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J. W. TAYLOR, of Merna, has filed declaration of candidacy for the democratic and populist nomination for congress in the sixth district. There will be something doing in those parties when all the candidates get into the field, and Taylor will not be one of the trailers.

W. O. WHELDON was canvassing for votes down at Topeka, Kansas, the other day. Wheldon will find more support for his candidacy for United States senator among populists and democrats than he will among republicans, and we presume that was his reason for opening his campaign in that good old pop state.

Dawson county will vote on a proposition to issue \$100,000 bonds to build a new court house on Saturday, March, 19th. The people of Dawson county are showing good judgment. With that amount of money they can erect a court house large enough to carry the business of the county for years, and one that will be a credit to the county.

THE Callaway news papers have already begun the fight against the levy to build the court house. But then the people of the county have heard before of "the fly in their ointment" and will consider their argument as so much brainless wind. They propose to the people to move the county seat to Callaway and they will present the county with a \$50,000 court house. This sounds big coming from a city that has not public spirit enough to build a city hall, something that the papers of the town have been trying to get for several years.

THE call for the special election to vote a five mill levy to build a new court house to replace the one destroyed by fire is out. From all sources including the levy, about \$60,000 will be obtained. This amount is just about half what should be expended on a building if the county builds for its present and near-future needs. It can hardly be called shortsightedness on the part of the board for calling for a five mill levy for only one year, but before the court house is finished they will see that a larger building would have been more economical. In less than ten years the county will need additional room which will have to be provided at a greater proportionate expense than a larger structure would cost at the present time.

AN unusual amount of investigation is going on and the people are going to know the whole truth about many subjects in which they are deeply interested. Besides these investigations by congressional committees, the department of justice, under the direction of the president, is vigorously prosecuting every individual or groups of individuals operating in any way illegally against the government or the people. No honest man nor honest industrial concern; however, need have any fear, of being interfered with in the conduct of business. The republican party

is a party that builds up, not tears down, a constructive, not a destructive party, and we can all, without exception and without reserve, follow President Taft in his efforts to promote justice and progress. This is the sentiment of the republican congressional committee, which has just been elected and proposes to conduct an honest, earnest party campaign on the lines of straight republicanism and the principles advocated by that party and its leaders.

Lying About the Tariff

Says the American Economist: In a timely and suggestive letter from a correspondent at South Norwalk, Conn., occurs a useful demonstration of the falsehood and unfairness which are resorted to in order that discredit may be cast upon the protective tariff. The two instances cited are, we believe, typical of a general policy, almost amounting to a conspiracy, on the part of retail merchants the country over to blame the tariff for the marked-up prices of merchandise, when as a matter of fact the tariff has had nothing to do with such increases in price. The correspondent says:

Here are two incidents from real life, whereon I personally can make oath:

1. On Thursday, December 30, 1909, I went to a shoe store on Broadway, between Dey and Cortlandt streets, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, and asked for a pair of shoes. I was shown a pair for which the price asked was \$5. I said they used to sell the same pair for \$4.50. The clerk replied: "Yes, but the tariff was raised on shoes, and we have had to put up the price half a dollar." Said I: "You shoe manufacturers were given free hides by that same tariff law, in order that the consumer might have cheaper shoes, and your response to the favor is an increase of half a dollar on a pair of shoes. Besides, the tariff on shoes was cut in two in the middle, instead of being increased. What do you mean by saying the tariff has made you raise the price of your shoes?"

2. On Monday, January 3, 1910, I went to a store on Fulton street to order a suit of clothes. They showed me suiting which they said would cost me so much more for the suit than my last suit of practically the same stuff. I asked why. The clerk said that the last tariff law had increased the tariff 40 per cent, on all woolen goods of that class, and that they had to divide the increased cost with their trade. I said the tariff had not disturbed the Dingley rates on goods of that class, but only on "tops" and that his excuse did not carry.

These are actual experiences of my own within the last week, and they show how easily fooled the American public is. Probably ninety-nine people out of one hundred people who are told these falsehoods by these same clerks do not know the contrary, and go away vowing eternal enmity to a tariff which so increases the cost of living.

The Democratic Position.

Nornam E. Mack, who speaks in the dual capacity of chairman of the democratic national committee and also editor of what he calls a democratic national magazine, adds the force of his official authority to the notice that the democrats in their fight for control of the next house of representatives will show no more favor to so-called insurgents than to any other brand of republicans. The democratic position is that of opposition to the program of the president as the party's legislative policy. This, in Mr. Mack's opinion, is the democratic opportunity, and the interjection of Cannon and Cannonism is regarded by him as merely incidental. To quote his own words:

Here, then, is the democratic

opportunity. Joseph G. Cannon, as speaker of the house of representatives, is no better or no worse than his party policy. If Dalzell, or Payne, or Alexander, or any other republican leader were in the seat occupied by Speaker Cannon; if it were Norris or Murdock we have no doubt he would endeavor with the same ruthless hand to carry out the same vicious policies of government for which Cannon is now condemned.

Chairman Mack here makes it distinctly understood that no republican need expect anything of the democrats. The democrats hope to gain by differences within the republican ranks, and the democratic minority in congress will omit nothing to foment such differences. To achieve this purpose these democratic congressmen would as soon ally themselves temporarily with the insurgents. If the party division in this county were graded off as it is elsewhere, for example, into radicals, socialists and conservatives in addition to republicans and democrats, the democrats would tie up with any one of them to pave the way to democratic ascendancy.

When the issue comes to be drawn then there should be no no masquerading. It will be the republicans phalanx behind President Taft and the administration presenting a constructive program on one side, and on the other, the democrats against everything progressive and promising only to block the march of the national advancement of prosperity.—Bee

M. C. Warrington has the Right View of It.

The following from the Mason City Transcript is a sensible and business like view of the court house question, and we believe a majority of the tax payers feel the same way about it. Don't you?

"The Transcript knows it is not a popular thing to advocate such a proposition at this time, but the kind of a court house Custer county should build to replace the one recently destroyed by fire is a good, modern, up-to-date fire-proof building costing about one hundred thousand dollars. Now, don't hold up your hands in horror. A five mill levy for three years would build and pay for such a building. That would be no great burden to the tax payers. The population and wealth of Custer county can afford such a court house. The old court house, while adequate for the needs of the county when built twenty years ago, was entirely too small for the proper handling of the business of the county. All the offices were too small for the proper accommodation of the public. We can better afford a good first-class, modern court house than we can a poor, cheaply constructed one that will be too small before it is completed. A building with twice the room the old court house had will be none too large in ten years. Public buildings should be planned with a view of meeting future demands as well as present needs."

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