad expanses of the big muddy.

Among the men, women and children who were catapulted into the stream, and who remained there or who were fished out with life extinct, were some of the best known men in the engineering profession of the South.

The trip had been taken as a side issue to the first annual convention of the Mid-South Association of engineers, just formed here. From out of the swamps of Ar-

kanas came the hero of the occasion—a big black negro—Tom Lee.

On his broad shoulders and the motor boat of his employers at Helena, Arkansas, fell the burden of life saving.

Lee, a slow, methodical man, went about his work as methodically as any of the silent, methodical men who made up the bulk of the party. He loaded his boat with victims of the disaster. He took them ashore. He went back and got another load.

Portland Store Changes Hands

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9.—Ownership of the department store of Lipman, Wolfe and company, established in Portland in 1880, will pass May 27 to the National Department Stores, Inc.

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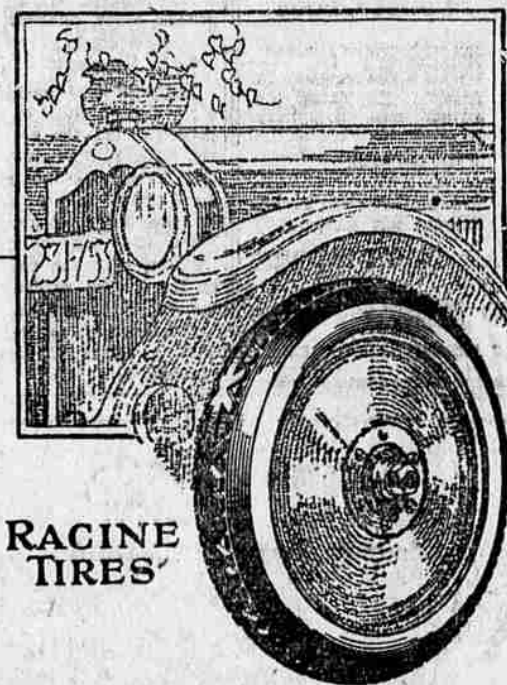
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