

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."—Abraham Lincoln.

### Fire Menaces Federal Forests

National Policy Not Broad Enough

Recently published figures show that more than one-half of the land area of the eleven states west of the Dakotas and Texas is owned and controlled by the federal government. About half of this land comprises national forests which are one of the principal assets in most western states.

State and private forest service agencies trained their guns on the interior department for fire hazard conditions existing on timbered sections of the public domain at a recent hearing before the senate public lands committee at Portland. Charges were preferred against the interior department, alleging that no fire patrol or provisions for fighting conflagrations on the Oregon domain were made and the department was selling timber off the timber tracts and allowing the slashings to remain in the woods, contrary to state and federal regulations. E. T. Allen, representing the Western Forestry Conservation association, testified that there were 2,000,000 acres of unappropriated timber lands in the public domain in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah, for which the interior department provides no fire patrol or other protective measures.

State and federal laws require private owners to provide adequate patrols to reduce the danger of fires, but such work is virtually useless if adjoining timber lands in the public domain are not protected.

The situation in regard to timber, offers a fine illustration of the conditions which develop when federal regulation, in the hands of departments, bureaus and commissions in Washington, is allowed to encroach upon and control local resources in the several different states.

There is no excuse for further imperiling the great timber resources of the west by a shortsighted national policy in regard to fire prevention.

### Our West

West Will Become Most Important of All

Land hunger is given by many economists and historians as the basic cause of all wars, either through the necessity of more standing room for the rapidly increasing populations of the earth, or the craving for more of the products of the land. War is excused by land hunger, the early voyages of discovery were prompted by it, and the explorations by the white man have been an expression of it. A new evidence of land hunger is the investigations that the committee under Senator Stanfield has been conducting in the west, studying in general the conduct of our department of the interior, and in particular the value of the reclamation projects, the leasing of grazing, timber and oil lands; even the ceding of valuable concessions in the national parks to private individuals.

Senator Stanfield's committee is learning that Americans are beginning to appreciate the value of their vast domain, as keenly as Europeans must treasure every square foot of their restricted soil. The day has passed, even in the United States, when there is a surplussage of acreage. The day is rapidly approaching when cheap land will no longer be obtainable, and farmers will have to rely upon their skillfulness, upon their ability to get the last grain of wheat and the utmost kernel of corn out of every field, not only to make farming profitable, but also to make the land support the vast population of the United States.

When that day comes, and it soon will be here, then the west will become the most important division of the United States. It is to the west that the rest of the nation will have to look for its food. It is to the west that it will have to look for its minerals, its timber, its cattle, its sheep, its oil. So important will be the careful husbanding of every acre of the west that it is necessary now to make a survey to see that rights which have been given away in the past may not have been unlawfully or fraudulently disposed of. If they were, then they will have to be reclaimed and brought back into the service and benefit of the public as a whole.

W. L. Thompson, Portland banker, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for United States senator, and W. L. Thompson, Portland lawyer, is being mentioned as a possible candidate for governor. Confusing enough, but to make the confusion worse confounded why don't they both run for the same office?—Astoria Budget.

### The Modern Golden Fleece Expedition!



### Dinner Stories

The church services were proceeding very successfully when a woman in the gallery got so interested that she leaned out too far and fell over the railing. Her dress caught in a chandelier, and she was suspended in mid-air. The minister noticed her undignified position and thundered at the congregation:

"Any person in this congregation who turns around will be struck stone-blind!"

A man, whose curiosity was getting the better of him, but who dreaded the clergyman's warning, finally turned to his companion and said:

"I'm going to risk one eye."

An Irish soldier on sentry duty had orders to allow no one to smoke near his post. An officer with a lighted cigar approached, whereupon Pat boldly challenged him and ordered him to put it out at once.

The officer with a gesture of disgust threw away his cigar, but no sooner was his back turned than Pat picked it up and quietly retired to the sentry box.

The officer happening to look around, observed a beautiful cloud of smoke issuing from the box. He at once challenged Pat for smoking on duty.

"Smoking, is it, sor? Bedad, and I'm only keeping it lit to show the corporal when he comes as evidence agin you."

Little Marion and her next-door neighbor Donald were engaged in an absorbing conversation.

"What are anarchists?" asked little Marion.

Then Donald swelled with wisdom.

"They want everything any one else has got, and they never wash themselves," he replied.

"Oh, yes!" cried little Marion, with enthusiasm. "I see—they is just little boys growed up!"

A French woman who recently went to live in England became alarmed at the butcher's increased bill, and decided to interview him. On arriving at the shop she exclaimed excitedly:

"How is it that you are dearer to me now than when we were first engaged."

A famous criminal lawyer has won a shockingly bad case by eloquence and trickery, and a rival lawyer said to him, bitterly:

"Is there any case so low, so foul, so vilely crooked and shameful that you'd refuse it?"

"Well, I don't know," the other answered with a smile. "What have you been doing now?"

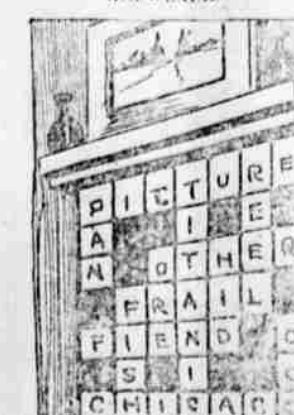
We suppose a lot of girls think merely on account of not wishing to be conspicuous.—Columbus State Journal.

### Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across.  
Word 1 One of the things which King Cole in the picture called for.  
Word 2 Opposite of sit.  
Word 3 Another thing which King Cole called for.  
Running Down.  
Word 1 To move.  
Word 2 A musical instrument.  
Word 3 What neatness is called.

### SATURDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED



### Sunny Dick Says

Companies Whose Heavy Trucks Have Helped Ruin Oregon Avenue Agree With Council to Pay \$700 Repair Cost.—We'll give the devil his dues. It's good of them to pay for it, even if the road was getting so bad they couldn't afford to run their trucks over it.

Cow Hurls Auto Down 1900 Feet; Driver Escapes—And church men brag about the strength of Sampson.

Klamath Sportsmen Discuss Duck Feed.—Not really? Why, any farmer's wife could tell them that.

Judge Leavitt Impresses U. S. Idea's Upon New Citizens.—If he only could impress them upon all of us how much happier we could be.

It's Just a Hit and Miss as to Whether You're Mourning at the Right Grave in Linkville Cemetery. Kids Use Grave Markers for Ball Bats.—The remedy is simple; give the kids real ball bats. No, I don't mean over the heads, roughneck.

Masons of City to Attend Meet.—These Masons are not the common or garden variety, or they wouldn't be leaving just when so many brick buildings are crying aloud for men.

Eastern Stars From Medford to Help Sisters of Klamath With Initiation. Banquet.—Judging by the popularity of restaurants in K. F. perhaps the period after the word "initiation" shouldn't be there.

Spanish Schooner Founders Off Hvariden.—My Irish section foreman friend discussing this said: "Sure, I can easily believe it. I never worked a Spaniard yet that was worth his salt with a shovel, so I wouldn't expect much of them wid a hallin' bucket."

Don't lament that the old circus spirit has departed. When country newspapers will publish a column of reader stuff for a couple of general admission tickets to a circus, it proves that the suckers are still with us and that Barnum knew us.—Molalla Pioneer.

### Heart & Home Problems

By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

#### WON'T LET HIM MAKE PEACE

When a husband comes home from a day of toil, tired and hungry he expects to find his wife and a warm dinner waiting him, and he is hardly to be condemned if he resents her absence and neglect. A husband writes:

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Two weeks ago I hurt my wife's feelings. I came home from work, tired and hungry, wife was out and supper was late. I told her what I thought and she never said a word, but now I am sorry and want to make up. But she won't. She cries and goes to bed. We have been married 14 years, and I have never done this before. Please tell me how I can square up things. I will do anything.

#### ONCE-HAPPY HUSBAND.

Don't worry about it. Under the circumstances your wife might have condoned your fault-finding. Perhaps she would resent efforts to bribe her into good feeling, but, on the other hand, she probably would appreciate a surprise in the way of an outing, or money for a new dress. Be patient with her, even if you are in the right. Persons who have been married 14 years shouldn't squabble over such a matter.

#### SISTER CONDONES INSULT

Dear Mrs. Thompson: My sister has a boy friend living in a nearby city. He called her on the phone and told her he was coming over to spend a couple of days in the city, also said he was bringing a boy friend. They asked me to go out with them, and I agreed. The boy insulted me terribly, but I stuck it out for the evening. The next day my sister asked our girl friend (who was ignorant of the

## STEP-WORD PUZZLE

By ARTHUR WYNN, Originator of the Modern Cross-Word Puzzle.

By changing only one letter at a time, you can change TRAVEL into TRAINS in 19 steps.



- DEFINITIONS: 7—Seats of intelligence or mental power 8—Intelligent 9—Consisting of, or resembling bran 10—A nook or corner 11—Mentally unbalanced 12—Turns 13—Large, long-necked, long-legged birds 14—Protective frameworks used in transportation of goods 15—Packed in a crate 16—Covered 17—Loaded with coal 18—Moderated in temperature 19—Food heated for consumption 20—Sealed with a cork 21—Loaded down with care or worry 22—Remoored watertight by being plugged with caulk 23—Covered 24—Fastened down with nails 25—The regular recurring sound the clock made when going down.