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HE'S BEGINNING EARLY.

Man now begins to feel the surge of spring within his veins, the urge of nature, hear her far-flung call; And though his back yard is as small As any yard at all could be, He pines to plant a cherry tree, An apple tree, a plum tree, too, And see what a pear tree would do Within its narrow space; It might, If it had care, come out all right. Currents and grapes and peaches long Hold him enthralled. The siren song Of spring sends tingles through his blood. He wants to dabble in the mud; He wants to see vines clamber o'er Where just an ash heap grew before; He pines to plant in one small plot All the seed catalogues have got. Within his heart a voice grows big, And all it says is "Dig, dig, dig." So he will dig, and he will know The hope he knew a year ago, He'll sow enough seeds snug and warm In his back yard to plant a farm; An orchard or a garden there He knows would look surpassing fair. The chickens next door wait in glee And wonder which one it will be. Last year his garden was his boast; He got a mess of greens—almost!

—Chicago News.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

For the first time in nearly 20 years a democratic congress convenes tomorrow. More properly speaking the lower house will be controlled by the democrats. The senate will remain republican but as it will be dominated by the progressives the change will be virtually as complete as in the house for the majority in the senate has also passed into the hands of the anti-administration forces.

What the new congress will do is a book that remains to be written. That the leaders in the house are awake to their responsibilities seems assured by the program they have outlined. Here are the matters open to consideration at the special session:

1. Election of United States senators by vote of the people.
2. Legislation referring to the publicity of campaign contributions before and after election.
3. The Canadian reciprocity agreement. General tariff legislation and legislation affecting the revenues of the government.
4. The reapportionment of the house to conform to the 13th census.
5. Resolutions of inquiry and resolutions touching on investigation of executive departments.
6. The admission of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico.
7. Any deficiency bills that the exigencies of the government may require to be considered at this time and bills to correct the enrolling of the appropriation bills passed March 4, 1911.
8. Legislation relating to District of Columbia.

It is a good program. If the new congress carries out the first reform indicated, the direct election of senators, that act alone should serve to justify the congress before the people. The country has long wanted direct election of senators. This is abundantly proven by the rapidly with which other states are following the lead of Oregon in providing for direct elections. People want senators elected by direct vote because they have come to realize that this reform is imperative if popular government is really to be perpetuated within the United States. The senate has long been the citadel where the special in-

terests have held forth. By controlling the senate they have been able to block reforms that are needed.

Since a direct election amendment came close to adoption in the old congress it would seem that this reform should have an easy passage through the new congress. But this does not necessarily follow. The democratic party is not all progressive. The party of the mule like the party of the elephant is part progressive, part reactionary. It is an open question as to which element will dominate the democratic party now that the party is being placed in power. Responsibility always tends to produce conservatism and the present instance will probably be no exception.

During the next few months it will be shown how the democratic party under its congressional leadership will stand with reference to legislation desired by the people, if the party swings too far towards conservatism then the country will lose faith in the democrats and it will turn to the progressive republicans. On the other hand if Champ Clark and his followers prove too radical they will incur the enmity of powerful business interests and so jeopardize their chances for continuance in power.

Maybe they can maintain an equilibrium—for a time at least.

BOTH ARE NEEDED.

Local businessmen returning from visiting other northwest towns all comment upon the fact that with reference to Commercial club accommodations Pendleton has fallen far behind other live places. After one has visited the well arranged establishments to be found in other good communities the club rooms at the corner of Court and Main streets seem more than dingy and inadequate. They are discreditable to the city.

It should be possible to secure new quarters for the local club and to equip them in keeping with the town. Now that the subject has been raised this improvement should be brought about. It is an improvement which in the views of many almost ranks in not interfere with the work for a new theatre. Yet it should not and need not interfere with the work of a new playhouse. Pendleton needs both and should secure both during the coming year.

The new senator from New York, O'Gorman is classed as a progressive but he is said to be opposed to Roosevelt's new nationalism. In his new nationalism speech Col. Roosevelt outlined most of the reforms advocated by the progressive wings of the republican and democratic parties. So it would be interesting to know just what sort of a progressive O'Gorman may be.

The Italians might do well to treat the Camorists as the people of New Orleans once did the members of the mafia gang. If the Camorists are the gang of murderers they are said to be then they are being shown too much consideration entirely.

It looks like the Canadian coal miners have selected a poor time of the year for their strike. However they may need coal in Canada even in the summer time.

The big meetings just held at Hermiton and at Stanfield call to mind the fact that some good development work is on in the west end of the county.

Incoming visitors could easily find the Commercial club should it be located in the upper story of the Brownfield-Matlock building.

Motanic won't find his friend Frank Gotch at the missionary meeting in Boston.

Umatilla county farmers should sue the weather man for breach of promise.

APRIL 2 IN HISTORY.

1405—Tamerlane, chan of the Tartars, who raised himself from a shepherd lad to the sovereign of nearly three-quarters of the world, died.

1712—Lord Bolingbroke stated in parliament that in the great contest called the "glorious wars of Queen Anne" the Duke of Marlborough had not lost a single battle, and yet the French had carried their point, the succession to the Spanish monarchy, the pretended cause of so great an enterprise.

1764—At Monmouth assassin a girl aged eighteen, was burned for murdering her mistress. This was among the last punishments by burning in England.

1779—John Langhorn, translator of "Plutarch's Lives," died.

1804—All the territory ceded to the United States by the state of Georgia, north of the Mississippi territory and south of the Tennessee, was annexed to Mississippi by act of congress.

1904—Skirmishes between the outposts along the Yalu between the Russians and Japanese.

1908 1908—The czar dissolved the Finnish diet for expressed sympathy with the terrorists. The British torpedo boat Tiger was cut in two and sunk off the Isle of Wight with the loss of 24 men.

1909—Fort Worth, devastated by a \$5,000,000 fire.

1910—The German wireless station at Nauzen sent and received messages overland to the west coast of Africa, 4000 miles.

FROM ANTON NOLTE.
 Pasco, Wash., March 30, 1911.
 Editor East Oregonian:

Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to answer an un-called for and scurrilous attack by the other Pendleton paper in its issue of March 28, under the caption of "Nolte Slips from Hot Pan to Fire."

The second paragraph of the article in question contains the following: "He was unable to obtain a liquor license in Pendleton, so wended his way to Pasco, where he was a little more fortunate. Now he is about to be driven out from there also."

If G. A. Robbins can produce proofs of that assertion I am prepared to take my medicine. The facts of the case are that when Pendleton went "dry," some two years and a half ago I came to Pasco and embarked in the liquor business here. I had a business in Pendleton at the time which was left in charge of hired help. During my absence the man in charge violated the liquor law, unbeknown to me. I promptly paid the fine imposed and closed up the business.

The third paragraph states: "But 14 names are needed on a local option petition to make Pasco go 'dry,' and there is a general feeling among the liquor dispensers that the election may win."

I, along with other business men in Pasco, would like to know where Robbins procures his inside information. Pasco may go "dry," so may the Columbia river, but the business men of this city are not losing sleep over either proposition at the present time.

Paragraph four says: "The joke on Nolte lies in this respect. He is still a property owner in Pendleton and on the day of the high school election he made a special trip here, accompanied by C. J. Cunningham, formerly a Umatilla county sheep man, but now the owner of a Pasco hotel, to vote against the proposal."

It is true that I own considerable property in Pendleton and country adjacent thereto, bought and paid for. My family resides in Pendleton and I make frequent trips to that city to see them, paying his way on the train, as I meet all other obligations which I may assume. As to how I recorded my vote on the school election, that is my business, as I claim the right, in common with all citizens of the United States, to exercise the electoral franchise without distasteful or coercion. But if Robbins can prove his statement that I voted against the proposition I am again prepared to take my medicine.

In conclusion the article states that "Nolte may be glad to come back here and make another try now that the 'nothing doing' sign appears to be halsted aloft in Pasco."

I have no kick coming against the city of Pendleton and no stones to throw at the city. My interests are now in Pasco, where my business is located and I would consider myself a mighty poor citizen if I did not "boast" for the city where I make my bread and butter. As to "coming back to Pendleton" to engage in the

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liquor business, the proposition has never been entertained by me. Pasco looks pretty good to me, and I might state in connection that this city appears to look equally good to the editor of the other paper, who has approached me on several occasions to try and obtain a location for him here. But with our two local newspapers, whose editors confine themselves to publishing the news, there is no room in Pasco for a "man slinger."

During a residence of 24 years in Pendleton, I feel satisfied to leave my reputation as a citizen in the hands of my fellow citizens, cheerfully acquiescing in their verdict, whatever it may be.

Thanking you for allowing me the privilege of replying to the attack upon me.

Yours very truly,
 ANTON NOLTE.

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