

**THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.**

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 ister monopolies formed for the purpose of wringing from the necessities of life an unrighteous profit. These combinations are often formed and conducted in violation of law, encouraged, aided and abetted in their activities by a Republican administration, and are driving all small tradespeople and small industrialists out of business. Competition is one of the most sacred, cherished and economic rights of the American people. We demand the strict enforcement of the anti-trust laws and the enactment of other laws, if necessary, to control this great menace to trade and commerce, and thus to preserve the right of the small merchant and manufacturer to earn a legitimate profit from his business.

Dishonest business should be treated without influence at the National Capitol. Honest business, no matter what its size, need have no fears of a Democratic Administration. The Democratic party will ever oppose illegitimate and dishonest business. It will foster, promote and encourage all legitimate business enterprises.

**CANAL ZONE.**

We favor the employment of American citizens in the operation and maintenance of the Panama Canal in all positions above the grade of messenger, and favor as liberal wages and conditions of employment as prevailed under previous Democratic administrations.

**ALASKA-HAWAII.**

We favor the development of Alaska and Hawaii in the traditional American way, through self-government. We favor the appointments of only bona fide residents to office in the territories. We favor the extension and improvement of the mail, air mail, telegraph and radio, agricultural experimenting, highway construction and other necessary Federal activities in the territories.

**PHILIPPINES.**

The Filipino people have succeeded in maintaining a stable government and have thus fulfilled the only condition laid down by the Congress as a prerequisite to the granting of independence. We declare that it is now our liberty and our duty to keep our promise to these people by granting them immediately the independence which they so honorably covet.

**PORTO RICO.**

We favor granting to Porto Rico such territorial form of government as would meet the present economic conditions of the island, and provide for the aspirations of her people, with the view to ultimate statehood, accorded to all territories of the United States since the beginning of our Government, and we believe any officials appointed to administer the government of such territories should be qualified by previous bona fide residence therein.

**PUBLIC HEALTH.**

The Democratic Party recognizes that not only the productive wealth of the nation, but its contentment and happiness, depends upon the health of its citizens. It therefore pledges itself to enlarge the existing Bureau of Public Health and to do all things possible to stamp out communicable and contagious diseases and to ascertain preventable means and remedies for those diseases, such as cancer, infantile paralysis and others, which heretofore have largely defied the skill of physicians.

**FLOOD CONTROL.**

Being deeply impressed by the terrible disasters from floods in the Mississippi Valley during 1927, we heartily endorse the Flood Control Act of last May, which recognizes that the flood waters of the Mississippi River and its tributaries constitute a national problem of the gravest character, and makes provision for some speedy and effective control. This measure is a continuation and expansion of the policy established by a Democratic Congress in 1917, in the act of that year for controlling floods on the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers. It is a great piece of constructive legislation, and we pledge our party to its vigorous and early enforcement.

**Wash Your Fruits.**

Only the scientists on the other picket line, the farmers and gardeners in the front trenches know the severity of the warfare that the human race is waging against the insects that threaten the health and wealth of man and also his food supply, declares Ernest S. Clowes in "Hygeia."

This fight against the insect world is carried on by chemical warfare, poisonous solids, liquids, and gases in huge quantities being used, so that there is some danger of the consumers being damaged in health if not killed outright by the very weapons intended to protect them from their enemies.

**FARM NOTES.**

Roosts or perches should be placed in the brooder houses by the time the birds are four weeks old. Pullets that are not crowded and are roosting early thrive better and will make better growth.

The farmer who applies timely and thorough sprays consistently throughout the season is the one who harvests a profitable crop. Quality products pay the best.

New fields of alfalfa should not be pastured. If the alfalfa has been seeded alone and the weeds become numerous, the field can be cut high when the alfalfa plants are just coming into bloom. Do not cut the alfalfa if there are only a few weeds.

If high production is to be maintained during the summer months the flock must consume large quantities of laying mash and be culled regularly every two weeks, Penn State poultry specialists say.

If you have good prospects for a ton litter and have not placed the litter in nomination get in touch with the county agent at once. June 30 is the final date for enrolling your porkers this year. Help keep Pennsylvania first in ton litters by growing one yourself this year.

Small patches of quack grass can be killed by covering with roofing paper or by hoeing every time green spears of the grass appear. If paper is used weight it down with stones or other heavy objects to prevent the wind blowing it off.

Birds in general are useful as well as beautiful. Without birds to keep the insect pests in check it would be more difficult to grow food. They also eat many weed seeds and so give a better chance for the planted seeds.

The biological survey finds, however, that some birds are not beneficial and this branch of the United States Department of Agriculture studies the birds in order to be able to inform farmers and legislators as to their comparative merits.

As a general rule, the birds that eat largely of insect foods—for example, the wren and the nighthawk—are particularly valuable. On the other hand, the gray goshawk and the brilliantly colored painted bunting are valuable because they depend for a great part of their food on troublesome weeds, such as the foxtail and pigeon grass seeds.

The barn owl, like other owls, commonly is shot on sight, but ought not to be, for it is one of the most serviceable birds in destroying small rodents, particularly the pocket gophers in the West. For its size, the house wren is one of the most effective bird enemies of the insects. Wrens usually rear two broods of young each year and the parents keep busy from morning to night bringing food for the hungry young. The wren's diet is almost exclusively animal, and a pair of wrens will account for an enormous number of insects in a season.

The boat-tailed grackle is one of the few birds that do more damage than good. It is fond of corn in all stages, from the first ears to the ripened grain, destroys much rice, and gets most of its animal food from the small marine animals along the sea shore.

America's great holiday bird is getting ready to strut again in the Middle West just as his proud ancestor did years ago. The wild gobbler was once monarch of the feathered family in the woods that stretched up and down the Mississippi valley. As he disappeared from the timber, turkeys were brought into the barnyard and an attempt was made to tame them so they could be handled as chickens are today.

But disease drove them out. Then came the apparently erroneous theory that turkeys were delicate and could not be raised successfully unless they were given an open range where they could get plenty of exercise and catch grasshoppers and bugs. That theory has been disproved.

It is now known that turkeys can be successfully raised in close confinement. This may change the entire system so that in the future the laying, brooding and marketing season can be greatly lengthened. Turkeys may eventually be produced almost the year around and be brought in fresh from the farm every month in the year. Instead of turkey raisers marketing practically all of their surplus birds at Thanksgiving and at Christmas holiday seasons, as they do at the present time, they will be able to furnish fresh ones winter and summer.

The production of squab turkeys, weighing from eight to ten pounds, on a year around basis may be developed in the future. It is at least made possible through the use of artificial incubators and brooders and the development of the confinement method of handling the birds. Breeders will have to change the laying habits of the turkey hen just as the poultrymen did with the chicken hen.

Farm machinery will deteriorate if it is left in the "great out-of-doors." If it is properly housed, however, its life will be practically doubled.

An implement shed either 16 or 24 feet wide will give proper protection to the farm machinery. The narrower width will accommodate one row of machines; the wider one will provide space for two rows.

If a pitched roof is placed over the shed, space directly under it can be utilized for storing light instruments if a board floor is first laid over the cross beams.

By placing a six-inch concrete floor under the shed, the farmer can eliminate much of the difficulty of moving heavy machinery, such as tractors, hay loaders, or binders.

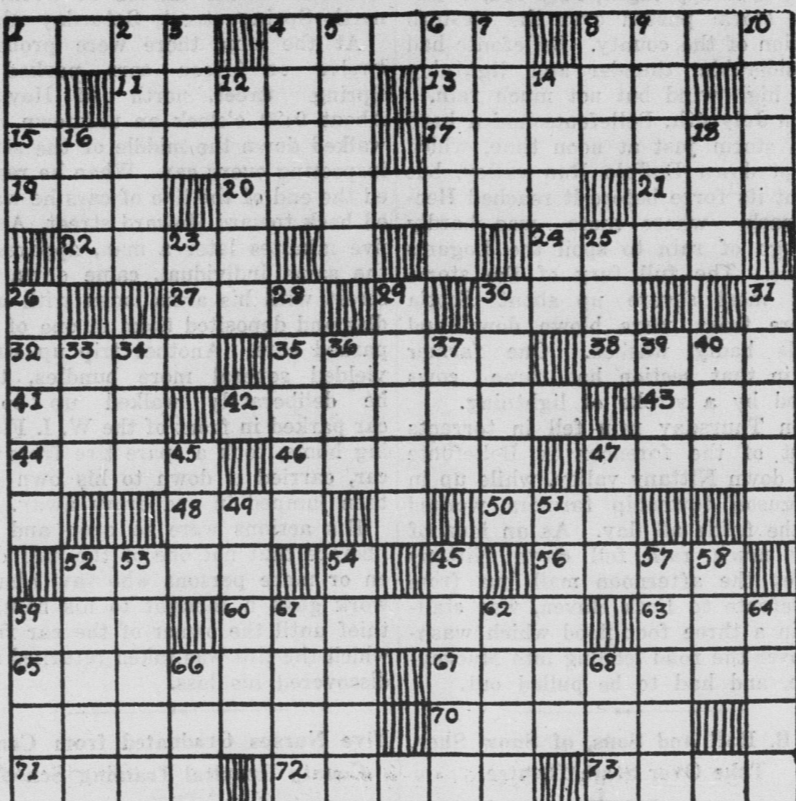
The shed can be made practically fireproof by the use of concrete masonry walls, and cement-asbestos for roofing.

Permanent pastures produce profits and prosperity.

Best results are obtained from lime that is applied in the fall.

**HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**  
 When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

**CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1.**



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- Horizontal.**
- 1—Sailors
  - 4—Upright pieces at side of opening
  - 8—Embraces
  - 11—Official assistants
  - 13—A stone, usually in combination
  - 15—A variant of intrust
  - 17—Tending to amuse
  - 19—The optic organ
  - 20—More severe
  - 21—A short sleep
  - 22—To prepare for publication
  - 24—To mix one's name
  - 27—Hardy, perennial cereal grass
  - 30—To wager
  - 32—An underground worker
  - 35—A bar used to pry with
  - 38—To box
  - 41—Form of verb to be
  - 42—Cautious
  - 43—A period of time
  - 44—Enthusiasm
  - 46—Canvas houses
  - 47—To make lace by hand
  - 48—A poem suited for music
  - 50—Color property of an object
  - 52—One who bores
  - 56—Wooden block on which shoes are formed
  - 58—Respectful form of address
  - 60—Each side of a fireplace
  - 63—Indolent tumor of the skin
  - 65—Recipient of a legacy
  - 67—Mollusk with oval shell
  - 69—Color between white and gray
  - 70—One who bores
  - 71—Lactical fluid
  - 72—To duck or immerse
  - 73—To prepare for publication
- Vertical.**
- 1—Source of lumber
  - 2—Classified
  - 3—Same as 69 horizontal
  - 4—A joke
  - 5—Autumn flower
  - 6—Gentle; suave
  - 7—Identical
  - 8—Masculine possessive pronoun
  - 9—Employing
  - 10—A pace
  - 12—Clouded with dust
  - 14—Pocketbook
  - 16—An American humorist
  - 18—Wagon for moving goods
  - 22—Wrath
  - 25—Neuter possessive pronoun
  - 26—Astonish
  - 28—Fill with joy
  - 29—Where cakes are baked
  - 30—Bristle instruments or tools
  - 31—To declaim or state dramatically
  - 33—Metal in native state
  - 34—A meadow
  - 36—Before (poetic)
  - 37—A new
  - 38—Vegetable in a pod
  - 40—A branch of learning; a boy's name
  - 46—Fortune; city real estate
  - 47—Non-alcoholic beverage
  - 49—Cessation of life
  - 51—Pertaining to forearm bone
  - 52—An untruth
  - 53—A large, wild sheep of Asia
  - 54—Combining form from Greek relating to a gland
  - 55—Members of a nomadic race
  - 57—War weapon of middle ages
  - 58—Decem
  - 59—To close abruptly
  - 61—Require
  - 62—A high wind instrument of orchestra
  - 64—Trim; tidy
  - 66—To request
  - 68—A shelter or protection

**Growth of Children Can't Compare With That of the Lower Animals.**

Mothers who are appalled at the bean-stalk speed with which children seem to grow out of their clothes can be thankful that little boys do not sprout up as fast as rabbits, cows and guinea pigs.

Charts comparing the growth of children with that of animals have been worked out by Dr. Samuel Brody of the Missouri agricultural experiment station. Reporting his results in Science Magazine, Doctor Brody shows that a child between four and fourteen years of age grows at the rate of only 10 per cent a year. Reduced to days, this means that in less than four days the young animal gains as much as the child gains in a year.

The juvenile period in man spreads over an enormously long period of time compared with that in domestic animals. Doctor Brody states: "Children who have not grown fast between four and twelve years often shoot up rapidly between twelve and fifteen. This appears to be in the nature of compensatory growth for an earlier deficiency, Doctor Brody concludes. Children who have grown more rapidly in earlier childhood do not seem to have this acceleration in their teens."

**As It is in China.**

The China Christian Advocate reports this incident from the recent session of the Eastern Asia Central Conference at Shanghai:

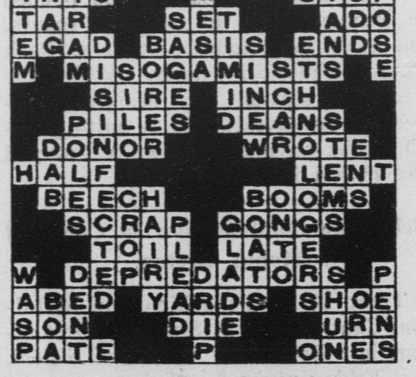
"A very audible 'smile' went through one corner of the room, following the passage of a resolution that 'when the time comes, the bishops from America shall be gradually eliminated.' A delegate suggested that 'withdrawn' would be a word sounding better and meaning the same thing. It was substituted. A question arose as to the Chinese phrase used. This proved to be a close translation of 'eliminated.' A Chinese scholar suggested another phrase and then one delegate laughed aloud. When asked the reason he replied, 'In place of 'eliminated' they are going to substitute 'annihilated.'"

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**Solution of Last Week's Puzzle.**



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