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NEW AMENDMENT NEARS

Several states whose legislatures have been in session this year have ratified the proposed twelfth amendment to the constitution of the United States, which provides for change in the time the new president, vice-president and congress convene. Thirty states must ratify the amendment and the resolution passed by congress allows seven years in which to obtain the necessary three-fourths vote.

More persons will recognize this amendment under its old name of the Morris Lane dock amendment than as the twelfth amendment. It has been before one or both houses of congress for the last decade and has passed the senate in 1907, in which it originated. Not until the majority in the house changed to the Democratic party, however, was it possible to pass it there.

Instead of taking office March 4 on the year following their election, the president and vice-president would go into office Jan. 20 under terms of this amendment. No resignation, however, would be required. The change in the date of inauguration would be made after the general elections, which come in November. Congress would meet, with all new members sworn in at that time. Under the present system a new congressman would wait 13 months before reporting for duty at Washington and his rival defeated for office, continues to legislate an equal length of time after his constituents have indicated they desire a change.

The fellows who hold on for this length of time have come to be known as "lame ducks" and have frequently been used to put through bills which, prior to their defeat, they might not have been willing to sponsor. After retiring from office not a few of these defeated legislators have been presented as appointive officers at home or abroad, while still others have quickly become lobbyists for various interests at the national capital.

There will be no short session of congress, beginning the first Monday in December and ending March 4 every other year. This is the so-called "lame duck" session, too short to begin with and further broken into by the holidays, with their long vacation period.

TRUCKS AND RAILROADS

The Omnibus bill to place major stages and trucks under federal control, just as the railroads are controlled by the Interstate Commerce Commission, has been drawing forth some interesting testimony. For example, Leo J. Flynn, I. C. C. examiner, told a senate committee the other day that trucks displaced more than 150,000 freight cars in 1930 to the movement of increased traffic. He said that the bill would be a boon to the trucking industry and that it would be a boon to the railroads themselves. The present set-up is hardly fair—Eugene Register-Guard.

PORTLAND BUYS A BARGAIN

Portland has pledged itself to spend nearly \$7,500,000 for work and materials soon. Now there is an answer to unemployment troubles. It is to pay for building, painting, repairing and other types of work and for buying building materials and many other sorts of articles. It means expenditure of seven and a half millions for a good deal more than seven and a half million dollars' worth of other work, while the money is flowing into trade channels to sustain business, thousands of people will be getting something more than face value for what they spend, which would seem to approach an ideal situation.

DANGER IN TIRES

It has been pretty definitely established that the rear right tire is the first to wear out, the rear left next, the front right next and the front left last of all.

ALICEL PERSONALS

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American Economists Form League For Independent Political Action

This is the fifth section of the Four-Year Presidential Plan prepared by one hundred economists and experts under the auspices of the League for Independent Political Action. The Observer is printing a portion of this plan each day, believing its readers will be interested in studying the recommendations of this group for social planning and control of governmental functions.

MONEY, BANKING AND CREDIT

The present crisis reveals in a dramatic way the utter failure of our banking system to function in the interest of the public. The shameful character of the present banking system is demonstrated by the fact that the trust companies to whom and to which the need for recognizing that banking more than any other business, and the sale of securities which has become our greatest industry, are characterized by a public interest. Our banking system should be reorganized to make it function as a social institution rather than as an instrument in the hands of private promoters. In order to protect the deposits of the people and to secure to the public our banking resources for social uses in industry and government.



KITTY FREW by JANE ABBOTT

SYNOPSIS: Kitty Frew, attractive and well-to-do, is her own boss and lives in La Grande, Oregon. Her mother, Mrs. Frew, and her father, Mr. Frew, are both in business. Kitty is a social planner and is interested in the Four-Year Plan. She is a member of the League for Independent Political Action. She is a social planner and is interested in the Four-Year Plan. She is a member of the League for Independent Political Action.

Chapter 13 PICKING UP A CLUE

WELL, I've been thinking that myself, Kitty," Gar said. "We ought to have some sort of a place where we could have the bunch come in for supper. Di says there's an apartment, for rent in the Tudor Arms. Let's take a look at it. We could get most of our meals out—"

"Why, Gar, I'm going to love cooking!" Kitty protested. Tudor Arms—she had to down a little dilemma. But not now would she cross Gar.

He kissed her nose. "Funny little thing," he laughed. "Have you any idea how funny you are?"

Gar had promised Marge to go with her to look at the architect's sketches. "The work's got to be rushed on that barn, you see. Kit, and Marge's depending on me."

"But you'll see your father at four o'clock."

Gar promised, easily. Marge had made an appointment with Decker, the architect, at two. He'd be through in plenty of time.

"Gar, I think it'll make your father very happy, having you in with him. He looked that way—pleased, just thinking about it. You ought to be with him more, Gar."

"Never have a chance, Kit. He's always been too busy to bother with any of us. He's work, I tell you. Your dad doesn't know what work is, pottering around with his pickles and things. It mother wasn't the sort she is she'd have set up a howl a long time ago."

Kitty's arms tightened around Gar's neck. "You're always going to have time to bother about me, Gar—I'll see to that." She hid her face because all at once there were tears in her eyes. "Gar, I want you to be so splendid—about everything; I want us to keep our marriage like it seemed, you know, those first days—"

He felt her trembling. "Why, of course, sweet! You're not thinking for a minute that we won't?"

Oh, no. He wasn't thinking that, now. They kissed, a little solemnly. Then she sent him away to keep his appointment with Marge. She wasn't afraid of Marge, rather a little proud now that Marge so depended upon Gar's judgment.

After Gar had gone she took a walk. She did not go to the Park to watch the children; she went down past the shops and amused herself staring in through the windows where such engaging things as wall-papers and silk and chintz hangings and bedroom furniture were displayed. She stopped in a small tea-room and ate a salad with no thought of loneliness.

When she went back to the house she did not go up to her room. Found told her he had made a fire in the library. "The day's sharp like, Mrs. Gar." He smiled at her glowing face. Her cheeks were red but it was not alone from the crispness of the September air. But she liked the thought of the fire and the deep chair where she had sat when David was with her.

ABOLISH AFFILIATES

Legislation abolishing the use of affiliates in bank organizations, thus rendering this vicious practice unlawful for national banks.

BANKS SHOULD BE BANKER

Legislation prohibiting the carrying on through bank departments or in any other way any forms of extra-banking activities in the operation of security companies or insurance departments, and underwriting or issuing of securities, and investment trusts, financing and trading activities.

STATE LEGISLATION

The enactment by the states of similar laws in their state banking systems to prevent chain or group banking and the employment of affiliates.

BRANCH BANKS

Branch banking for national banks to be permitted within the federal reserve regions.

RECAST FEDERAL RESERVE

The recasting of the Federal Reserve system in order to permit the Federal Reserve Board:

1. to formulate a definite policy of banking to insure sound banking practice;
2. to compel all banks to become members of the Federal Reserve system and to use the government's powers over taxation and interstate transactions to enforce this plan;
3. to shape the policy so as to encourage the ultimate establishment of a single unified national banking system;
4. to remove the Federal Reserve system and board from under the domination of the treasury department and to eliminate the secretary of the treasury as a member;
5. to remove the board and the regional banks from the control of the commercial bankers and render them completely responsible to the government;
6. to equip the board to take all necessary measures to insure the orderliness of business through the control of credit.

REORGANIZE POSTAL SAVINGS

The reorganization of the postal savings system:

1. by removing it from the jurisdiction of the postal department;
2. by setting up a government-owned banking corporation to manage it;
3. by establishing separate

changes to make accessible complete daily data on marginal trading.

Short sales, security borrowing, brokers loans, and other phases of security speculation designed to throw light upon the operation of stock and commodity markets which are now shrouded in obscurity.

LIMIT SPECULATION

Further legislation designed to limit speculation: 1. a stock transfer tax on both purchases and sales large enough to discourage speculation; 2. measures to limit the use of bank funds in marginal trading.

IOWA SEEKS TO IMPROVE FARMER-HUNTER RELATIONS

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Measures designed to effect a "better relationship between farmer and sportsman" are being considered by the Iowa state fish and game commission.

Dr. W. C. Boone, chairman, said that plans adopted in Nebraska, Michigan, and Ohio may be inaugurated in Iowa so farmers may receive some return for raising pheasants.

Experimental stations in various parts of the state are seen as a possibility in an attempt to determine most effective means of increasing the number of the birds.

HOGS AID LIVE-AT-HOME PLAN

MORGANTOWN, N. C. (AP)—The Burke County Livestock association is aiding farmers without hope of obtaining animals for furtherance of the live-at-home idea in the county this year.

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Mistress (to new maid) — Molly, you may take the dog out and give him some air.

Molly — Yes, ma'am, and please ma'am.

where will I find the nearest service station.

You can lay a new roof this spring for less money than for many years.

Roger — Mummy I have a surprise for you.

Mummy — What is it darling?

Roger — I've swallowed a nail.

A nice picket fence would improve the looks of your garden.

Pickets are coming back in style, you know. We have 'em all pointed up ready to nail on.

It's no proof of charm to be the first girl a man kisses. The proof consists of being the last one.

If you want just a small fire in your furnace this time of year, keep the grates well shaken, and then cover your new coal with ashes.

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\$1.19 EACH

This handy assembly enables the user to wring the mop without putting hands in water.

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ADJUSTING 1928-1929 4-wheel brakes	\$1.25 REGULARLY \$1.75	ADJUSTING 1930-31-32 4-wheel brakes	70c REGULARLY 90c
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SEE YOUR CHEVROLET DEALER

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