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The tendency in politics just now is to put business men in office. The people demand it.

The Chicago papers announce the candidacy of Hon. Wm. E. Mason, of Chicago, for congressman at large. He was formerly a congressman and served one term as U. S. Senator.

Hon. B. M. Chipperfield, of Canton, is a candidate for congressman at large. He has been a member of the legislature for a number of years, and is an able lawyer, and has lots of friends.

Hon. Chester W. Church, of Chicago, is a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state. Mr. Church is a representative from Chicago, an able man, has an extensive acquaintance, and will be a strong candidate.

Hon. John J. Brown, of Vandalia, is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor and is circulating his petitions. Mr. Brown is a worker and has an extensive acquaintance, and is in the race to stay and will fight to the finish.

Racine Journal: Senator LaFollette denounces bossism in the national republican committee and says the exhibit is intolerable. However, "Bob" himself is very good on the bossing as some may believe. It may make a difference as to who's who.

Samuel Alschuler, of Aurora, Ill., is a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor. Mr. Alschuler was the candidate of his party several years ago and made a good run. He is an able lawyer and would make a strong candidate for the party.

Hon. James Hamilton Lewis is a democratic candidate for U. S. senator, and seems to be the only one of his party in the race. He will be re-

membered by many of our citizens as having spoken here during the campaign four years ago. He is a silver-tongued orator.

The alleged progressive republicans will have more candidates for president than they have voters if they keep on. The regular republicans, who represent the real principles of the party, have just one candidate—Taft—and he'll be re-nominated and re-elected.

An adjourned meeting of the M. W. A. was held in Chicago this week, and the rates for insurance were raised so that it makes the insurance in that big order safe and sound. The rates had to be raised and the sooner the better. They will be published later for the information of all.

The St. Louis Democrat (Rep.) announced last week that Col. Frank L. Smith would be elected national committeeman for the republican party of Illinois without opposition. This is a very important office and needs a business man of standing, and Mr. Smith would make a splendid man for the place.

The Record-Herald came out Thursday with an announcement that Governor Deneen would run for the senate and that probably Col. Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, would be a candidate for governor. There is no question but what Col. Smith would make a splendid candidate and as good a governor as the state ever had.

Ex-Governor Richard Yates is sending out letters to voters, and especially to the delegates to the long drawn out convention at Springfield, asking them not to pledge themselves, and that he expects to be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. Mr. Yates is a great campaigner and will make things hum.

Care should be taken by the republican party to make good selections for congressmen-at-large. There are two to be elected from Illinois by the vote of the whole state. They will serve one term and by that time the state will be re-districted. The selections should be made from business men who have a state-wide acquaintance.

Judge Landis, of Chicago, evidently thinks there are worse things than smoking or chewing tobacco. He made this declaration regarding a person who had been rifling the mails, when a minister claimed that the man was of good moral character because he didn't chew or smoke tobacco.

We'll bet the judge is pleased when court adjourns so he can sit down and enjoy a good smoke, leaning back in an easy chair with his feet well up.

The Bloomington Pantagraph very aptly remarks: "This is the season for republicans to keep their heads and not be carried off their feet by noise. They should distinguish between disturbers and fomenters of trouble and the reason and logic of the situation. President Taft is the leader of the republican party in the nation today. He is carrying out the pledges it has made to the country. If he can not be elected this year, no other republican can be. And there is no reason thus far given nor can any be given why the republicans who supported him four years ago should not do so now."

Senator La Follette came out in the open and accused the supreme court of the United States of being crooked, and advocated the recall for all judges. That means that a small per cent of voters could sign a recall and put any officer out of office. For instance if one of our faithful and efficient circuit judges—Patton, Myers or Harris—should preside over a horse stealing case, or any case, and the prisoner's friends wanted revenge for conviction, they could sign a petition and put them out of office. We believe that any man who advocates such anarchistic doctrines ought to be locked up. A man who will try to get votes by advocating such doctrines isn't a safe man at large.

Notwithstanding the note of skepticism which is heard in Europe and America, the Christian religion is stronger today than it ever was. Never was missionary work so earnestly prosecuted by Catholics and Protestants alike as it is today, and in many directions church organization is more compact and effective than ever. To offset the agnosticism of this age men and women who cling to their faith show increasing devotion to their church. The "Men and Religion Forward Movement" is attracting wide attention. It is gripping the minds and hearts of men heretofore indifferent. It appeals to the imagination, and within the next twelve months large results may be expected from this good work.—Birmingham (Ala.) Age-World.

Prof. Chas. E. Merriam, candidate for mayor of Chicago last spring, says the Harvard Herald, and Governor Deneen are engaged in a controversy that has occupied much space in the newspapers during the last week. The Chicago professor accuses our govern-

or of being a sham reformer and of fighting sham battles, while the governor comes back by charging the professor with endeavoring to buy what he terms the vote of the underworld in the municipal campaign last spring. In the Merriam mayoral campaign it has been openly charged and not denied that one quarter of a million dollars were spent on the Chicago electorate. But it is amusing when two real uplifters like Deneen and Merriam quarrel and accuse each other of not being on the square.

Lincoln Herald: In their anxiety to publish something startling political, the metropolitan newspapers are working overtime lately. One day they tell us that Frank Smith has withdrawn from the race, the next that it is a mistake; then they tell us that Taft has sent an emissary to Roosevelt, offering to withdraw in his favor; the next that Taft is to remain in the race unless prevented by death; one day that Adkins has announced his candidacy for governor; the next that Adkins still has the matter under advisement. Why can not the newspapers tell the truth? No one should detest a falsehood more than a newspaper man. Nothing can humiliate and embarrass a newspaper man more than having to take back tomorrow what he had said was the truth today.

Many do not realize that with all its faults the United States has the best government on earth and that the conditions here are so superior to the conditions elsewhere that there is no comparison. It is only the vastly rich who leave here to reside in the gay capitals of Europe. Labor can find no place where it enjoys greater remuneration, more social and political privileges and less class distinction. It is well enough not to destroy present conditions or deal too ruthlessly with established institutions. The present government is the result of the labors and sacrifices of one and one-half century of patriots, of the wars of the revolution and the rebellion. It is God's country, and the man who would assail her institutions, destroy the fabric of the constitution, and expose the government to evils which cannot now exist must not be disappointed if he and his doctrines are repudiated by a happy, prosperous and progressive people.—Streator Free Press.

Besides Governor Deneen there were four other much talked of candidates for the republican nomination for governor at the M. W. A. banquet in Chicago last Monday evening: Col. Frank L. Smith, Hon. Len Small, Ex-Gov-

ernor Dick Yates and Hon. J. J. Brown. They are all good men and would make good candidates. Col. Smith was selected to make the speech presenting Ex-Governor Northcott a \$1000 watch. Mr. Northcott is known as the father of Woodcraft and was the Moses of the order and did much to make the M. W. A. what it is today—the largest fraternal insurance order in the world. Col. Smith made a short, crisp speech, very complimentary to Mr. Northcott, and which took well with the 1500 banquetters. Mr. Northcott responded feelingly and received an ovation. The banquet was a very pleasant affair and was given the national delegates by the Illinois Social Woodmen Club, of which Northcott is president and Smith vice president.

Henry M. Dunlap, member of the state senate from Champaign county during the last sixteen years, has made public announcement of his candidacy for lieutenant governor and thus far is the only aspirant who has announced his purpose of opposing John G. Oglesby, the present lieutenant governor, who is a candidate for renomination. Mr. Dunlap has a splendid record to his credit as a member of the state senate and he can not add a thing to it by seeking the lieutenant governorship. Besides Mr. Oglesby has held office but one term and he has made good, which really entitles him to another term, especially so if Governor Deneen, Secretary Rose, Auditor McCullough and General Stead are justified in seeking third and fourth terms in their respective offices. As a matter of fairness Lieutenant Governor Oglesby should not have the least opposition in his ambition to obtain a second term in an office he has filled with such marked ability.—Harvard Herald.

The governor (Deneen) will of course have his following. Dick Yates believes that all his old time friends will stick to him. Adkins looks for a big vote, so does Hurburgh of Galesburg, while Jones, Wayman and other candidates from Chicago expect to split the Deneen Chicago vote. Then there is Len Small, who will be backed by the Lincoln League, which claims a membership of 75,000. There are others who will be candidates, but just what the line-up will be no man can say until the votes are counted, after the primary is held in April. The breach is widest between the governor and Lorimer who seem to be ready to tear each other's throats and if the governor is nominated the Lorimer crowd in Chicago would undoubtedly cut him on election day.

On the other hand, if the Lorimer candidate, whoever he may be, and at present it is thought it will be Len Small, is nominated, it is doubtful if the governor's crowd would support him. But if the nominee is Dick Yates, Frank Smith, Hurburgh or Adkins, the party, we think, would unite and elect either hands down.—Mt. Carroll Democrat. (Rep.)

The republican party is the only party that ever prosecuted the Trusts in the courts under the Sherman Anti-Trust law, says the Freeport Journal. Governor Harmon, of Ohio, a democratic candidate for president, was Attorney General of the United States in Cleveland's cabinet, and he refused to prosecute the Trusts, saying that the law could not be enforced. That was the democratic position on the Trust question. More prosecutions have been instituted by President Taft's administration in the last five months than during the entire term of any other President except Col. Roosevelt. Seven bills in equity have been filed and four indictments obtained in these five months. Although it has a year and three months to run, the record of Trust prosecution for his administration already nearly equals that of Col. Roosevelt during seven years. A total of 17 bills in equity have been filed and 20 indictments obtained since President Taft took office. During the previous administration 18 bills in equity were filed, 25 indictments obtained, and one forfeiture proceeding initiated. It is the Taft administration that prosecuted the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trusts, and it is the Taft administration that is prosecuting the organizers of the Beef Trust in the United States court in Chicago.

LIVING'S HIGHER COST.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota attributes increase in the cost of living chiefly to these causes:

The great increase in our circulating medium, due for the most part to the ever-increasing gold output. In 1895 our per capita circulation was \$23.24; in 1911 it has grown to \$34.20. The increase in the length of a measuring stick must necessarily increase the measured cost of the thing purchased. All products rise or fall in value as the volume of our circulating medium increases or diminishes.

As it relates to food products, the great increase in the price of farm lands and labor employed in farming. If the amount of capital which must be invested in farm lands and the labor costs of operation have doubled since 1895, we ought not only to ex-

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