

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the nomination, on the democratic ticket, to the office of county judge of Craig county, to succeed myself, subject to the action of the democratic primary election, and ask the support of all who are satisfied with my past record in said office.

**THEO. D. B. FREAR.**

I beg to announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Attorney, on the Democratic ticket, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, to be held August 2nd, 1910.

**H. J. SWARTS,**  
Vinita, Okla.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Craig County, Oklahoma, for the term of 1911-12. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held August 1910. Thankful for the support received heretofore, hope by conscientious effort to merit the same again.

**H. E. RIDENHOUR.**

Herewith beg to announce myself as a candidate for the Office of Register of Deeds of Craig County, Oklahoma. Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held August 1910.

**E. N. WILLIAMSON.**

Bill Murray may very properly be called the "Mad Mullah" of Oklahoma, in his war of conquest with the press of the state.

Senator Bristow has begun to receive his punishment for being an insurgent. Curtis of the stand-patters gets the patronage.

Even the preachers get into trouble with the Billups liquor law. Rev. B. J. Waugh is accused of graft by some of the west side papers.

The recent attack of Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas on the senior senator from Oklahoma will cause an audible smile in Oklahoma.

The Swope mystery in Kansas City has furnished the newspapers with enough dope to bridge over a mighty dull time in the way of big news items.

The way to build a city is to furnish employment for as many people as possible and profitable. There must be something doing along many different lines of industry.

From present indications there will be a larger acreage in crops in Craig county than ever before in the history of the state. We are getting lots of good farmers these days and they will demonstrate that we have the best country in the world.

**PREACHER ADVERTISES.**

"Will Marry You." That's the headline of an advertisement the Marshall County News is carrying for Rev. Harvey Darrow of Cumberland. Mr. Darrow tells, he would be married folk that he has his credentials, that they have been properly recorded, that he can legally tie the knot that no man should put asunder. Quite an enterprising parson, don't you think? It is a part of his legitimate income and why not he advertise his business as well as the grocer who sells cottolene or the merchant who sells lace? What is more, as observed from the advertisement, he paid for it. The preacher who gets paid for his work is always able to pay for what he buys. Shame on any people who so poorly pays its minister that he must ask the newspapers for everything free, he must ask the dry goods dealer and the grocery man for the discount, they allow the ministry. When the minister buys the clerk should know of his profession only by the gentleness of his manner and not by the way he asks for the discount. Pay the preacher what he earns and he can be a man like other men and the preacher should charge a price for what he does. He is supposed to cheer the sick, bury the dead, marry the living, help settle family troubles, visit the newcomer, deal out spiritual edification from the pulpit, be a pusher in every legitimate walk of life and live off of just what others can well do without. If the people don't do it, the ministry should put itself on a paying basis.—Ardmoreite.

J. C. Gray has forty head of four year old mules that he will sell on good note due November 1, 1910.

**Nagel Declares Federal Control is Necessary**

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Federal control of corporations is necessary to the commercial preservation of the country, declared Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, of the United States, in an address before the Industrial Club here last night.

As to the power of the national government to authorize the organization of federal corporations, Mr. Nagel said there could be no question. The existing system of clashing state laws—"a system on all sides at war with itself"—he regarded as intolerable, and he assured his hearers that the consequence of a federal corporation law such as President Taft had proposed could make for nothing but the general good.

The purpose of the government to regulate the corporations, in the opinion of the secretary, could not be considered as an attempt to encroach upon state authority, but as a determination to "employ authority for the solution of new problems. A change of attitude regarding the relation of national to state authority, he believed, had come over the country with the development of problems too big for the state individually to meet.

"Among the more important problems" said Secretary Nagel, "appears to be the question whether or not the national government may and should authorize and regulate the organization and conduct of federal corporations. Only a few years ago the bare suggestion of such an idea filled the public with dismay. The authority was denied and the policy was questioned. Today, the irreconcilable conflicts to which ordinary business organizations are subjected in our states have forced a general recognition that something must be done to relieve the situation.

"The idea is not limited to any particular locality of our country or to any special class. From all parts east and west, north and south, city and country, come the suggestions that some relief upon these lines must be worked out. The proposition has now been squarely put before the country. The president of the United States has made a distinct recommendation in a message calling attention to the needs, and submitting for consideration a form to which legislators and constituents may give their attention."

In considering the proposition, Secretary Nagel stated, that three points must be determined; first the question of the government's authority; second, the conditions which make advisable such legislation, and third, the consequence of such legislation.

"It has seemed to me from the very start," said the secretary on the question of authority, "that not one could subject this question to a thoughtful consideration without arriving at the conclusion that the federal congress must undoubtedly have the authority. "From the earliest case in which the exclusive rights of congress to regulate interstate commerce was considered, it was made apparent that the authority to provide for the organization of business corporations was a necessary incident to the exercise of that authority, and again and again the supreme court has said that congress has this power."

The charge against the states that they had neglected their opportunities in dealing with the corporations, Secretary Nagel said he did not believe, but he attributed the failure of the states to cope with the commercial conditions to inability rather than to negligence.

"The plain and indisputable fact is," he said, "that the commerce of these organizations with which we are really concerned has outgrown both the boundaries and the authority of any particular state. In other words, the individual state is vainly struggling to control conditions that extend beyond it with respect to territory as well as power and the modern demand for congressional action is nothing but the plain, practical call for an authority that is equal to the occasion with which it has to deal. Realizing that we have a national commerce, we are naturally calling upon national authority to control it, and to protect it."

Secretary Nagel recited the development of business enterprises in the country, showing the gradual growth to the big corporation and the attempts of the states to legislate and the resultant trouble because of the varying laws, and he pointed particularly to one result of conditions as they existed.

"Not only is commerce subjected to inconsistent, conflicting and often destructive regulations," he said, "but the inevitable effect of such activity is to create false competition between the states at the expense of that commerce. The state of lowest standards forces the hand of all the rest. Attempts at progressive legislation are paralyzed just as one unfair competitor always lowers standards everywhere. Nor will the efforts of

the several states to promote unity of legislation meet this difficulty. These efforts are most praiseworthy with respect to all subjects which rest within the exclusive control of the several states; as to national subjects they are worse than useless.

"All co-operation in matters political means government, and why resort to mere understanding without binding force among the states, when we have a common government to deal with a common cause? Why not have our federal government legislate where our government can only confer and recommend?"

The need and purpose of federal control of corporations, the secretary stated he believed to be "simply to place a private business company in its commercial activity precisely where the constitution undertook to put the citizens of the United States. The purpose is to organize companies that may engage in interstate commerce under regulations fixed by the federal government and free from the unnatural and uneconomical embarrassments which so far any state has been at liberty to interpose."

Another phase of the question discussed by the secretary was the international commerce of the country. Up to the present time, he said, the country had rested on the belief that development of domestic commerce was sufficient. Other countries felt the need of international commercial development long ago and the United States, he urged, must do all that was necessary to meet what its competitors were doing in that line.

"We are now engaged in establishing relations with foreign countries," continued the speaker, "looking for the opportunities of our commerce in their midst. We are shaping our treaties to secure open doors and equal rights with other countries. In what form shall this commercial enterprise make its appearance in other countries if not in the form of the accepted corporate organization?"

"Does it stand to reason that we can successfully depend upon a corporation large enough to engage in foreign commerce, and at the same time too large to be admitted by most of the states composing our own union? Will it be seriously contended that we will be blind enough to engage in foreign business under federal protection, and at the same time permit individual states of the union to cut the pins from under this same commercial organization at home? We cannot hope to succeed with such an inconsistent and ruinous system.

"Apart from all the embarrassments which antagonistic and conflicting state legislation has so far created it appears to me that contemplation of the future of our foreign commerce in itself absolutely settles the need for an intelligent, bold and comprehensive scheme for the organization of commercial enterprise under the same authority under whose charge that enterprise is to go forward."

The secretary agreed that confusion no doubt would result in the states, with the adoption of a federal corporation law and that serious question would arise with respect to the subject of taxation, but he urged that it should at all times be remembered that the creation of a federal corporation was within the control of the people of the United States. No hard and fast rule he said existed as to the manner in which taxes to be paid by such an organization shall be apportioned, but he anticipated no insurmountable difficulty to be presented in this matter with respect to the individual corporation, and he saw no reason why the federal corporation law should not provide for the assessment of tangible property, and for the taxation of shares in such manner, "that exact justice and protection will be afforded individual states and localities."

As to apprehension that a federal corporation statute would permit large concerns to escape some of the laws inhibitions: provided against them, the secretary had no fear.

"If the mere amount of capital," he said, "is in itself to be recognized as an objection, then there is no reason why the federal law should not fix such a limit as may be found reasonable and safe. But it is believed that the real objection to large corporations in our country goes to the monopolistic character of the concerns. In that respect a federal corporation law would prove, in my judgment, infinitely more effective than have the spasmodic, inharmonious attempts of individual states.

"I believe, to summarize, that there is no question whatever about the authority of the federal congress to provide for the organization of commercial corporations which may be equipped to intelligently develop domestic commerce, and to protect our interests in foreign countries. I have no question that the existing system, which on all sides is at war with itself, has become intolerable, and that

nothing but the untold wealth of our country can account for our ability to hold our town as long as we have these conditions.

"I am persuaded that the creation of such corporations, immediately responsive to an authority which can deal with them on all sides, will make only for good."

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