

# W. F. Stoecker, Democratic Candidate for Congress

## Ideas on Conservation, by W. F. Stoecker, for Congress

As a democrat I am a conservationist. I have believed for years our great resources like forest, minerals and public lands belonged to all of the people and should be carefully conserved for the masses of this, and future generations.

As it is, and has been going on, a few men have got possession of the nation and have been exhausting, wasting and monopolizing such resources for their own useless aggrandizement, until today the American people find nearly every blessing God has given to the masses in the hands of a few, and now when the people everywhere are aroused to this fact, these multi-millionaires start the cry of conservation and talk eloquently of saving such resources, when nearly all of our coal, iron and other metal mines are in the hands of a few.

When our forests, lakes of oil in the earth, and all other valuable gifts of God are gone, now the cry of conservation is made.

This was a fundamental principle of Jefferson and all subsequent democracy that such resources should carefully be reserved, but extravagance, waste and slaughter to make money kings, has been going on for forty years, under the republican policies.

The last congress spent over a billion of dollars and today the American people pay an average federal tax to support the government of \$13.50 per head or \$67.50 per family for the average number of five.

One half of this vast sum should support in a liberal way our government.

Even Senator Aldrich, a republican, openly stated in the United States Senate that at least we were using over \$300,000,000 too much money per year; this would leave nearly four dollars per capita in the pockets of the people if not collected and so criminally squandered. I am for economy in all directions along careful conservative lines. I am for the preserving of our resources. I am a practical conservationist in earnest. I ask the people of this District to carefully consider the issue and to remember we are drifting along a dangerous shore.

Republicans are inconsistent in their pretended conservation talk, they hold such congresses to blind the people, while at Washington they squander the cash which has been extorted from a suffering people, today in times of peace, seventy-four cents of every dollar paid to the government goes to support the preparation of, and machinery for war.

Above words are Congressman Tawney's, Congressman Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the committee of appropriations, says himself this will bankrupt the nation if persisted in, yet each year it goes on and even increases.

Americans, we must call a halt, and it can be done by a change being made, and now, in congress, and in two years more a true, tried and trusted Democratic President of Jeffersonian simplicity and wisdom.

I am for true conservation in the interest of all, not a few.

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## Hon. W. F. Stoecker, Democratic Candidate for Congress

Is a self made man who has been successful in his business and has come up from the mechanic's bench.

He knows of the trials, tribulations and struggles of the toiler, he is not a man who can be called a politician in the sense as this term is so often used.

There are good and bad politicians and these we must have in a republican form of government, but the man who is a politician because his heart yearns to do good for his fellow man and aspires for place and power, in order to gratify this most laudable ambition, must be classed among the benefactors of mankind but no condemnation can be too severe upon the man who aspires to politics to simply get power to combine with corporations to rob his fellow man.

Thus the constituency should not class all men alike in politics any more than in any other pursuit in life.

Mr. Stoecker has traveled, read and thought over the pending problems before the American people and aspires, as a crowning effort of a well spent life, to go to Congress, to help check the inroads of cruel monopoly, greed and avarice upon the liberties of the people.

Mr. Stoecker is not a man of theory, but practical, true, tried and of firm convictions.

Another reason which makes him a strong candidate is that he is neither a banker or a lawyer with no disparagement towards either profession, yet it is a most notorious fact that these two classes have for years monopolized congress, and if trusts and monopolies are in control they who make our laws are responsible.

In a Congress of 366 members we find 139 attorneys and 126 bankers.



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leaving 55 to represent farmers, mechanics, business men and laboring people.

Is it not time we consider this important fact? When an attorney goes to congress if he is a bright man he is at once located by corporations and retained for their interest and thus his usefulness to his people is over.

Fellow Citizens, to avoid such see to it that you go to the primaries August 16th and vote for W. F. Stoecker for Congress.

Remember, all other issues sink into insignificance as compared to the issues before the National Congress.

The life of this Republic is trembling in the balance and mighty issues are involved before Congress and upon the proper solution depends the life and perpetuity of this republic.

Please read and reflect and remember the primaries August 16th and W. F. Stoecker.

"A friend of man, the friend of truth,  
The friend of age and the guide of youth."  
Respectfully yours, Personal Admirer of Mr. Stoecker.

## A Few Reflections on the Tariff, Cost of Living, and Wages of the Workers

I have been considering the claims of high tariff advocates and find all such fall to the ground when carefully examined, the first claim for a tariff beyond a revenue basis was to protect our infant industries, and surely we no longer have any such; every industry in our land is a giant and should look with shame upon a protective tariff so high that it only creates monopolies and trusts.

The monopolies that have control know that the tariff enables them to exploit the American people and to sell many articles cheaper abroad than at home and to influence the cheap labor of all lands to come here free in competition with labor in this country.

Economy in high places is despised and justice side tracked, the income tax declared unconstitutional, all in order to retain the high tariff as a necessity to support government.

A high tariff drove England to the verge of revolution in 1841 and Sir Robert Peel, a life long advocate of protection, reversed his efforts at once when the crisis was on and he joined such men as John Bright, Sir Charles Bradlaugh and Cobden in the fight to repeal the tariff, and in 1849 the cruel navigation laws, and from that moment England began to prosper, revolution was evaded and she became the master of the sea and today her imports and exports are over four thousand millions of dollars each year, and she is also the master of the world's finances.

In the United States we produce eleven-twelfths of the world's cotton, many of our mills are in the south near the fields where the cotton is grown and yet in 1909 England came here and bought 60 per cent of our cotton, took it to her mills 3,000 miles away, manufactured it into cloth, and after supplying her own people sold \$900,000,000 worth abroad.

Philippines, which we own and support, England beat us in cotton sales. Our mills have been idle at times, while in England they were busy.

It will not do to claim wages are the reason she beat us in this business for a careful comparison shows that per day wages in this country are a little higher in cotton mills.

Yet facts show the cost per yard here for labor is less than in England, because of the greater genius and dexterity of labor and greater amounts of yards produced per hand employed.

The question of wages as used is deceiving. It is the results per day that tells.

It is well known that American labor in nearly all lines is nearly twice as productive as any labor in Europe and thus the constant prating about the labor protection is a false cry.

The only benefits for twenty-five years from the high tariff has been to create millions and higher cost of living in this country—wages of fifteen cents going up from ten to fifteen per cent while the cost of living has gone up from fifty to sixty per cent.

Workers, wake up, think and use your own judgment. If you wish to continue such policies keep on voting the ticket which is responsible for conditions—if dissatisfied, change it.

If you had a physician to attend you when sick and you kept growing worse and he kept calling and saying you was getting more dangerous, but take the same medicine and days passed and he, the same Doctor, kept up his calls with the same treatment, what would you do?

Why, naturally, change doctors and medicine. So with the people we propose to make a change.

And will help to elect to Congress W. F. Stoecker.

# A Good Republican Primary Ticket

Tuesday, August 16th, from 8 A. M. to 9 P. M. Paste this ticket in your hat. Then Vote It.

The importance of a good delegation to the Legislature from Douglas County, cannot be over-estimated. The integrity and business interests of Omaha are of more consequence than machine politics and minor issues.

We favor the enactment of laws that mean good government and progressive methods in the conduct of affairs in Nebraska. We therefore recommend to the voters the following candidates for the legislature.

## State Senators

### J. C. Robinson

President J. C. Robinson Seed Co., Waterloo.  
Roosevelt Presidential Elector.  
25 Years in Douglas County.

### Frank A. Shotwell

Lawyer.  
Graduate Ohio State University  
Formerly Assistant County Attorney.

### Fred D. Weed

Real Estate  
President Real Estate Exchange  
Owner Weed Block  
25 Years in Douglas County

This ticket stands for good government and a square deal.  
It is unpledged, unfettered and a free agent for Douglas County.

It has no favors to ask or grant, save those demanded, of right, by the people.

It stands for Home Rule and a way to get it.

It tands for Labor and Capital and a fair distribution of the burdens of taxation.

Ex-President Roosevelt says no potent device can secure good government. Good men in office means good government.

David Cole,  
Charles C. Helden,  
Creigh, Spns & Company,  
F. J. Adams,  
J. E. George,  
S. M. Sadler,  
I. O. Detweiler,

Lloyd D. Willis,  
John W. Robbins,  
Benson & Carmichael,  
D. C. Bryant,  
George G. Wallace,  
Albert Edholm,  
H. C. Judson,

M. F. Grossman,  
J. A. Sunderland,  
George M. Ribbel,  
F. J. Beard,  
A. C. Burk,  
H. K. Burkett,  
B. E. McCague,

C. B. Brown,  
G. M. Nattinger,  
Allen P. Ely,  
Geo. E. Turkington,  
Lathan Davis,  
J. H. Dumont,  
F. B. Dale,  
W. G. Ure.

## State Representatives

### John A. Dempster

Insurance  
Civil War Veteran  
39 Years in Nebraska and Omaha  
4 Years in Legislature

### Henry H. Genau

Lawyer  
German American  
Spanish War Veteran  
Educated University of Nebraska  
28 Years in Nebraska and Omaha.

### Byron R. Hastings

Real Estate  
President Hastings & Heyden.  
14 Years With Byron Reed Co.  
21 Years in Omaha.

### W. R. Homan

Real Estate  
Formerly Member Board of Education  
30 Years in Omaha.

It is against bossism and one man power but welcomes advice and suggestions from the masses.

### J. W. Schopp

Lawyer  
German American  
Treasurer Omaha Musical Association  
Graduate of Creighton College  
Literary and Law Department.

### Ralph T. Van Ness

Switch Tender.  
Born in Omaha and Resided Here Continuously.

### Herman G. Boesche

Lawyer.

### M. O. Cunningham

Lawyer.  
Graduate University of Nebraska.

## State Senators

JOHN C. ROBINSON  
FRANKLIN A. SHOTWELL  
FRED D. WEED

## State Representatives

JOHN A. DEMPSTER  
HENRY H. GENAU  
BYRON R. HASTINGS  
W. R. HOMAN  
J. W. SCHOPP  
RALPH T. VAN NESS  
HERMAN G. BOESCHE  
M. O. CUNNINGHAM