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DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM CALLS FOR THREE PROBES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

House Membership.

New democratic members...	81
New republican members...	45
New socialist member.....	1
Total number of new members.....	127
Seven new democratic and two new republicans served in former congresses.	
Total number of democrats.	228
Total number of republicans.	160
Total socialist number.....	1
Democratic majority over republicans.....	68
Vacancies in the second Pennsylvania and ninth Iowa districts will be filled with republicans, making the democratic majority over the republicans 66.	
Senate.	
New democrats.....	11
New republicans.....	5
Total number new members.....	16
Total number of republicans.....	50
Total number of democrats.....	40
Republican majority.....	10
Vacancies in New York and Colorado will be filled with democrats, making the republican majority eight.	

Washington, April 3.—The democratic program for the extra session has been completed and includes the following:

Pass the reciprocity, accomplish reapportionment under the new census, revise the tariff, schedule by schedule, institute a general policy of economy and retrenchment. There will be three important investigations. The department of justice will be probed in connection with the failure to prosecute the steel trust, the postoffice in connection with the second class mail controversy and the Ballinger-Pinchot fight will be renewed.

Schedule K, dealing with the wool rates will be first taken up and the lobbies are warning with opposition.

Washington, April 3.—Pursuant to the president's call for an extraordinary session of the Sixty-second congress, the senate and house of representatives will meet tomorrow at noon. The president's message relating to reciprocity with Canada will not be sent until Wednesday.

In the senate the routine program will be followed. Vice President Sherman will call the senate to order, and the president's proclamation calling the session will be read. A committee will be appointed to call upon the president and inform him that the senate is in session, and another committee will similarly advise the house.

A big shift of seats in the senate will accompany the opening of the session. Not only will there be absent many of the familiar faces that have seemed fixtures in the upper house and be in evidence many new faces, but also many of the old ones will appear in new places.

The greatest change in the seating in the senate will be the wiping out of "Cherokee strip"—that group of seats on the extreme end of the minority side which have been occupied for a number of years by republicans. That is due, of course, to the replacing by democrats of republicans in several delegations.

Under the rearrangement of seats those who will have the front row seats on the republican side, beginning at the center aisle, are, in order, Senators Frye, Cullom, Gallinger, Heyburn, Dixon, Brandegee, Penrose, Page and Poinsett. In the front row of the democratic side will appear in order Senators Chamberlain, Johnston, Martin, Owen, Newlands, Terrell, Taylor, Lea and Watson.

The clerk of the house will call the body to order at noon, read the president's proclamation, and call the roll of those entitled to seats in the Sixty-second congress. The oath will be administered, and the drawing of seats will then take place, the members standing behind the rails until the name of each is drawn from a box by a blindfolded page. Following custom, Representative Joseph G. Cannon, the "father of the house," probably will be allowed the privilege of selecting his seat. The chosen leader of the democratic majority will also be accorded the same privilege.

After the election of house officers, committees will be appointed to wait upon the president and upon the senate to advise both that the house is in session. Several days will probably be required to complete the organization and get the house into working order so that it may consider the matter for which it has been called together by the president. The senate will not be able to do much business until the reciprocity measure comes over from the house and it is probably that after disposing of its preliminary business the senate will adjourn for several days at a time until the action of the house is taken.

The scope of legislation and the probable length of the session are now the staple topics of discussion. The belief seems to be gaining ground that the new congress will take up other subjects than reciprocity and tariff. The advocates of direct election of senator will probably make another try for their constitutional amendment. An apportionment bill will be sent over by the house. The new members

with a record to make will clamor for public buildings and river and harbor improvements. Conservation measures left over from the last session may be revised. Indeed, the leaders think that the extra session may be called upon to take up a variety of subjects for legislative action.

First and foremost on the agenda, however, is the subject of reciprocity. That the Canadian agreement will be given prompt approval by the house is not doubted by any faction. All of the democrats appear to consider the vote in the last house a committal of the democrats to such legislation. The proposed pact, on the other hand, will find it hard sledding when it reaches the senate.

President Taft will urge his permanent tariff commission plan, which is expected to cause a wrangle in congress and help to prolong the session. Then, again, should the committee accede to demands for a general revision of the tariff to be open to the world, the session probably would drag along through the summer and well into the fall. In any event there appears to be little likelihood that the senators and representatives will be able to get away from Washington before the hot weather begins in earnest.

SUNDAY BASEBALL KILLED.

Governor Aldrich Vetoes Bill Permitting Games in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., April 3.—Sunday baseball was killed today when Governor Aldrich vetoed the bill passed by the legislature permitting it.



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ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, FATHER OF SENATE INSURGENCY.

Father of insurgency who now comes nearer to control of the senate through co-operation with democratic majorities, than he has ever been since his inauguration six years ago. The photo is a recent pose of the Wisconsin senator.

TAFT HAS CONFIDANT.

Chair of Foreign Affairs in New House Given All the Facts.

Washington, April 3.—Anxious to avoid publicity of the reasons of the naval and military mobilization on the Mexican frontier, President Taft today received Congressman Sulzer of New York, and gave him the history of the move. Sulzer, who is chairman of the new house foreign affairs committee, refused to discuss the matter, declaring he was asked to keep the information secret.

He said the president would resist to the utmost any attempt to make the facts in the matter known.

MERGER TO BE OF BENEFIT

TELEPHONE OFFICIALS REVIEW RECENT CONSOLIDATION.

Public Will Profit by the Single Exchange for the Two Counties.

Following the announcement of consolidation of the two telephone plants in La Grande the general public has expressed such an interest in the future operation and plans of the Home company that the Evening Observer has secured the following statement from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the Home company:

To the Public: We feel the public is deeply interested in the benefits to be derived in the purchase of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's property in Union and Wallowa counties, by the Home Independent Telephone company, and the establishing of a single telephone system covering both counties, therefore we recognize that the patrons of both systems are entitled to a frank statement of facts from the parties to a transaction involving an important public service.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company have persistently pointed out that dual telephone service is burdensome, inconvenient and economically unsound. One telephone system can serve a community much more efficiently than two, and the total cost is much less. The officers of the Home company in La Grande and many other men prominent in the councils of independent companies now admit that competing telephone systems are a fallacy, not to say a nuisance. The alliance between both companies which means the elimination of duplication of plant and operating expense, is prompted by the logic of common sense, and by recognition of fundamental principles, and it makes for sound public policy.

The thousands of dollars that would necessarily have to be expended in the two counties in the construction and operation of duplicate telephone lines can now be invested more profitably and more wisely in other channels. In the attempt of the Pacific company to eliminate duplication in the interests of a unified and comprehensive service, which is the policy of the company, they accepted the proposition of the Home company to purchase their interests; feeling satisfied that the Home company is perfectly able to consolidate both properties and organize a working force that will better serve the public than they have heretofore been served by two separate systems.

The Pacific company will continue to operate a toll switchboard in La Grande of sufficient capacity to handle the toll lines of the Pacific and Home companies, and for the benefit of the service, all toll lines of both companies will be operated from this switchboard, although each company will control the toll operators necessary to handle its toll lines. Within a few days wire connections will be made which will make it possible to furnish toll service to all points on the toll lines of the extensive system of the Pacific company and to all points on the toll lines of the Home company in Union and Wallowa counties, also a valuable addition to this service will

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BOY SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY PAROLED BY CIRCUIT JUDGE; CHECK CASE ON TRIAL

Mercy interwoven with justice will keep A. O. Frohawk, a lad of 18 years, out of the penitentiary, if he obeys the mandates of the court and goes his way to sin no more. In accordance with the recommendations of the grand jury and the district attorneys' office, Judge Knowles today paroled Frohawk when he had sentenced the youth to five years in the penitentiary. Frohawk was accused of having stolen a rifle from a local feed barn. Unless he errs again he will not have to wear stripes.

The trial jurors were recalled this morning after a lengthy recess and the

case of state vs. F. H. Marrian, involving an alleged bogus check, was the first called and that is now under consideration. There are three or four other criminal charges to be tried this week, including the case against the negro and white man who robbed a North Powder store.

The Marrian case has been awaiting the arrival of southern Oregon witnesses. W. A. Torrel of Union represents the defendant.

The grand jury called in special session was excused late Saturday evening.

FAREWELL SERMON ANSWERS MEN WHO CRITICIZED EXPLANATION

Rev. Ford Ellis delivered his last sermon at the Central church of Christ last evening and in connection with his farewell address referred in considerable detail to his sermon the Sunday previous on "Why I Quit the Ministry." A week ago he brought the members of his church up standing by a terse and direct statement of what he believed to be the detrimental phases of the church and affirmed with emphasis that a minister could not be honest and "hold his job." The assertion created a hum of excitement during the week and made the minister the object of bitter criticism by some of his audience and his sermon last night in a measure elaborated and elucidated his statements of the Sunday previous.

"Two system control the modern pastor—one says 'you preach this and that or you can't preach to us'; the other system, a physical one, says 'do as you are told if you want your daily bread and butter.' To be a preacher under these conditions is not honesty."

"I did not condemn the church last Sunday night; it needs no defense. The church is a condition—a state—and not so many heads or rights or the observance of rites and customs. The man who comes to the knowledge of this truth has come into the church. The organization we call the church has only to do with the material aspect and has nothing to do with the real church whatever. It is only the addition of man."

"The christian world considered the organizations, including, of course, the church membership, certain creeds,

forms and formulas to be the church and I condemned these things, saying they stood in the way of people actually coming to the knowledge of the truth. Around these have been built up the church organizations as we have them today and instead of blessings and awakening the knowledge of the work of the gospel they have retarded its growth.

Erroneous Passports Used.
"Men have used these forms and formulas as a passport to heaven, rather than depending and living in harmony with the truth. Their religion was just believing something and performing some peculiar rites and customs. Their religion was a Sunday religion—by going to church on Sunday and adhering to the particular creed of their churches they felt they had performed their vows unto God."

"The bible does not give ground for the statement that organizations—the churches—propagate the truth."

"Men organize because they think they have to defend the truth."

"Reformers in the religious world must well but their followers built monuments to defend their positions. This made it possible for corruption to creep into the organized work."

"I am leaving the local organization to enter a field that is not limited by forms and formulas as set customs."

Mr. Ellis has completed a neat little cottage on a fruit ranch near Mt. Emily and will live there during the summer. In any event, his plans are indefinite for next winter, though he may possibly enter the university of Chicago next fall for a series of studies on laboring conditions.

GIRL GRAPPLES WITH THIEF CHANGE OCCURS AT HOT LAKE

BOLD THIEF TO ROB TILL AVERTED BY WAITRESS.

Stranger Proceeds to Remove Cash With House Filled With Diners

Probably driven to desperation by hunger or actuated by an oversupply of nerve a stranger last night attempted to rob the La Grande restaurant till with the house filled with diners. He boldly walked to the register and had proceeded to take the cash when discovered by a waitress. She applied physical resistance but her strength was no match for his frightened efforts to disengage himself, and dashing out of the door he fled up Adams avenue. Officer McLaughlin was called in the case but the fellow had gained a big lead with a show of fine sprinting ability and was lost to sight in the alleys before the officer got in pursuit. He made good his escape with the big lead.

DR. PHY GOES TO SPOKANE AND SENATOR PIERCE IS MANAGER.

Sanatorium to Have Personal Attention of the Senator.

A change of management occurred at the Hot Lake sanatorium today when Dr. Phy retired from the management of the institution and Senator Walter Pierce took that position.

Dr. Phy leaves this evening for Spokane where he has decided to locate permanently. At present it is not known what physician will take his place in the medical and surgical work at the Lake but the management of the institution, which has also been one of Dr. Phy's duties, has been assumed by Senator Pierce. There has been no announcement made yet as to any change of policy at the sanatorium under the new management.