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The McArthur Amendments

Mr. Clifton N. McArthur, of Oregon, will presently introduce into the House of Representatives, resolutions for two amendments to the Constitution that are so thoroughly in line with modern procedure and that will remedy such obvious weaknesses that they ought to be adopted without much opposition. Mr. McArthur's resolution provide that Election day shall be set for the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, and that the terms of service of senators and representatives shall begin on the first Monday of December of the same year, instead of on March fourth of the following year. They further provide that presidential terms shall begin on the second Monday in December, or about five weeks after the election, and one week after the assembling of congress.

These simple changes in our basic law would have undeniably beneficial results. Under our present system, unless the president calls an extra session of Congress, about thirteen months elapse between the election of a senator and his actual assumption of official duties. In the case of a president, four months must pass between his election and his inauguration. These unduly extended intervals allow executive and legislative power to reside far too long with men and parties that may have been defeated at the polls. The framers of these resolutions point out that if Mr. Lincoln had entered the executive mansion during December following his election, the civil war might have been averted. There is room for difference of opinion in this particular case; but the illustration is, nevertheless, a striking one.

"If my proposed amendment should be written into the organic law of the country," says Mr. McArthur, "the short session of congress will automatically be abolished and the newly elected congress will meet on the first Monday in December following its election. This arrangement would give practically seven months for the consideration of appropriation bills for the ensuing fiscal year, and these bills would not be jammed through as they are at present."—Saturday Evening Post.

Mexican National Life a Factory to Turn Out the Governing Classes.

By PROF. ENRIQUE CHAVEZ, Mexican Educator.

Our whole national life has been one immense factory to manufacture the governing classes. The foreigners have controlled our economic life, operated our mines, our railroads, our stores, our factories. Since the foreigner has carried on all of our economic life, what is there left to the Mexican to do? Why, simply to govern. And so our schools have prepared men for governing.

We need more and more different kinds of training. Our people need to enter many other lines, instead of being simply shut up, as in the past, to becoming physicians, lawyers and engineers. Our educational system must change, so that it can direct the young people into fifteen professions instead of into three, and into twenty or thirty different modes of gaining their living and contributing to society. The new school should turn itself to developing leaders in our economic and social life.

I do not mean to make our education entirely practical, leaving out all of the humanities, as Germany has done. We must see that the school introduces young people into useful livelihood and trains them at the same time to be good citizens.

FARMERS' MARKET MEETING

To DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE OREGON CO-OPERATIVE GRAIN GROWERS PLAN

- Ione, Water's Hall, Friday, Feb. 11, 2 p. m.
- Heppner, I. O. O. F. Hall, Saturday Feb. 12, 2 p. m.
- Hardman, Groshen Bldg., Monday, Feb. 14, 7:30 p. m.
- Gooseberry, School House, Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7:30 p. m.
- Rhea Creek, School House, Wednesday, Feb. 16 7:30 p.m.
- Lexington, Star Theatre, Thursday, Feb. 17, 2 p. m.
- Morgan, I. O. O. F. Hall, Friday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p. m.

This is your opportunity to ask questions

All farmers and business men invited to attend.

BY ORDER OF ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The Brotherhood.

The first regular meeting of the Brotherhood will be held on next Monday evening at the hotel beginning with a luncheon at 6:45 and followed with an interesting and helpful program.

"What Are Heppner's Five Greatest Needs?" President H. M. James will be given ten minutes in which to open the discussion, he will be followed by F. A. McMinamin and E. L. Berry as leaders, and E. M. Shurt and A. M. Phelps will act as seconds.

Ten minutes will be given for the opening of the discussion, twenty minutes to each of the seconds. All others wishing to join in the discussion will be given five minutes each. In closing the leaders will be given ten minutes each to answer any questions. Every man will be held strictly to this time limit.

In addition to the discussion, instrumental music will be furnished by the band, and vocal music by the high school quartet.

We should have one hundred and fifty present at this meeting; be sure and plan to attend, and if you have not united with the organization, have your name presented at this meeting, for the brotherhood is going to be one of the big things of this community and we want you to share its benefits.

Be very sure to purchase your luncheon ticket not later than noon of Monday next; you cannot be admitted admission unless you do this, as the hotel management must know plans far in advance the number of guests to be served. Don't forget, the Brotherhood, at the hotel, Monday evening, February 14th, at 6:45 o'clock.

—The Program Committee.

Income Tax Facts You Should Know

Births, deaths and marriages during the year 1920 affect materially income tax returns for that year.

Millions of babies were added to family circles, each of whom brings an exemption of \$200 in the parents' income tax return.

Widows and widowers who lost their husbands or wives during the year are especially affected. They are single for purposes of the income tax law and are granted only an exemption of \$1,000, unless the head of a family.

Persons who were divorced or separated by mutual agreement during

the year must also consider themselves as single persons.

The status of the taxpayer on December 31, 1920, determines the amount of the exemptions. If on that day taxpayer was married and living with wife or husband, claim may be made for the \$2,000 exemption.

If single, or married and not living with wife or husband on December 31, the exemption is only \$1,000.

Persons who reached majority during the year and whose earnings for that period amounted to \$1,000 or more, or \$2,000 or more, according to their marital status, must file a return and pay a tax on their net income in excess of those amounts.

To avoid penalty, the return must be in the hands of the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives, or has his principal place of business, on or before midnight of March 15, 1921.

ATTENTION! B. F. O. E.

Lafayette Masquerade theme at the B. F. O. E. Temple Saturday evening, February 12th. 12th and their ladies only. Valuable prizes for the best lady character and most comical gentleman character.



DR. LOUIS ALBERT BANKS.

Arrangements have been made for the appearance of Dr. Louis Albert Banks, preacher and lecturer of national reputation, in Heppner, and he will be at the Christian church on Thursday evening, February 11th, coming here under the auspices of the Federated and Christian churches of this city. Dr. Banks will make a subject of very vital interest to the people of this city and the public is cordially invited to come and hear him. He is one of the most noted preachers and lecturers of the nation.

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