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THE BURDEN BEARER: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.—Psalm 55:22.

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THURSDAY, February 15 (Read Matthew VII:7-11) 'K' and 'Ye Shall Receive'

The sovereignty of law is a God of law. 'Extending over the realm of matter and also over the realm of souls. The unchangeableness of law is supposed by some to put an end to prayer; but it only places it on a surer foundation. We know now there is no whim or caprice. When God built the universe He left it in a place for request and reply. In the modern home conversation still goes on as of old. Jesus speaks with all the positiveness and assurance of a scientist. 'Ask and ye shall receive. No matter who you are you cannot ask without receiving. The principle of gravitation is operative everywhere and always and so is the law of prayer. 'Seek and ye shall find.' There are no ifs and buts. There is no perhaps. The cosmos is built on the idea that every seeker is sure to find. 'Knock and it shall be opened unto you.' There are no doors which refuse to swing on their hinges when an earnest soul knocks.



Prayer: O Thou ruler of the universe, we rejoice in the assurance that Thou art a God of law and that we can depend on Thee today and tomorrow and forevermore. Deliver us from our fears and doubts and help us to give ourselves up to Thee completely, now and always. Amen.

A TELEPHONE YARDSTICK.

Not only the people of Henderson but also telephone users throughout North Carolina will be interested in the hearing at Windsor on Friday before Judge Clayton Moore on the petition of the town of Henderson that the receivership of the Henderson properties of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company be made permanent. Henderson, which was recently left for a day without any telephone facilities as a result of the refusal of the company to agree to a renewal of its franchise at terms more favorable to the town and less favorable to itself, is now seeking condemnation of the company's properties in order to operate its own telephone exchange.

President Roosevelt has taught the American people the virtue of the yardstick of public operation in judging the rates of private utilities. Such a yardstick in the telephone business is badly needed in North Carolina. The telephone business in the State, as well as in the nation, is a virtual monopoly, and there is wide feeling that this monopoly charges high and monopolistic rates.

Not only Henderson, therefore, has much at stake in the Windsor hearing.

ing North Carolinians in general will wish Henderson success in the creation of a yardstick, another standard than the monopoly's by which to judge the monopoly's rates.



New York, Feb. 15 — Manhattan Potpourri.

I hear a lot of talk these days, indignant talk some of it, about the radio studios inviting audiences to attend broadcasts and thus robbing the legitimate theatre of cash customers. One network has even rented the Hudson theatre to stage its tumults and tickets are mailed to like-ly visitors gratis. Well, I went to one of these performances, and I don't think the legitimate theatre is going to suffer from competition with that sort of exhibition.

There are two excellent reasons why. One is the old, overwhelming psychological quick which makes folks shun any kind of a show that's free. You can sell seats for \$6.60, but just try giving the same seats away. It can't be done, and it has been tried often. The neighborhood store counters groan with free passes to plays, but out as a promotional scheme, but no one will have them; meanwhile the tradesmen of the neighborhood ask me if I have any tickets to shows. They want them if they are "press passers," but not if they are given away to the layman public.

The other reason is in the quality of the entertainment offered. Radio performers are not, with few exceptions, actors—and they flush crimson, stutter and carry on in a depressing manner when exposed to the view of an audience. After years of whispy tete-a-tetes which microphones, a studio gabbler can't turn himself into a footlight mime just like that. No, the public may attend the broadcasts to gape at adored crooners, but not for theatrical entertainment.

BOOK STUFF

Most absorbing of the new books, for this reporter, is "The Hour of Decision," by Oswald Spengler. It is strong, invigorating stuff after the flood of books about the New Deal—and dealing dollars from the bottom of the deck. Although dismissed by many busy readers as impossibly highbrow, Spengler is in fact one of the most lucid of writers. You will, very probably, grow angry with him in the course of your reading, particularly if your politics are pinkish in their sympathies, but you will never bog in long-winded, meaningless phrases.

And to dive several million miles from Spengler to Tiffany Thayer, con-cocter of pleasant shockers, the wonder bobs up whether writers are born with the stamp of certain letter-combinations upon them. The "th" sequence occurs so often in the works of this scribbler, you are sure it is his lucky sign, if lucky sign he has.

For instance, his last name is Thayer and he wrote, in succession, the following books: "Thirteen Men," "Thirteen Women" and "Three Sheet." Incidentally, Thayer made his debut as an actor recently with a small part in "The Man Who Broke His Heart." The star of the flicker also had a "th." She was Dorothy Dell. (Note Hthayer does not hiss.)

SIDESHOW

By Clyde West

We Appeal the Case.

In upholding the right of a wife to search her husband's trousers a Milwaukee judge failed to state what right a man has when his wife wears the pants.

The senate banking committee has discovered that some banks have been "window dressed." The chief thing in a bank to keep well dressed is the vault.

We never knew what "Frozen Credit" meant until we tried to buy a ton of coal on time when the temperature was below zero.

Looks like Gen. Eoin O'Duffy has lost his "blue shirt."

If brevity is the soul of wit, Mayor La Guardia, of New York, is the funniest man in the country. To citizens writing about how he should run the city he replies: "Nuts." To those praising him, he answers "Thanks." To those who want jobs he dictates "Regrets." At that, he might save two words and just write "Nerts" to everybody.

Despite the depression, many men still seem able to shirk for a living.

We need former Senate George H. Moses back in Washington to point out the "sons of the wild jackass." The senators look so much alike now even the jackass himself wouldn't know his own sons.

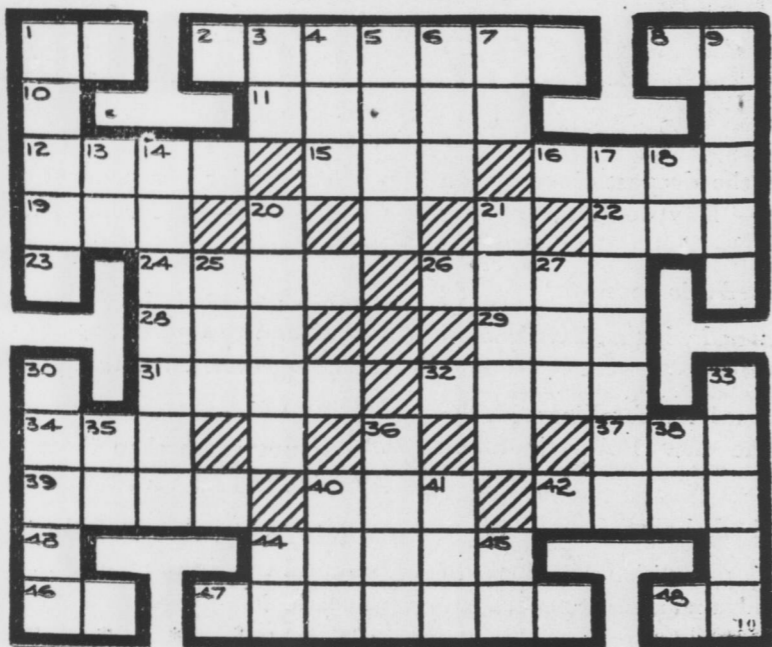
Now that the money question is too cold to discuss the average man has nothing to talk about.

TODAY

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 1564—Galileo, great Italian astronomer, born. Died Jan. 8, 1642. 1809—(125 years ago) Cyrus Hall McCormick, inventor and developer of the reaper, one of the factors which moved the line of civilization westward and saved the farmers millions of dollars yearly in labor, born in Rockbridge Co., Va. Died in Chicago, May 13, 1884. 1813—Electus Backus Litchfield, noted Brooklyn, N. Y., railroad builder of the West, born at Delphi Falls, N. Y. Died May 12, 1889. 1820—Susan B. Anthony, among the country's great women of the past, reformer, lecturer, temperance and suffrage worker, prolific writer, born at Adams, Mass. Died in Rochester, N. Y., March 13, 1906. 1825—Carter H. Harrison, five times mayor of Chicago, born near Lexington, Ky. Assassinated in Chicago, Oct. 28, 1893. 1829—Silas Weir Mitchell, noted Philadelphia physician-novelist, born

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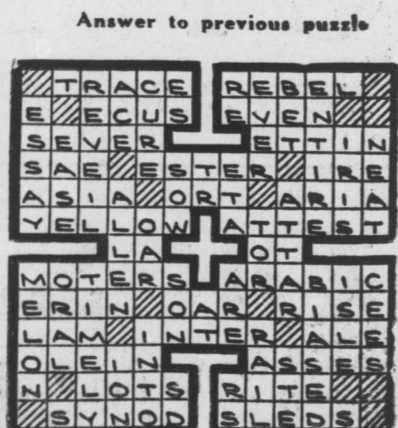


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DOWN

- 1—Projecting corner 3—Hypothetical force 4—Possessive pronoun 5—At hand 6—Pig pen 7—Bone



in Philadelphia. Died Jan. 4, 1914. 1832—Nelson Dingley, a noted Maine governor and Congressman, born at Durham, Maine. Died in Washington, Jan. 13, 1899. 1874—Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, famed British explorer, born. Died Jan. 5, 1922.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1820—William Ellery, Rhode Island signer of the Declaration of Independence, died aged 92. 1898—U. S. Battleship Maine blown up in Havana Harbor. 1922—The Permanent Court of International Justice began its first formal session at The Hague. 1933—The attempt to shoot th then President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt and the fatal wounding of Mayor Cermak of Chicago.

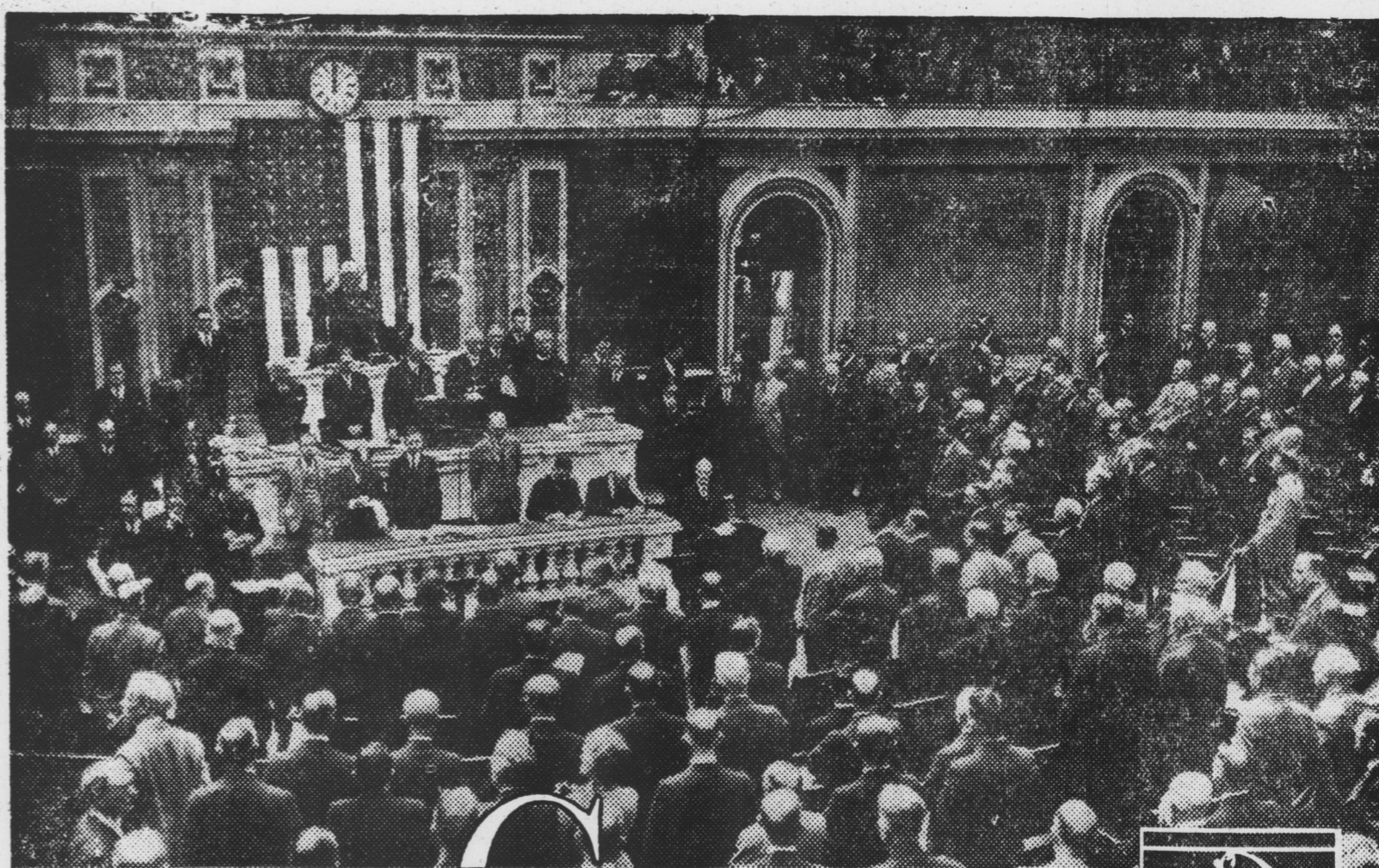
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

- Elihu Root of New York, onetime Secretary of State, onetime U. S. Senator, Nobel Peace prize winner, born at Clinton, N. Y., 89 years ago. James A. Farrell, retired U. S. Steel president, born at New Haven, Conn., 71 years ago. Joseph Hergesheimer of Philadelphia, noted writer, born there, 54 years ago. Shelby M. Harrison, general-director of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, born at Leaf River, Ill., 53 years ago. John Barrymore, famed actor, born 52 years ago. Dr. Thornwell Jacobs, founder-president of Oglethorpe University, Georgia, born at Clinton, S. C., 57 years ago. Claudius H. Huston, onetime chairman of the Republican National Committee, born in Harrison Co., Ind., 58 years ago.

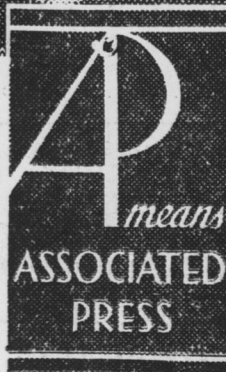
TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

The aspects indicate a certain persistence of purpose that will go far to bring success in life. But with this sometimes appears a confused state of mind which causes a wandering from the right road. Good fortune is promised in working near home or in the midst of familiar scenes and persons.

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