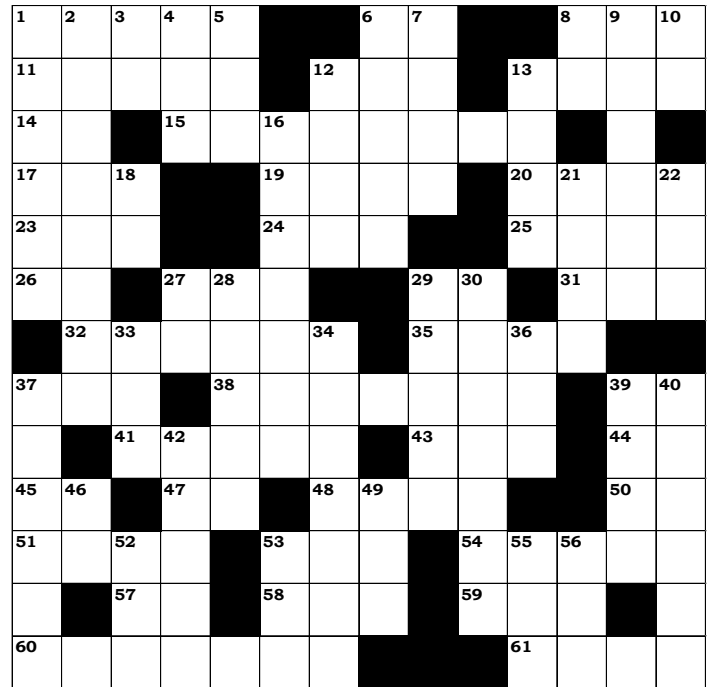


Puzzle #716

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ACROSS

1. Sometimes called the hugely significant but forgotten Gov. of Mo., Gov. Thomas Fletcher deserves to be rediscovered as the force that led the healing of the huge _____ on the land and people of Mo. after the Civil War.
6. Abbr. for gluten-free on dietary charts.
8. Suffix for capital or material.
11. In Mo., “rebels were burning and pillaging;” some Confederate irregulars “cut people’s heads off and put them on _____,” —Stephen Huss, *Rediscovering Thomas C. Fletcher: The Lost Mo. Governor*.
12. “...she stood behind Him at His feet weeping and began to bathe His feet with _____ tears,” (Luke 7:38).
13. Popular street name in the U.S.
14. I did it _____ a whim.
15. List ender word.
17. Letters for Rural Free Delivery, a postal service that began in the late 1800s to rural farm families.
19. I had the _____ to kill but just belted him instead.
20. An admirer of A. Lincoln, who in 1860 won a meager 10% of the vote in Mo., Fletcher was the first governor in the nation to _____ the Emancipation Proclamation.
23. Letters for tender loving care.
24. British slang for toilet.
25. As a youth, Fletcher witnessed a slave _____, which hugely impacted him making him determined not to allow slavery to continue.
26. Juan’s yes.
27. What a Cardinal or Royal might swing.
29. “...deliver _____ from evil.”
31. Kitten’s meow.
32. Saguaro or Prickly Pear.
35. “(In the Mass) Christ Himself is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than _____?” —St. Thomas Aquinas.
37. Abbr. for strict, strong or straight.
38. Concerned about African Am. education, Fletcher was the first President of the _____ Board of Lincoln Univ.
39. Fletcher’s biographer was inspired with Fletcher’s personal character by an 1800’s newspaper article that described Fletcher “walking hand-_____hand with his wife from one park to another.”
41. In the 1700s, the town _____ was the source of up-to-date news.
43. The Fed. Gov’t. has required an Electronic Logging Device (_____) on all over-the-road trucks since 2017.
44. Dir. from Salisbury to Kahoka.
45. Time after #27 DOWN.
47. Short for parishes in Loose Creek and Owensville.
48. Hair line?
50. Letters for Common Era, often used instead of #45 ACROSS.
51. Animated character.
53. Medical letters for Interstitial Lung Disease, which causes inflammation & scarring of the



54. Moses approved of _____ and Medad prophesying (Numbers 11:26-27).
 57. Country internet letters for Singapore.
 58. Grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:22).
 59. Mo.’s RR system was rebuilt: “Every single RR _____ again after Fletcher was Governor,” —Stephen Huss.
 60. In education, Fletcher oversaw the addition of 5,000 teachers, 4,000 _____ and the creation of the university system.
 61. Harry Potter’s magic _____.
- DOWN**
1. Before pro wrestling went from a sport to entertainment, it was dominated by a St. Louisan, Lou Thesz (1916-2002), who many experts rate as the greatest wrestler in history. The son of a Hungarian immigrant, he turned pro at 16, won his first championship at 21, competed in over 6,000 matches, often 5 a week. Completed his last match in Japan at 74 years of
 2. Mo. was a cauldron of _____ 10 years before, during and — which continued for years throughout the State — after the Civil War.
 3. “But _____ for me and my household, we will serve the Lord,” (Joshua 24:15).
 4. His address used to be _____. #5, Ashland Gravel Rd., Columbia, Mo.
 5. Fast flier.
 6. He hated me from the ____-__ (2 wds.).
 7. Fletcher worked to maintain federal troops in the State and to create a State Militia, which he believed was a key to _____ elections in that divided and chaotic time.
 8. Home State of the Winnebago (abbr.).
 9. “The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made from a _____ pearl,” (Revelations 21:21).
 10. Land of 10,000 lakes (abbr.).
 12. Exhausted Mo. elected Fletcher as a war _____ though he was unknown

- to a lot of people.
13. As Fletcher took office in Jan. 2, 1865, railroads & bridges were mostly inoperative. War dead were thrown in ____ graves, leaving their loved ones with no closure. 1/3rd of Mo.'s pre-Civil War population had left.
 16. Essentially, in 1865 Mo. was bordering on a failed State "in its uncertainty, violence, threats to its citizens, poor economy and devastated ____, and this is not an exaggeration," —historian Stephen Huss.
 18. Washington, ____.
 21. Brand of dog food.
 22. Fletcher worked to bring the State together while the ____ Mo. Legislature wanted to punish Confederate supporters.
 27. Time before #45 ACROSS.
 28. Upper room?
 29. "Blessed are you when they... ____ every kind of evil against you falsely because of me," (Matthew 5:11).
 30. Fletcher was esp. concerned about the African-Am. population who had difficulties with the basics (i.e., food, ____ and other necessities).
 33. "About Jesus and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing," — St. Joan of ____.
 34. Fletcher developed the financial stability of the State by raising property taxes & leveraging federal money. He eliminated Mo.'s debt and created a ____.
 36. Improvised Explosive Device (____) is a roadside bomb used with lethal effect by terrorists (e.g., in Afghanistan).
 37. Famous Mo. artist George Caleb Bingham was appointed Mo. State Treasurer in 1861 and quickly secured the ____ treasury in St. Louis as the Civil War began.
 39. The ____ Empire was centered in Cusco in the Peruvian Andes, which is near one of the Peruvian missions (Capachica) our diocese supported in its earlier years.
 40. Fletcher greatly improved agriculture and brought immigrants into the State as workers were desperately ____.
 42. Beatle drummer ____ Starr.
 46. "____ you see what I see?" —Christmas carol.
 49. "Can any of you by worrying ____ a moment to your life-span?" (Luke 12:25).
 52. ____Kosh B'Gosh children's clothing brand.
 53. ____-gotten gains.
 55. As a private citizen after leaving elected Office, Fletcher practiced ____ before the U.S. Supreme Court, & worked on behalf of veterans and native-Americans.
 56. Genetic material.