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No More Skyscrapers?

USUALLY, when we try to peer into the future, we take it for granted that the American city of 100 years hence will have many more skyscrapers than it has today and that they will be taller and more magnificent.

But Francis Keally, architect, writing in the current number of The American Architect, doesn't think so. He believes that the skyscraper will almost disappear during the coming century, and that the American city of 2030 A. D. will have low, flat-topped buildings of a uniform height.

Why? Because of the airplane. Aerial travel will increase so much, he believes, that skyscrapers will be traffic hazards and will be replaced by low, wide buildings whose roofs will be made into landing fields.

For all we know, this gentleman may be badly mistaken. Just the same, it is interesting to think that our imposing skyscrapers may be far less permanent than we usually suppose.

A Commendable Record

NOT a single fire nor serious accident occurred to mar the holiday season just closed. This authentic statement is issued by the state fire marshal and is indeed a commendable record.

Two exceptions are cited to the broad statement with the comment that these were minor injuries which might have been real serious.

This record in fire prevention is the outgrowth of many years of publicity. Educational literature has been mailed out year after year, pointing to the hazards of improper Christmas tree lighting and decoration and unnecessary risks taken by those portraying the role of Santa Claus. One of the minor accidents happening the past season was at Lakeview when Santa's cotton whiskers became ignited and burned the victim's face and hands painfully before the fire was extinguished. Calling attention to just such accidents and offering suggestions for their prevention is a big part of the state fire marshal's program in education against fire risks.

A community may have the best in fire fighting equipment and a well trained fire department to man it, yet if the citizens at large are careless the insurance rates are not going to be reduced very much.

Much of the campaign of education has been carried on in the schools where the children are given a lasting knowledge of the danger of fire. This campaign has been carried on a sufficient length of time to begin to show results in such a record as the one accomplished the past season. All power to State Fire Marshal Clare Lee and his capable corps of assistants. May their work ever have the co-operation of state and citizenship.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

BOREDOM IN "FAST LIFE"

G. K. Chesterton in Vanity Fair: The world of which I speak (the modern generation) has come, by this time, to boasting of being lawless; but there is no fun in it, because lawlessness is the law.

I happen to be a person who has no tendency at all to tedium; I can truly say that I have hardly ever been bored in my life. I have often amused myself by thinking how amusing it might be to be in a howling wilderness or on a desert island.

The only glimpse I ever got in my life of hell of unbearable monotony, of something I felt I would rather die than endure, was in some of those films depicting the fast and fashionable life of New York. Then for one instant I understood what is meant by the agony of being satisfied, or, as we used to say, sated.

"SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON"

Kansas City Star: Like Keats in his "Ode on a Grecian Urn," we are teased out of thought by the conception of man and the universe offered by Sir J. H. Jeans, the British astronomer, in the annual report of the Smithsonian Institution. The great astronomer says in his picture of human life, time, space and the whole round of creation:

> The picture man sees may be merely a creation of his own mind in which nothing really exists except himself. The universe which we study with such care may be a dream, and we brain cells in the mind of the dreamer.

That is, the individual himself may not be at all sure of his own existence, certainly in the sense which he imagines. At best we are but a mere speck, existing but for the briefest second, as compared with endless time. We live, Stevenson said, the time that a match flickers. How appropriate, then, the lines of Prospero in Shakespeare's "The Tempest":

> Our revels now are ended. These our actors,
> As I foretold you, were all spirits, and
> Are melted into air, into thin air;
> And, like the baseless fabric of this vision,
> The cloud-capp'd towers, the gorgeous palaces,
> The solemn temples, the great globe itself,
> Yea, all which it inherit, shall dissolve,
> And, like this insubstantial pageant faded,
> Leave not a rack behind. We are such stuff
> As dreams are made on; and our little life
> Is rounded with a sleep.

Still, with relation to the great globe itself if not all which it inherit, there is more hope in the present proffered scientific view than in the older, poetic conception. For if the universe and the virtually countless stars which it contains already have lasted 10,000 billion years and the human race itself perhaps one-tenth that time, there may be the prospect of a reasonable continuance yet. But who can imagine 10,000 or even 1,000 billion years? What is man's power, after all?

DISSENTING OPINIONS

Dayton News: Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes is one of nine members of the supreme court. On issues going down to the roots of things, he is always a minority member. There are "parties" on the supreme bench as everywhere else. There is the party whose emphasis is on property rights and powers and a "party" which thinks primarily of human rights and liberties.

Justice Holmes is the leader of the latter party. It was Holmes who wrote the minority opinion holding that Madame Rosika Schwimmer, 50-odd years old, did not need be willing to shoulder a musket as a qualification for American citizenship. Holmes is forever writing minority opinions, for as against the Hamiltonian majority of the court he is seldom able to master more than two recruits. These two are usually Justices Brandeis and Stone.

"The Dissenting Opinion of Justice Holmes" is the title of a book recently published. Why should the overruled opinions of a member of the supreme court be published? For the same reasons that the "dissenting opinion of Socrates, sentenced to death for his ways of thinking, is still published.

The minority opinions of Socrates of twenty-odd centuries ago are now the majority opinions. Justice Holmes' dissenting opinions of today are a textbook of minority liberalism. If the United States continues to be a progressive nation, the dissenting liberalism of today will be the majority conservatism of tomorrow.

TREE A TOMB

BERLIN, An oak tree, 1000 years old, near the little village of Noebdenitz, is claimed to be the tomb of the famed German poet and statesman, Hans von Thummel. The tree had a large hollow in its trunk and in this hollow, back in 1824, Thummel is supposed to have been interred. The cavity has been filled up with concrete.

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"Through its journalism and its films, the United States has sent two waves of Americanism all over the globe."—Francis McCullagh.

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"Public service is my motto."—Al Capone.

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"Remember, it's as easy to fail.

marry a rich woman as a poor woman."—Thackeray.

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"Be in general virtuous and you will be happy."—Benjamin Franklin.

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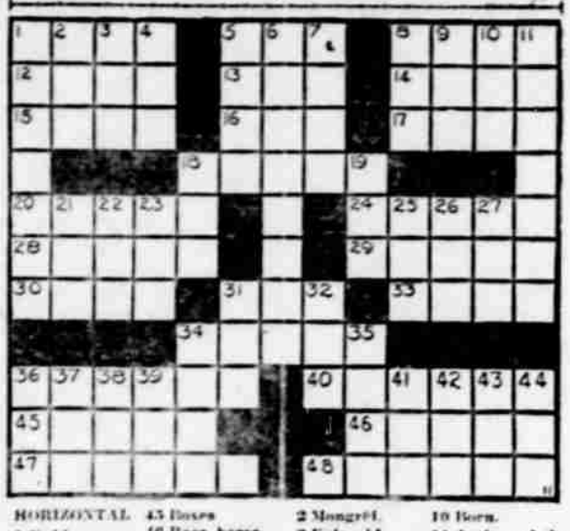
"Hesitation throws a wrench in the machinery."—S. L. Rothafel.

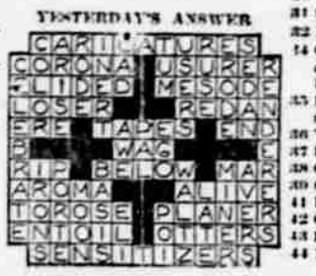
Polar Questions



HORIZONTAL
1 Goddess possessing only a voice.
5 Second son of Noah.
8 Genus including frogs.
12 A blank line.
13 Sour plum.
14 Was indebted.
15 To impel.
16 Wagon track.
17 Shed gore.
18 Johnny cakes.
20 To sex.
24 Fertile spots on a desert.
28 Command.
29 Well done!
30 Disturbance.
31 Tumor.
33 Paradise.
34 A decree.
36 Entertained.
40 Ruff.
43 Roses.
46 Race horse.
47 Peace agreement.
48 Calm.

VERTICAL
1 Great circle half way between North and South Poles.
2 Mongrel.
3 Ugly old woman.
4 Poem.
5 Valiant man.
6 Discoverer of South Pole.
7 Speechless.
8 To steal.
9 Shoemaker's tool.
10 Born.
11 Author of the "Spectator."
18 Ry.
19 To weep.
21 Silkworm.
22 Bustle.
24 To harlem.
25 Verb.
26 Sorrowful.
27 Night before
31 Soft mass.
32 Neither.
34 Covering for a boxer's hand.
35 Back of the neck.
36 To perform
37 Blemish.
38 Custom.
39 Ocean.
41 Fence rail.
42 One in cards.
43 Decem.
44 Native metal.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER



Mrs. McCollum, Basin Poneer, Dies in Valley

Mrs. Martha McCollum, pioneer of Klamath county, died yesterday afternoon in Medford at the home of her son, S. J. McCollum. Funeral services will be conducted from the Conger funeral parlors in Medford Sunday at 12:30, with Rev. C. W. Frost officiating. Burial will be made after graveside services Monday at 1 p. m. in the Keno cemetery.

Mrs. McCollum was 88 years, 3 months and 15 days old at the time of her death. She moved to Klamath county in 1876 with her husband, F. D. McCollum, who died in July, 1924, and until about eight months ago she resided in this county.

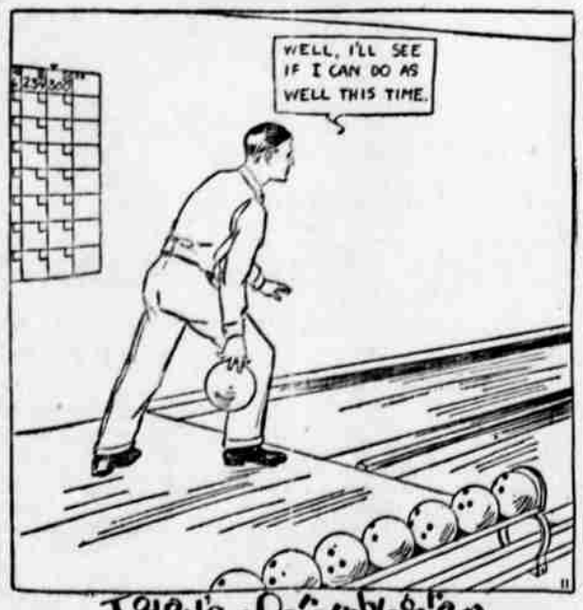
She is survived by nine children, 39 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

The surviving children, all of whom were at her bedside during her last hours are: C. J. McCollum, Medford; Mrs. Catheryne Wright, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Stacey Fuel, Jacksonville; W. F. McCollum, Medford; Mrs. Alice and Mrs. Emma Otey, both of Dorris, Calif.; Mrs. Eva Slater, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Nettie Ethridge, Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Mary Wilson, Keno.

Friends and relatives have been invited to attend the funeral services.

Sand eels never leave the water.

ERRORGRAMS



Today's Scrambledram

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A part of a circus sideshow.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They may pertain to grammar, history, etiquette, drawing or whatnot. See if you can find them. Then look at the scrambled word below—and unscramble it, by switching the letters around. Grade yourself 20 for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Find corrected list on page 8.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Our State Department Seems to Know Just About Everything—It Can Give You, for Instance, the dope on Boy Scouts in Iraq or Game Laws in Costa Rica.

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—In the State Department is probably the most complete existing collection of in formation about the affairs of the outside world.

The Bureau of Indexes and Archives is the liaison section of all government agencies for obtaining and recording facts of every description from all foreign countries. It has at least 10,000,000 papers tucked away in 8000 or 9000 filing cases, dating back to 1906, and most of them mean something or other.

The idea is that if anyone connected with the government asks for any information whatever on the internal affairs of any foreign nation the Bureau of Indexes and Archives, working with an elaborate but simple decimal index system, can locate it within two minutes.

Lots of Military Facts

Naturally, this is better than any encyclopedia or library because the information is constantly kept up to date by American diplomatic, consular and other agents abroad.

The State Department itself is especially interested in collecting military, naval and political information likely to be useful in its dealings with other governments, but that's only a part of what it has on hand.

Among the subheadings it uses in cataloguing the rest of the world one observes such items as Domestic Animals, Boy Scouts, Game Laws, Flowers, Entertainments, Fine Arts, Public Health and Animal Diseases. When the State Department knows about such things as those in Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan, Costa Rica, Luxemburg and Iraq you might almost say it knows everything.

There are about 140 persons in this Bureau of Indexes and Archives and last year they handled 1,430,000 pieces of incoming mail, recording, indexing, routing and filing. Much of this mail came in the diplomatic pouches from foreign service officials, guarded by complex locks, but there is always a big influx of American mail following the development of important situations in world affairs—especially anything that concerns peace or disarmament.

Mail clerks take first crack at the letters and roughly classify them for distribution among the bureau's 11 record sections—with titles such as Far Eastern, Latin-American, Western European and Administrative—where they are given minute classification. Record clerks in these sections list and make the necessary marks on each communication, determining its routing and often joining it with previous correspondence for the aid of the receiving official. Some of the material is very confidential and is carried in locked boxes.

Each piece of mail then goes through a reviewing desk which checks the classification and sends it direct to its immediate destination. Anything on labor conditions in England goes to the department's division of Western European affairs, anything on Chinese famines to the Far Eastern division, and so on. The foreign service officer who receives the paper then sees whether it requres any acton. He may mark it for filing, in which case it comes back to a tally desk which removes the charge. All incoming papers are charged up, as a book from a lending library.

They Never Lost a Thing

If the letter or report its moved on for the perusal of several officials, the Bureau can always tell, through its check system, just where the paper is. It has to go back there before it can move on, carried by messengers who make the rounds, visiting each office every 20 minutes.

Eventually, of course, everything goes back for filing.

"Doesn't anything ever get lost?" David A. Salmon, chief of the bureau, was asked.

"Papers may be mislaid," he replied, "but I never know one to be lost."

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

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was apparent the rafters would soon creak.

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SOMEHOW the Moose lodge has a way of doing wonderfully good things. That lodge astonished the country with its marvelous work for children and widows of members of the Moose order. Now the Klamath Moose lodge has started a Junior lodge of importance where boys are interested in the work of helping humanity.

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ESTABLISHING standards on everything has become a mania. Now the government bureau wants to establish a standard on women's form. According to a Des Moines newspaper which has delved deeply into this delicate subject, paternalism of the most frightful sort is suggested by the announcement of proper proportions for the female form as determined by the bureau of standards of the Federal government.

These bureaucrats have decreed that the woman with a 34-inch bust is the normal, and with this figure goes a 28-inch waist and 37-inch hips. The old ideal, the perfect 36, must have a 31-inch waist and 39-inch hips.

This is evidently part of the new protectionist movement, a nationalistic declaration against the French dress designers, who now mold the female form to their own ideas, and change it frequently.

But the compulsion of style is not the same thing as the compulsion of our own government. Surely no one would contend that the human figure shall conform to the arbitrary wish of whatever administration happens to be in power.

When our ideals of beauty get involved with our ideas of politics, it will be a sad day.

OREGON DRILLS HARD.

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 11, (AP)—The University of Oregon hoop squad was put through a strenuous workout in preparation for the coming conference tilts Friday and Saturday at McArthur Court with the Veteran Washington State college basketball team.

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

Secretary Caleb T. Oliver of the chamber of commerce has on display at the chamber headquarters a fine specimen of monumental granite hewn by the Bear Island Monumental and Stone company. It is about three feet high and about a foot in diameter, the face being smoothed for an inscription showing that it belongs to the Klamath chamber of commerce, and was donated by the quarrymen. The names of George D. Grizzle, R. H. Brewbaker and T. O. Roberts appear on the finished surface.

Have a good time tonight at the dance given by the White Pelican orchestra at the Opera House after the performance of the Teal Musical company.

The committee which has in charge the collecting and disbursing of money for the improvement of Second street, began actual work today in securing subscriptions. The committee consists of G. W. White, Alex Martin Sr., Fred Melhase and John W. Siemens.

The object of the movement is to secure private subscriptions to the amount of about $10,000 to be used in the improvement of Second street from Klamath Avenue to Lake Ewauna, and to lay out and construct a boulevard along the water front of the lake to the city limits.

Society in the village—The fifth annual dinner was given last evening by the lady members of the A. N. W. club to their husbands at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goeller on West Main street. Covers were laid for 24 in the spacious dining room and library, on a table tastefully decorated with China lilies and ferns.

The occasion was doubly interesting on account of the day being the anniversary of the birth of two members of the club, Mrs. Goeller and Mrs. Dunbar.

Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt left Thursday for San Francisco, where she will be the guest of her sister Mrs. Bell. While in the city Mrs. Zumwalt will become a vocal pupil of William Shakespeare of London, England, who is spending the winter on the coast to avoid the rigors of the English climate.

Mrs. Zumwalt was accompanied south by her niece, Miss Edith Bell, who has been her guest for several weeks.

The first of a series of dances given by the Klatawa club on Wednesday night was a great success. About 60 couples enjoyed the dancing until 12.

Dr. and Mrs. George H. Merryman leave in the morning for Portland for several days visit.

CAT EATS HORSE

NEW YORK, Lavender Choice of Runnymede, 18-year-old blue Persian cat, won the fifteenth annual championship of the Empire Cat Club here recently in making its debut. And the cat "attributed my success to a daily diet of horse meat." According to its mistress the cat has eaten horse meat since it was first able to take solid food

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