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SPECIAL SESSIONS

It is one of the peculiarities of the American governmental system that a Congress elected in November of one year is not expected to assemble until December of the year following. Thirteen months is a pretty long time to wait for a popular mandate, registered at the polls, to be put into legislative effect. If there was ever reason for this postponement, there is certainly none now.

Happily, the Constitution provides a way of avoiding most of the delay, through the device of a special session called by the President at his discretion. If it were not for this device, the government would be in a sad way at present, with a dozen big problems clamoring for legislative action.

By summoning Congress to meet on April 11, President Harding anticipates its automatic beginning by eight months, as several of his predecessors have done in corresponding emergencies. It is not unlikely that the duties awaiting Congress will hold it throughout the summer and fall, making the special session merge into the regular session.

Such action as this is always possible, and has been resorted to with increasing frequency in late years. It would be obviously the sensible thing to change the system, so that a new Congress, at least in the years beginning a presidential term, would assemble automatically soon after March 4. There is a growing impression that it would be still more sensible if a President's term were made to end with the calendar year, so that a new President and a new Congress could both enter upon their duties within two months of their election.

THE TALK OF TAFT

Reports that President Harding will appoint William Howard Taft to the Supreme Court when the next vacancy occurs will arouse little criticism from any source. Whatever Mr. Taft's record as president, whatever his political faith or inclinations, he is likable, and he does command the nation's respect. He is a great lawyer, an experienced judge, and his experience in public service, and the quality of his service to the public, are great. The present chief justice, Edward Douglass White, himself a Taft appointee, is 76 and long past the age for retirement on full pay. He has served in his present capacity for 11 years with distinction. His withdrawal from this important post would surprise no one.

It is known that Mr. Taft has long entertained the ambition to serve as a member of the supreme bench, and there seems every reason that his wish will be gratified. If he live to do so he will enjoy the distinction of being the only man in the history of the republic to fill the two highest offices within its gift—as head of its executive and judicial departments, first among those who enforce and among those who interpret its laws.

FEDERAL FARM LOAN TO START

SALT LAKE, Apr. 5.—The federal farm loan board expects to resume the making of loans about May 1, Governor Davis of Idaho today wired here from Washington.

U. S. ATTITUDE IS CRITICIZED

LONDON, Apr. 5.—Replying to former secretary Colby's exceptions to the San Remo agreement between Great Britain and France relating to the petroleum resources in Mesopotamia, the British government in a note published today, held the American policy for equality of treatment for citizens of all nations in mandated territory to be "scarcely consistent" with the attitude of the United States toward the American oil interests in Mexico.

RAILROAD HAS REDUCED WAGE

PORTLAND, Apr. 5.—A wage reduction equaling the increase granted last summer, was announced today by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railways, effective on April 12.

Send a Bill.—Mrs. G. L. Larison, chairman of the committee which was in charge of the Tree Fund Festival, a very anxious that all of the bills connected with the festival be sent to her as soon as possible, so that a final accounting can be made, and announced given as to the complete amount collected for the Tree Fund.

THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—
 One Can Never Tell, Can One? Life is filled with grief and sorrow. Life is filled with joys of woe; Though 'tis warm today, tomorrow It may be thirteen below.

A stenographer recently made a new shorthand record of 324 words a minute. Soon she should be fast enough to report the conversation of two ladies at a matinee.

A single man has to make up his mind what he is going to do. But it is different with a married man.

Reading in the dailies about the new summer styles for women, we modestly say that another nice thing about them is that a man doesn't have to go in bathing with a girl to see if nature gave her all that was coming to her.

There is always something to be thankful for. So far this month we have only lapped one sport skirt on the streets of La Grande.

Aha! She has a smile like sunset's glow, A charming maid is Ruth; The reason is, if you must know, She has a new gold-tooth.

The "Human Fly" was injured in Minneapolis last week. He fell off a step-ladder while trying to hang a picture for his wife.

Norman Deslet horns in with the suggestion that if no other punishment can be figured out, the allies might compel Wilhelm to live in a flat where the other tenants have boiled cabbage every other day and play the Jazzerpla till 1 a. m.

Presently, Why Not Immediately Though blue the sky, and bright the sun, You'd better buy another ton.

Idea for a comic cartoon: Show a rent profiteer in his office with a copy of the "Golden Rule" framed above his desk.

Thomas A. Edison is quoted as saying he never cares what time it is. So Edison is also the inventor of the railroad time-table.

An Oregon man has sued his wife for divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty. She used up his last pint in making mince pies.

It is reported that after he is allowed \$200.00 exemption on each of his children under the income tax law, a certain Mormon elder in Salt Lake City will have something like \$1,750.36 coming to him from the Government.

It's Really Chronic. When the winds blow soft and balmy, And the day is nice and warm, We get the old spring fever In an aggravated form.

No famous man ever smoked the cigars that were named after him. (Note)—We ourselves are included in the above.

Slacker: The chap who kicks all the cover off his own twin bed and then climbs into the other one.

Fashion Notes. (By Uncle Jarve) A novelty store in La Grande had a large stock of lamp shades carried over from last season and they have moved them over to the ladies furnishing department and are selling them for skirts.

On Easter morning a fashionable lady of our city overslept and, in her hurry to dress for church, she put on her new bonnet and furs, but forgot her skirt. She attracted no special attention, however, as the other worshippers and exhibitors thought that she was leading them in something very late in fashion.

Pat was accused of stepping on the dress tail of a painted dame the other day and getting tangled up in her hobble. When Pat went to apologize to the lady he said, "he-gorra, Miss, I was draining of pre-proh days and chevin' an auld cork, when, unbeknownst to meself I was drillin' in goose-step. Sure, if it had been a new, fresh cork, with a wee drop, I would have stepped on the hat rim."

TAXI

For quick and competent service call LaGrande Taxi Co. Special rates to commercial men. No charge for waiting time on country trips. Stand State Caf. PHONE BLACK 3341. Drivers—Clifford George, D. G. Ford

NEW THINGS TODAY!

This Morning's Express Brought Several Cases of Fresh New Garments AMONG THEM

REPEATING A GREAT SALE OF A WEEK AGO!

150 Percale Aprons
 IN A SPECIAL SALE AT
\$1.00

—So great was the response to this unusual offering last week that we were entirely sold out at the end of the second day. We re-ordered immediately and today we received our second shipment of these aprons in quantities sufficient to supply all needs.

—They are of striped and figured percales, many different patterns trimmed with rick rack or bound in self material. Some with sashes, other with belts; all have pockets. Your unrestricted choice at \$1.00 each.

—Thrifty women should supply their needs for months to come. Phone orders will receive prompt attention. See our window!

New Silk Dresses

—Distinctive new and charming silk dresses—one of them illustrated here—greeted us this morning. Beautiful spring colorings and fabrics so adapted to spring and early summer. The styles are the latest creations, their lines charming and youthful, and quality of the materials is unusual at their very low prices.

TWO DOZEN

New Georgette Blouses
 \$5.00 and \$7.00

—Women who desire exceptional values in blouses will find these of interest, and should be on hand early for inspection. —There are white, flesh, blue and buff shades—all are lace and embroidery trimmed. Priced very low—from \$5 to \$7.

Windfall. A windfall is an unexpected legacy or money dropped as it were from the sky. The saying originated when the English nobility were forbidden by the tenure of their estates to fell the timber, all the trees being reserved for the use of the royal navy. Such trees as were blown down, however, were excepted, hence a good wind often proved a veritable Godsend.

Tree Marvelously Preserved. Discovery has been made in the Holman iron mine near Tacoma, Minn., not far from the source of the Mississippi river, of the trunk and branches of a prehistoric tree in an excellent state of preservation, with the cones on it. The tree is not petrified and the wood is perfectly sound.

The Opposite Perhaps. "Hard work will kill no one," declares a literary editor. Most people, of course, prefer an occupation with a voice of danger about it.—London Punch.

Put Her on the Ba' Team. From a novel: "With a sudden frozen tautness of her hands she caught her breath."

Never an Interesting Companion. "There's no man," said Jud Tunkins, "as interesting as the one who knows so much he doesn't talk for fear he'll tell something."

Girls' Dresses
\$1.49

Plaid Gingham Dresses in many styles. Collars, Cuffs and pockets trimmed in solid colors to harmonize with material. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

THE HUB
 — THE WORKING MAN'S STORE —

Faulty Arrangement. In some countries only fat women are considered beautiful, but they are poor countries even for fat women.—Exchange.

Gill
 One Piece Piston Ring

OUR GUARANTEE
 We use only the best materials. The quality and workmanship of our repair jobs is guaranteed. That's why we recommend and guarantee Gill Rings to overcome oil pumping and to prevent the escape of compression.

For Sale by
LEIGHTON'S WELDING AND MACHINE WORKS
 :: :: :: R. W. Leighton, Prop.

Bears and Telephone Poles. Every telephone and telegraph pole in the remote districts of Norway has to be constantly watched on account of the bears, which have a mania for climbing the poles and sitting on the cross bars, swaying backward and forward until the pole falls.

Another Love Dart From "19 & PHYLLIS"

My own Andy you look perfectly darling in your new dress suit. Granddaddy says you're a crazy pup. I think you are wonderful. Any man who makes \$15 a week and can buy a \$10 ring and dress the way you do is a hero. Your lovingest Phyllis

In the
DISTRICT COURT of the UNITED STATES
 For the DISTRICT OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF SAM HARRIS, Bankrupt.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned on stocks of groceries and fixtures at La Grande, Oregon, inventories of which are \$33,293.97 and \$15,519.18 respectively. Bids will be opened in the offices of the Referee in Bankruptcy at Portland, Oregon, on the Eighth Floor of the Title & Trust Building, at 3:00 P. M., on TUESDAY, the 12th day of APRIL, 1921. Right is reserved to accept or reject any and all bids, all bids to be subject to the approval of the court. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check of 10% of the amount thereof. Inventory may be inspected at 641 Pittock Block, Portland, Oregon, and care of C. L. Winsor, Foley Hotel, La Grande, Oregon.

G. W. INGRAM, Trustee