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Whistles In The Night

MECHANICAL experts of American railways convened in Atlantic City the other day and agreed that the steam locomotive is beginning to make a little better showing in comparison with the electric; and while the spread of electrification still goes on, there seems to be a germ of hope for such Americans as were brought up to look on the steam locomotive as one of the finest of all man-made machines.

It may be all very true that the electric locomotive is more efficient and less expensive to operate. Doubtless it does make for cleaner train rides, what with the elimination of smoke and soot. But we have a deep, perverse hope that the steam engine will continue to hold its own; a hope that these mechanical experts will find more and more reasons for delaying the shift from steam to electricity.

After all, efficiency isn't all there is to railroading. The man who holds huge blocks of railway stocks may feel that way, of course, but he is in a minority and doesn't count. Railroading is essentially a business of glamour and romance. It is a thing apart from ordinary pursuits, both for the worker, the customer and the mere spectator. And this is chiefly due to the steam locomotive.

Why do small town folk go down to railroad stations to see No. 6 pass through? To see who gets on and off? Well, partly, perhaps; but it is more probable that they go chiefly to get a look at the engine. The engine is more nearly alive than any other living creature. When it labors up a long grade its labored breathing is the sort of noise that is made by a living organism. Its very whistle has a wild, eerie note that no other mechanical sound can ape.

Indeed, the mere spectator has a big stake in the railroad. The world, fortunately, is full of a number of thrills; but what thrill is greater than the thrill you get when you stand at a railway crossing and see a great express train thundering by, its cars gleaming with brass and bright paint, a long plume of smoke lying low over its windswept back, a grim-faced engineer peering alertly from the window of the cab, its red lights blinking as it disappears in the distance?

What thrill equals the weird, heart-moving stab of a locomotive whistle, heard far off, late at night, in the silent country? What panorama is so stirring as the sight of one of those old-fashioned train sheds—now, alas, being replaced by more modern, less exciting stations—where trains stand in rows and dozens of engines send jets of white steam up to the cavernous vacancy overhead?

The electric engine cuts a poor figure by comparison. It may have efficiency on its side. It may be the cleaner proposition; it may give more power and more speed; but it does not pant and puff, it does not emit trailers of white smoke, it has no authentic personality, it cannot whistle with a voice that challenges infinite space. Eventually, probably, it will drive the steam locomotive out of existence; but we are permitted to hope that that day is a long way off.

With the announcement that intelligence tests were given cats at Columbia university and that music classes were started there for children under five, speculation is aroused as to whether the institution has become nursery, menagerie or both.

The return of horses is being urged now as a more economical means of transportation than the motor. But the problem of shoes will still be with us.

The way he's playing now, Art Shires seems as valuable as he is voluble.

EDITORIALS FROM OVER THE NATION

ARE PLANTS IN BEDROOMS UNHEALTHFUL?

The Pathfinder: According to a popular belief, dating back many centuries, plants and flowers give off a mysterious nighttime emanation that is injurious to the human body and accordingly they should never be left in a sleeping room over night. In many hospitals the nurses regularly remove all plants and flowers from the sick rooms at sundown with a view to preventing injury to the patients while sleeping. The Public Health Service says there is no scientific basis for the belief that plants are especially injurious to the human body during the night. Plants are beneficial rather than harmful in sleeping rooms, according to Dr. Albert F. Woods, director of scientific work in the department of agriculture. During the day plants absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and after assimilating the carbon they return most of the oxygen to the air. This process slows up during the night and small quantities of carbon dioxide are given off, but a whole greenhouse of plants would not give off enough of this gas to affect the healthfulness of the air in a ventilated room.

THE ENGLISH VILLAGE DWINDLES

Spokane Spokesman-Review: What has happened to the American small town, as revealed by this census, has also struck the English village. A London news item reports that 10,000 shopkeepers, mainly trading in the villages and small towns of Britain, have gone bankrupt in the last year and thousands more are facing ruin. The cause there is the same here, the motor car. Rapid motor omnibuses offering cheap return fares stop in the village streets and whirl the village shopkeepers' customers away to the lure of the larger stores, where a greater variety of goods is offered at lower prices. "Bankruptcies among small shopkeepers have increased 50 per cent

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

It's Getting to Be Quite the Thing for Latin-American Presidents-Elect to Visit Washington—They're Cordially Received, but the Public Stays Calm.

BY RODNEY BUTCHER

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Visits from presidents-elect of Latin-American republics are becoming fashionable since Herbert Hoover as our own president-elect made his good will tour in Central and South America.

Since Hoover's return early in 1929 Washington has received Orta Rubio of Mexico, Enriquez Olaya of Colombia and, most recently, Julio Prestes of Brazil—all presidents-elect. The next one expected is President-elect Trujillo of the Dominican Republic. Although his plans for a visit have not been officially announced.

This sort of thing is likely to become customary. It not only promotes international friendships but also commercial relationships between the United States and the other nations of the hemisphere. In Washington these presidents-elect meet our officials and can talk international affairs; in New York they make contacts with bankers and business men and obtain an insight into the business situation and loan market conditions which they would otherwise be denied.

A Study in Contrasts
The receptions of the Latin-American presidents-elect in Washington offer an interesting contrast with the receptions given to Hoover and his party in the Latin-American capitals which he visited. Officially, these distinguished guests are given everything we have, although some of the official trimmings enjoyed by the Hoover party are left out because this government has no authorization for them.

What is more conspicuously lacking in the national capital is the background of popular interest which Hoover's visits stirred up. The only time Washington gets excited is when its American League baseball team wins a pennant or Lindbergh comes home from France—and of course every four years there's an inauguration.

Prestes of Brazil received a comparatively large amount of official attention because Brazil is a large and important country and has always maintained especially friendly relationships with the United States. But very few of the thousands of persons who were at the railroad depot when he came in from New York were there to see the Brazilian president-elect. The crowd—not a very large crowd—was attracted by the troop of cavalry, the army band, the company of marines and the battery of field artillery which was on hand as an escort.

Every mark of official and diplomatic courtesy was extended to Prestes and there was an elaborate round of official luncheons and dinners. But the show simply couldn't compare with that in Hoover's honor at Rio de Janeiro. There great crowds lined the streets upon his entry and various groups of the most prominent inhabitants co-operated with the government in providing entertainment. An enormous throng turned out for the horse races at various times named after American cities. There was a grand President Hoover Sweepstakes.

Lots of Fireworks
Continual attention was paid to the newspaper correspondents as well as the other members of the official party; automobiles were provided for the use of everyone. Departing from magnificent Rio harbor in the dusk, Hoover was treated to a marvelous exhibition of fireworks which had been carefully planted on Sugar Loaf and other prominent points in the bay. But it will take a very unusual Latin-American president-elect to arouse one-tenth as much excitement in Washington.

Special efforts were made to honor Prestes, and he received as much of a reception as any of them will get. The United States and Brazil are very special friends among nations. In all international disputes for a hundred years Brazil has been found on our side of the fence.

since the war," said the manager of the Trade Protective Agency. "Two hundred shopkeepers have gone bankrupt every week for the last year."

It would be as logical to blame the Ramsey MacDonald government for that condition as to blame the Hoover administration for like consequences in the United States.

HOPEFUL SIGN

Decatur, Ill., Herald: One of the largest manufacturers of overalls in the United States reveals some interesting figures. In January of this year the company's sales were 2 per cent less than in January, 1929. February sales fell off even more, going 10 per cent lower than those for the corresponding month a year ago.

In March, however, a change of trend made itself felt. Sales began to jump up again. The total exceeded sales in February by 70 per cent—partly a result of seasonal differences, of course, and also exceeded the sales of March, 1929, by 20 per cent.

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Society in The Village
Patriotism has been the keynote of the week. Redmen, screaming eagles, soaring rockets, flags and bunting, have attested to the joy of our success at arms long years ago in Yorktown. Since the days when

the flag of Betsey Ross floated in the breeze, there have been many stars added to the galaxy in that blue field, and when in 1849 the star of Oregon glimmered to the world, there was born the emblem of a state beneath which we will continue to dwell with ever-increasing pride and prosperity.

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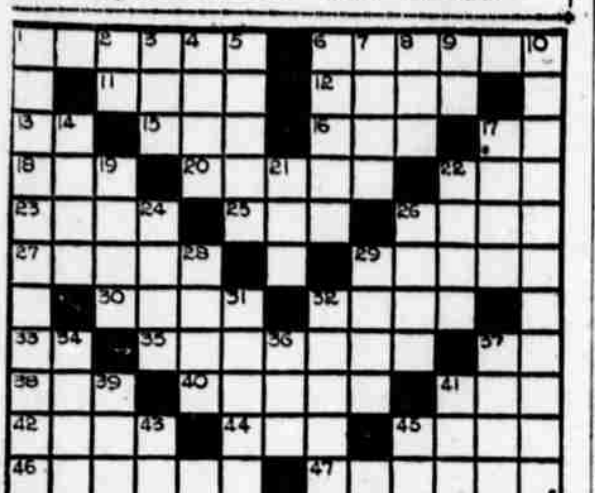
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Questions on Sites



HORIZONTAL 35 Natural height. 37 Dye. 38 Negative (Bib.). 39 Word. 40 Master. 41 Wing. 42 Portal. 43 Conclusion. 44 Toward. 45 Crowd. 46 To sink. 47 Possessed. 48 Title in India. 49 Fashion. 50 English col-lege. 51 One what lake is Buffalo? 52 Rhubarb. 53 Oleocerin. 54 Male deer. 55 Box. 56 Like.

VERTICAL 1 Where is Rotterdam? 2 Mister. 3 Edge. 4 Snell. 5 To precede. 6 To analyze. 7 Where is Salt Lake City? 8 Label. 9 Hour. 10 Our tinest state. 11 Car. 12 To mutilate. 13 Accom-plishes. 14 Bark. 15 Door rug. 16 Organs of hearing. 17 Yawn. 18 Coagulated milk. 19 Black substance in smoke. 20 To subvert. 21 On the line. 22 Pedal digit. 23 Liable. 24 Note in scale. 25 Either.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
AMERICAN, ORGANIC, TRIED, ALONE, FIVE, GREAT, SAD, NEW, WEAK, KID, COTE, VIM, KIVE, IDEA, EVE, OPOE, LEAK, LED, NEWS.

Amnesia Victim Not Rich Theatre Man Chief States

TORONTO, Ont., July 5. (AP)—The body of an amnesia victim who died yesterday in St. Joseph's hospital here was declared not to be that of Amrose Small, missing Toronto millionaire, in a statement issued today Chief of Police Draper.

Small, a Toronto theatrical man, dropped from sight on Dec. 2, 1913. Although a reward of \$50,000 was offered for the finding of him alive no trace of him ever was found. He left an estate valued at \$2,000,000.

After an application by his wife to have him declared legally dead had been denied in

Surrogate's court, the appellate division in June, 1935, overruled the lower court and adjudged him dead.

Litigation developed over his estate which was settled when the widow agreed to pay over \$400,000 to the court for the benefit of two sisters, a half sister and a half brother.

WHALE TOWED BOAT

JUNEAU, Alaska.—The whaler Tanginak, of the American Pacific Whaling company's fleet, had a real fish story to tell when it pulled into port recently. The crew harpooned an 85-foot blue whale off the coast and after the harpoon had stuck in the animal, the whale started pulling the boat. It pulled the Tanginak from morning until evening, and died only after three harpoons had been fired into it.

ERRORGRAMS



There's No Ambiguity in UNTOREVEL
Doesn't have to be asked.

There are at least four mistakes in the above picture. They 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 your score for each of the mistakes you find, and 20 for the word if you unscramble it. Turn to the back page and we'll explain the mistakes and tell you the word. Then you can see how near a hundred you bat.

Daily CAPITOL News Letter

Comments
Gossip
Stories
Seen in Salem

BY EARL H. LEIF

United Press Staff Correspondent
SALEM, Ore., July 5. (UP)—Are the colors of the new Oregon motor vehicle license plates orange and black or tan and black? Some who claimed to be experts on chromatics said they were tan and black but Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, says they are orange and black, so that's official.

THE OFFICE of Adjutant General George A. White, commander of Oregon's National Guard, is immaculate, clean, airy and in complete order. However, in memory of the days when he was a working newspaper man, he has one desk in the corner of the office which is strewn with papers, nicked with a knife, scarred by hundreds of burnt cigarette butts. When the general wishes to "tuck in" on the typewriter, he goes to that desk and produces plenty of "copy" in double-quick time.

IT'S PROBABLY of no significance, but Senator Jay Upton of Bend, ardent supporter of Governor Norblad, spent a busy two hours with "Tom" Kay, veteran watchdog of the exchequer, swapping stories, discussing politics, telling jokes and whatnot. Kay did most of the talking.

THE "POLICY of the open door" prevails at the office of Governor Al Norblad. The door is always at least theoretically open because the governor never declines to see and talk with anyone from the most exalted personage to the humblest, no matter how busy he may be. While Ralph Hamilton was acting governor the door was always wide open for all to gaze into the inner sanctum sanctorum and watch him writing, reading or conferring, but always puffing at his pipe. Perhaps Governor Norblad would do the same but he likes to work without coat or vest and his brightly-hued suspenders might shock the dainties.

THE LAST gubernatorial campaign in the state of Washington centered largely around the price of the \$100 cuspidors in the rotunda of the capitol at Olympia. But if this state paid more than two-bits for the spittoons at the capitol here, something's wrong.

THERE'S a small room to the rear of the supreme court chambers here that would be a haven of delight for the kiddies. It is stocked with all manner of playthings to interest them—toys of all descriptions, bicycles and such things. They're not for the amusement of the court, however; they are exhibits in cases of toy automobiles and derricks which the court uses for illustrative purposes in describing accidents.

TOM KAY may not be out seeking the Republican nomination for governor but nevertheless he has suddenly acquired a tremendous amount of work to be done in addition to the routine business of his office.

Salem Banks Show Deposit Increase

SALEM, July 5. (AP)—Deposits in Salem banks increased from \$10,619,374.43 at the call of June 30, 1935, to \$11,558,211.14 at the call for June 30, this year, a jump of \$938,837.71, as shown by statements from the banks yesterday. During the year occurred the consolidation of the Salem Bank of Commerce and the First National. Total resources increased from \$12,376,797.03 to \$13,205,400.48.

Loans and discounts are less, showing decreased credit. A year ago these totaled \$6,761,112.27, and this year at \$6,330,406.79. Bonds held by the banks as secondary reserve to cash total, \$3,225,075.65, against \$2,924,877.06 last year.

Deposits in the three Salem banks are: Ladd & Bush, \$6,547,237.94; United States National, \$2,760,084.64; First National, \$2,248,845.64.

The famous showman, Barnum, once tried to buy Shakespeare's house for shipment to America, but did not succeed because of the indignant outcry in England. He was even reported at one time to be negotiating for Niagara Falls.

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"There is no occasion for any trust-busting campaign."—Attorney General Mitchell.

"You can't please everybody."—Rudy Vallee.

"Asia can now look down on Europe where before she looked up."—Rabindranath Tagore.

"Courage does not find its exclusive province on the battlefield."—General Charles P. Summerall.

**Economic Meeting
November 7 and 8**

MEDFORD, Ore., July 5.—At a meeting of southern Oregon County Agents held in Medford today it was definitely decided that the Mid-Pacific Empire Agricultural Economic Conference, sponsored by the Northern California-Southern Oregon Development association, will be held in Medford, on Friday and Saturday, November 7th and 8th.

Judge Alex Sparrow, general chairman of the conference has appointed County Agent R. G. Fowler chairman of the program committee, and steps are being taken immediately for the formation of the program.

It is expected that the conference will bring together over four hundred farmers from all over northern California and southern Oregon.

Farmer Must Eat What He Produces

CHICAGO, July 5. (AP)—The farmer must learn to eat what he raises, the farm press division of the National Dairy Council has decided.

M. D. Munn, president of the council, said the farmer himself was largely responsible for overproduction of dairy products, especially butter, because his tendency is to "sell his cream and eat substitutes."

Munn said the campaign was an outgrowth of an emergency scheme that resulted in reduction of surplus butter by more than 1,300,000 pounds between January and April.

PRISON CELEBRATES

SALEM, Ore., July 5. (AP)—Boxing and baseball, with a special dinner at noon, were in the program of the state penitentiary yesterday. A flag-raising, sports and dancing were enjoyed by the inmates of the state industrial school for girls. Secretary of State Hoss and Mrs. Hoss were special guests at dinner.

ESCAPES RECAPTURED

SALEM, Ore., July 5. (AP)—Ethel Sargent and Lillian Frimble, both 21, inmates of the state institution for the feeble-minded, escaped about 10 o'clock last night. They were found by a Salem policeman early today.

Flour is a combustible substance. When a cloud of it floats in the air of a room every particle is in immediate contact with oxygen and a flame or even a spark will cause it to burn.

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