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The present situation gives an opportunity to test the business ability of the county board. The public has put it up to the county board to proceed to rebuild the court house with the means of power of their command.

The members of the county board now have a chance to show their executive ability as well as metal in the rebuilding of the court house. The voters have declared by this vote that they are vested with ample power to proceed with the work before them. Will they do it?

Colonel Roosevelt has brought to a close his hunting expedition in Africa. In point of important success has been remarkable. He and his son Kermit killed 500 specimens of large animals, of which are 17 lions, 11 elephants, 10 buffaloes, 10 black rhinoceroses, 9 white rhinoceroses, 9 hippopotami, 9 giraffes, 3 leopards, 7 cheetahs, 3 giant elands, 3 sables, 1 sitatunga and 2 bongos. These were all killed in the interest of the science and the specimens will be disposed of accordingly, the greater number going to the Smithsonian institution, many thousands birds and a large number of the smaller animals many of which are new specimens. The giant eland is the first complete specimen of that family that has been taken from Africa. He sailed Feb. 28 for Khartoum where he expected to arrive March 15 on his return trip, as he proceeds down the Nile river he will devote his time to performing his address he will deliver in passing through Europe.

M. L. Fries for Governor.

Since Ex-Governor Sheldon has declined to be a candidate for governor this year it leaves the field open to all aspirants. That there will be no dearth who are will yield to the satisfactions of so many friends is already quite evident. Yet it is not always the best material that offers themselves for sacrifice because of the urgent demands of their friends. In order that the entire list may not be made up with self seekers we deem it well that others be brought out for the consideration of those who will be satisfied only with the best. With this thought in prompting us we suggest to the list already announced the name of M. L. Fries of Arcadia. Mr. Fries is a man well known over the state for his ability and unswerving integrity. He is one of those progressive republicans that is always found loyal to his party yet true to his conscientious convictions. While a staunch supporter of the Taft administration he is an insurgent along the line of Senators Burkett and Brown in relegating connomism to the rear.

On the question of temperance legislation, which will be one of the many issues of the campaign Mr. Fries will not have to adjust his views to meet the requirements of the campaign as his whole life and public utterances have been on the right side. He is a man of strong convictions and will give no quarters to the oppositions to county option.

His many good qualities as a citizen scholar and executive ability would make him an exceptionally strong candidate this year. Should he be selected as governor or the republican party nor the citizens of the state, without regard to political application would never have occasion to regret it.

Tariff and the Cost of Living.

By all means let one or both of the congress investigating committees show the relation of the tariff to the high cost of living. For example, that cotton has been going up and up; no tariff. That, with a woolen tariff, clothes are as cheap as they ever were.

For example, that anthracite coal joined the upward procession; no tariff. A tariff on many cotton manufactures, which have scarcely advanced, though raw material and labor have.

For example, that sugar is dearer with a tariff reduction than it was when the duty was higher. That, with a duty on hides, shoes did not go up; now, prices are mounting; free hides.

There is plenty more. Let's have it all, faithfully and officially. Then, perhaps, the people of the United States will understand that this cost of living question is a problem rather deeper than the average shallow pate that undertakes to show us why something is that isn't and isn't that is.—New York Press.

Prof. Garrett Should Declare Himself.

Since Prof. E. O. Garrett has assumed the roll of herald for republican candidates he should hasten to proclaim himself as a new convert to the principles of republicanism otherwise his candidates might be looked upon with suspicion by their friends. It was at a commercial banquet held at Central City last Saturday night that a special to the state press states that "E. O. Garrett announced that E. R. Gurney of Fremont would be a republican candidate for congress in the third district and that Secretary of State, George H. Junkin would be a candidate on the republican ticket for governor." As it has been less than two years since Mr. Garrett was defeated as candidate for Lieut. Governor on the democratic ticket because of "so many pesky republicans," we are inclined to wonder whether the announcement is made from personal friendship or in order to augment the number of republican candidates so as to divide republican interests for democratic profit.

Seeking Congressional Honors.

There seems from present prospects to be no lack of candidates for congressional honors in the sixth district both in democratic and republican parties. Among the latest to announce is Frank E. Beeman of Kearney as a republican candidate.

The plank on which Mr. Beeman hopes to reach the ship in safety is outlined in his letter that is being sent broad cast to friends throughout the district, in which he states:

"I believe that Senator Brown should have the co-operation and assistance of some one in sympathy with his policies in this district."

In this the REPUBLICAN most certainly agrees with the man from Kearney, but we insist that he should be a republican whose loyalty to the party and its candidates could not be criticised in the campaign. A republican of ability that is popular at home as well as throughout the district that when nominated will be able to carry the district against the opposition.

If Mr. Beeman or any other good republican will vouch safe these qualifications they will command the rank and file of the republican party. But there is no occasion for haste in the matter of choosing and the members of the party should hold their judgment of preference until all aspirants have entered the race. Then choose from the bunch a sure winner.

It is Now Up to the County Board.

The five mill levy for a new court house proved to be unpopular with the voters and it is now up to the board of supervisors to proceed to repair the building with the means at their command. Fortunately the corner structures of the old court house in which the vaults were are apparently in good condition. If they can be used without having to tear them down considerable extra expense as well as time can be saved in the rebuilding. The walls of the base which is stone it is thought are in condition to be used again, which if true will save both time and money in getting the building in shape to occupy.

No Vote Required to Repair.

As the law provides that the county board may levy not to exceed fifteen mills for county purposes, many of the voters as well as the anti-five mill levy crowd maintained it would be giving too much power into the hands of the county board to authorize a levy of five more mills than is now provided by law. As but seven mills levy is necessary for county purposes the board has authority to increase that levy to fifteen mills, which many think sufficient with the \$13000 on hand to replace the old building. This theory is maintained in the Callaway Tribune of last week in the following:

Remember that it does not require an election to rebuild or repair the old court house and that the expense could have been saved if this was all they were asking for. The law provides that the county board may levy not to exceed fifteen mills for county purposes and they say we only have 7 mills, now, then there is yet room for 8 mills to be levied for repairs or rebuilding and the taxpayers are to foot a bill of several thousand dollars to pay for this election, hence there is some very important points to be watched closely.

Proposed Indian Monument to be Erected in New York Harbor.

A bill introduced in both houses of congress providing for colossal statue of the North American Indian to be placed in New York Harbor will be reported in the house on March 1. This measure was introduced by Representative Joseph A. Goulden and Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, and provides that there shall be erected without expense to the United States Government, by Rodman Wanamaker, of New York City, and others, on a United States reservation in the Harbor of New York, a memorial to the memory of the North American Indian. It is further provided that a commission of the chairman of the committee on library, of the senate, the chairman of the committee on library, of the house, and the secretaries of state, war, navy, and interior, the attorney general and Robert C. Ogden, of New York, shall be created with full authority to select the site in the Harbor of New York and a suitable design, and to contract for and superintend the construction of the memorial.

This bill is the result of a suggestion made by Mr. Rodman Wanamaker, at a celebrated dinner given last May at Sherry's, New York, in honor of Col. Cody, the famous Indian scout. The idea of erecting a statue of an Indian with arms outstretched in welcome at the gateway of the New World met with such instant enthusiasm, that there is little doubt, but that the measure will meet with unanimous support.

While the ways and means of providing money to finance the enterprise have not yet been decided upon, it is expected that the statue will be a National Monument to perpetuate the memory of the first American, and an opportunity will be given

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to every one who desires to contribute; it is estimated that one penny from every man, woman and child in the United States will furnish ample means for its erection.

Already various tributes of the Order of Red Men throughout the United States have taken steps to contribute their share to the general fund. It is planned that each of the five hundred thousand members of the Order of Red Men represented in the United States shall contribute two cents each, which would amount to \$10,000. A pile of copper cents amounting to \$10,000 is far more imposing than a single check for that amount donated by some one individual to whom it would mean so little.

The idea of this statue originated with Mr. Rodman Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, during an expedition made by him in 1908, for the purpose of studying the Indian on his own ground. His first impulse was to present the statue to the country, but the census of opinion is that it should be a national gift, and that every child in the country should be allowed to contribute one penny in memory of the race that is fast becoming extinct.

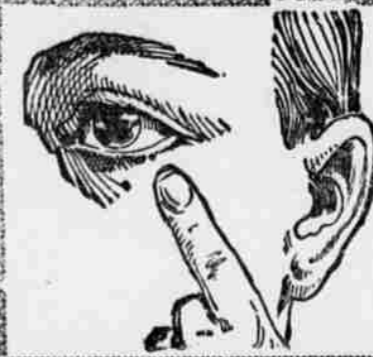
The bill is backed by the entire New York delegation both in the house and in the senate, and is receiving the support of the president, vice president and many prominent men in political and financial circles. Very valuable aid is being given to secure the passage of the bill by Senators Owen, of Oklahoma, and Curtis, of Kansas, and by Representative Carter, of Oklahoma, all of whom trace their ancestry back to the noble Red Man of the Forest.

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