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Last Year's Congress Meets

A NEW congress of the United States was elected November 4th. Congress is now in session but it is not the congress that was elected in November. The congress now in session was elected two years ago, on November 6, 1928. This system which brings congressmen back to Washington for one more legislative term, after their successors have been chosen, is the result of the inability of the fathers of the Constitution to foresee a day of railroad and airplane travel.

To the fathers of the Constitution, who traveled long distances in stagecoaches by slow and painful stages, it seemed probable that senators and representatives from outlying sections of the country would always find it difficult to put their affairs in order and come to Washington conveniently in the four weeks elapsing between the first Tuesday in November and the first Monday in December. Accordingly, they allowed a newly elected congress thirteen months in which to assemble. This system was logical enough in 1787. It is illogical in 1930, when an express train crosses the country in four days and Captain Hawks makes the trip in his Mystery 8 in thirteen hours.

Under modern conditions, the result of this system of delayed session is more than a mere inconvenience. It provides us with the spectacle, every alternate year, of a "lame duck" session in which men who have been repudiated by their constituents continue to make the country's laws and a sense of irresponsibility pervades the whole work of congress.

The remedy for this situation is simple indeed. Congress need only pass and ratify an amendment to the constitution providing that each new congress shall take effect in January following its election.

The Senate has adopted such a proposal five times during the past six years but the House of Representatives has each time blocked it. It is more pleasing to ascribe this action to the House to inertia than to think that politicians in the House rather place this "lame duck" session for its responsibility and opportunities. It is time to scrap this "lame duck" session and place the meetings of our congress on a modern basis.

If you did not go to Oakland to buy and see the annual Northwest Turkey Show, you missed something. It will still be on tomorrow—by all means plan to go. It is well worth while.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

(Eugene Register-Guard)

WAS it merely a fancy or did we hear cheers from housewives on the statement of a certain domestic science writer that it will be easy to prepare Christmas dinner this year without servants of maid? So, writes an observant neighbor. It strikes us it will be news to many housewives to hear that they ever needed a maid.

(Dent Bulletin)

An Oregonian reporter speaks of Bend as a place that has never produced any outstanding murder mystery. There's nothing in particular to be gained by pointing out his error—or perhaps he does not think that the cold blooded killing of three Bend men at Lava Lake a few years ago was an outstanding murder.

(The Dalles Chronicle)

Thanks for the \$100,000. Mr. Rockefeller, and it might help the unemployment situation still further if you would suggest publicly that all those to whom you have given money in the last 25 years should get them out and spend them instead of hoarding them as souvenirs. And send us a dime for the idea.

(Baker Democrat-Herald)

The marriage of Al Capone, to a Chicago "public enemy" is almost a record of splendor, witnessed by the elite of gangland, furnishes convincing evidence that our present day civilization is at least in part a joke. When organized crime captures the garb of respectability, coolly defies the public authority and gets away with it unchallenged there is something

pretty dangerous eating at the heart of the country.

(Salem Statesman)

Bank Superintendent Schramm is doing a good piece of work in keeping the banks of the state in sound condition. His policy has been to prevent the banks from becoming unliquid with "frozen assets" thus enabling them to carry on successfully in bad times as well as good. Where owing to conditions communities are unable to support as many banks as formerly, Mr. Schramm encourages consolidation. The merger at Wasco is a case in point. While it always is a pity to have only one bank where two existed formerly, times may demand it. Then a combination as was effected at Wasco is the best thing. The new and stronger institution will continue to serve the community, and the danger of one closing is done away with.

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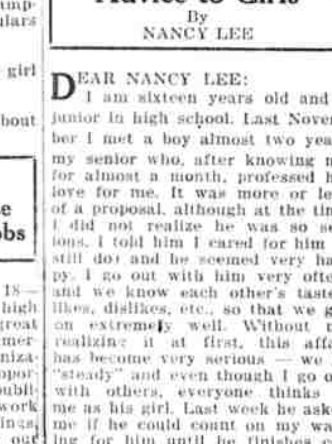
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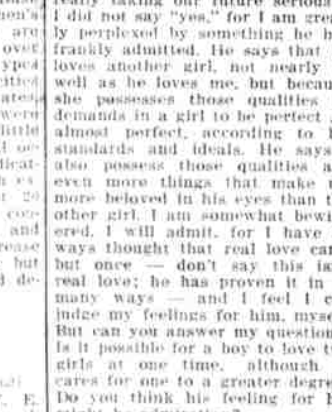
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