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"CUSSIN' CONGRESS" IS NATIONAL SPORT

Beats Baseball or Football as It is Year-Round; Main Cause of Jokes

Homer Hoch, representative from Kansas, in Nation's Business magazine, writes:

Baseball may still be the great American game, but it has its limitation. It is seasonal, and out-door only. For which reasons and others it may well look to its title, with a contender that is both indoor and out-door and runs the year 'round. I refer, of course, to our great national sport of "cussin' Congress."

And how come? As well ask how come all the endless talk about the weather. There simply must be a common coin of conversation. The funny man in the show, and the newspaper paragrapher must have always within easy reach some familiar page upon which to hang his witticisms. Three reliable ones are the mother-in-law, the baldheaded man, and Congress.

And the greatest of these is Congress. When all else fails him, all the funny man or the paragrapher needs to do is take a hitch in his trousers, say "Hello folks" and hand a wallop at Congress! Without such blessed help as this, we might be bereft of such public benefactors as Ring Lardner, Abe Martin and Will Rogers—and that would be a national calamity.

In a great newspaper last winter I read one of the familiar editorials demanding to know, sir, "what laws Congress has passed, though it has been in session since December!" And behold in the same great newspaper only a few days later the same able editor thundered that, "there are too many laws, too many laws," and that, "Congress should put a stop to this law-making."

And Congress gets it goin' and comin' for when a determined people make up their mind to enjoy their cussin' they will not be denied.

It is not my intention to picture Congress as a little angel with wings and everything. Congress has its faults—some little, some great and glaring, and some the big, glorious faults that string along with democracy and liberty. But it might be worse.

The American way of starting in to do big things in 1926, is to loaf on the first day of the year.

We are told to loosen up our purse strings, but that won't help much until the holes in the same are sewed up.

The new brooms of politics will probably continue to sweep under the sofa until after the 1926 election.

EXPEDITE EXTENSION FOR FILING RETURNS

New Regulation Giving More Time Has Greatly Aided the Service, Collector Says

The new regulation for obtaining extensions of time for filing income tax returns through the local Collector of internal revenue has greatly expedited the service. Formerly all applications for extensions were required to be filed at Washington, D. C.

At the revenue office Saturday the collector, Mrs. Mabel G. Reinecke, said, "We have already approved twenty-five applications for extensions of time for filing the 1925 returns and we have all the necessary arrangements made for expeditiously disposing of meritorious requests as fast as they are made."

"The applications must be made in writing and they should indicate the least time beyond March 15, 1926, necessarily required for filing the return, and state briefly the reasons for the request. If the application is approved a letter of compliance is mailed to the taxpayer's address."

"Extensions are granted individuals in cases of prolonged absence from the place of residence, sickness, or inability to obtain data. No extensions will be granted unless received on or before March 15, 1926. In no case will a particular extension be granted for more than ninety days. The usual time is from thirty to sixty days."

In the case of corporations, no extension of time may be granted, unless conditioned upon filing of a tentative return and payment of one-fourth the estimated tax, on or before the date prescribed for filing. Interest is collectible at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on the difference between the amount of tax shown on the tentative and completed returns from the due date of each installment up to and including the date of the expiration of the period of the extension.

In the case of individual returns where no tentative return is required, interest is collectible for the full period of the extension on any installments due within such period.

Claimed that money burns a hole in many folk's pockets, but in most cases it does not stay there long enough to get hot up.

Anyway not many of the women folks are getting falls nowadays as the result of stepping on their long skirts.

Claimed every busy man should have nine hours of sound sleep, but if he decides to take some of it in church, he would better wake up before the janitor locks up the building.

MISREPRESENTATION IN BUSINESS WRONG

Veteran New York Merchant In Talk Urges Honesty and Accuracy

The disturbing consequences of misrepresentations in the practice of business have frequent place in the newspapers, and a man were dull indeed who could not see that, to live and to prosper, a business must keep faith with those it professes to serve. A new measure of the ethical standards of representative American business was shaped by Isaac Gimbel, veteran New York merchant, when speaking at an "accuracy meeting" held for store department heads and their assistants:

"Anyone who wants to be forty years behind the times can keep right on practicing all the old tricks of misrepresentation, baiting and inaccuracy that modern establishments have cast aside."

"If I were a buyer, I would try to educate myself up to the point where I would know that my representations were accurate when advertisements were being prepared for the newspapers. Then I would see to it that the members of the selling staff were properly instructed and do not misrepresent the merchandise at the counters—that they did not say some piece of goods is linen, when it is cotton, for instance. You cannot remedy a mistake like that. It is too late. The wrong has been done. It is all over."

Mr. Gimbel's belief is the belief of other successful merchants—men who know that truth is essential to the life of trade as competition; men who know that a good business grows because of its inherent goodness.

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NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT
BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received for the construction of a system of concrete sidewalks in Burton Avenue, Pleasant Avenue, Broadview Avenue, Green Bay Road, Blackstone Place, Washington Place, Highland Place, Roger Williams Avenue, Bellevue Place, Crawford Place and Alvin Place, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, as a whole in accordance with the ordinance therefor.

Said bids will be received by the Board of Local Improvements at its office in the City Hall, Highland Park, Illinois, until 5:15 o'clock p. m., on the 8th day of January, 1926, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

The specifications and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the Board of Local Improvements in the City Hall of said City.

The contractor will be paid in bonds which bonds will draw interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum.

The successful bidder for the construction of said improvement will be required to enter into bond in a sum equal to one-third of the amount of his or their bid with sureties to be approved by the President of the Board of Local Improvements when entering into the contract for the construction of said improvement.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the President of the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park for the sum of not less than ten (10) per cent of the aggregate amount of the proposal.

Said proposal must be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements in open session of said Board at the time and place fixed herein for the opening of the same.

No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by check herein provided.

The Board of Local Improvements reserves the right to reject any or all bids if, they deem it best for the public good.

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