these industries to get foreign supplies, but they would be reduced to making their purchases en tirely from the trust, which employs only about 100 persons to the thousands employed in the various industries mentioned. To offset this raid it required the vigorous protests of dozens of manufacturers, users of the rattan and reeds, who showed that notwithstanding the pitiful appeals of the rattar combination an understand ing existed among manufacturers to hold up the prices of chair cane, so that it yields a profit of about 100 per cent. The tariff remains at 15 per cent.

Years ago molasses was a common article upon the tables of the poor and even of the well-to-do. Very little of it is seen there any more. fixed the trust is responsible for thitable the importation of molasses of such a test boiling as would render it fit for the table. Another rea son lies in the fact that sugar production meth ods have been so tmproved production methsugar possible is extracted, and the resultant sugar possible is extracted, and the resuitant molasses is of a grade generally fit only for horse and cattle feeding, for use in vinegar and cal business. The United States does not procal business. The United States does not produce enough molasses to meet this demand and about $25,000,000$ gallons are imported. The tax on this has been six cents per gallon for the table grade, and from half a cent to three cents trial purposes. It as unchanged in the Paynetrial purpose
C. Q. D.

## PROPORTIONATE

Uncle George Perkins, the fine young editor of the Sioux City, Iowa, Journal says: "If the public can be brought to look at the facts instead of listening to loud voiced exhortations to get out and swat bogies, the Taft administra-
tion will eventually find popularity proportiontion will eventu,

But the Taft administration is already finding "popularity proportionate to its merit;" and if one were disposed to say mean things it might one of the most unpopular in American history.

## SENTIMENT IN POLITICS

My son, it is all right to be sentimental about your mother, or your best girl, or your home, but never be

Brown, Jones and Smith were senti mentalists in politics. For sentimenta reasons they voted the regular ticket of a glorious old party that has kept the United States on her feet for fifty years when she has not been on her knees.

Aided by the votes of Jones, Brown and Smith, the party machine put men and neglectful.

## Taxes were therefore high

Accordingly high were the rents that Jones, Brown and Smith had to pay. The party machine sent men to the state capital and Washington to do the bidding of the trusts, the railroads and proprietors of the party machine.

Living was therefore almost costly enough to be regarded as a luxury, and Jones, spots growing on their necks from the pressure of the yoke. That was years ago, an spots are thicker today than ever before Today Jones has it in for the trusts something fierce
Brown would rather denounce the railSmith deat.
Smith declares that Wall Street is a vampire.

Next fall Jones, Brown and Smith will go to the poll

Loyalty is a noble quality, my son but loyalty to a party that is disloyal to you is sentimental tommyrot.-Newark
Evening News.
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## A Heart to Heart Talk

Here's for a heart to heart talk to Commoner readers. The republican administration has admittedly failed to carry out its pledges of tariff revision downward. The cost of living is steadily advancing. The protected industry together with other trusts continue to mark up the price of their goods and the public is compelled to stand and deliver.
The people know they have been betrayed. Mr. Roosevelt gave them Mr. Taft and Mr. Taft certifies that Senator Aldrich is a safe counsellor for the people.
Some of the specific legislation which the present administration is reported to be planning to force through congress at the present session is a ship subsidy bill, and a federal incorporation law that will protect the big corporations from "undue interference" by the different states in which they do business. Neither of these propositions has a known supporter throughout the country except the special interests and the republican organization which probably pledged it in return for campaign "assistance" at the last national election. The entire middle west is a seething mass of opposition to all legislation already enacted or that is like ly to be pushed by the present administration insurgent republicans and progressive demoyears has the democracy had such an opportu nity to elect a majority of congress and to do the public a real service as the present. Will the democrats arouse themselves and press forthe democrats arouse themselves and press forfrom members of the are receiving requests from members of the democratic organization from all parts of the country asking us to sug gest plans and to supply literature to help crysalize public opinion around the standard of democracy. We are constantly being asked to be circulated liberally throughout all close districts.
We believe the first step toward success in the congressional campaign that is now opening hould be an ed to carry out the wll of their conilituents ed for in the it should be as set forth in their platforms, it should be the duty of every member or the democratic organitured with corporation tendencies is selected in ured with corporation tendencies selected in Every democratic candidate for congress should Every democratic candidate for congress should make a specific statement of his position on all
questions likely to come before congress. The questions likely to come before congress. The to elect a democratic congress. It has a circulation in every congressional district in the United States
We want to publish the views of every democratic candidate for congress. No one should be permitted to secure a nomination who has no views or who is opposed to taking the public into his confidence.

Now is the time to organize for the coming contest. Every democrat in each voting precinct should pledge himself to attend the primaries or party caucus and be on hand at the proper time to see that no mistake is made, either intentional or unintentional, in the selection of delegates to city, county, legislative, congressional or state conventions.
If you believe The Commoner is trying to serve the public interests you can help by joining with The Commoner in placing progressive democratic iterature in the hands of the people. Will you help in this work?
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