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Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C.—While the Sundry Civil appropriation bill was before the House several very illuminating tariff speeches were made, and two of these by Mr. Payne, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Mr. Fordney, a member of that Committee, should be read by every voter who wishes to know the truth about the framing of the law and the result of its operation. No democrat has attempted to answer these speeches; no democrat during the debate attempted to show that the result of the new tariff law had not been extremely beneficial both from a revenue standpoint and as a protection to American labor and industries.

Mr. Payne's speech was devoted almost wholly to an explanation of the way the bill named after him was framed in the Ways and Means Committee and afterwards perfected in the Conference Committee. Mr. Fordney's speech was an answer to the speech recently made by Senator Beveridge, and not only those who think Mr. Beveridge right, but those who think him wrong upon the tariff question should read this speech of Mr. Fordney's and see whether or not he has proven the inaccuracies which he claims are to be found in great numbers in Mr. Beveridge's recent speech.

Another very interesting speech recently made in the House is that of Congressman Morehead, of North Carolina. Mr. Morehead calls attention to the financial and industrial conditions under Buchanan and Cleveland as compared with present conditions throughout the country, and then devotes the remainder of his speech to the very remarkable progress made by his own State, North Carolina, during recent years, concluding with an appeal to the people of the South to throw off the thralldom of tradition and prejudice and vote for self interest as does every other section of Union.

This recent aggressiveness on the part of the republicans shows that the confidence of democratic leaders as to the outcome of the election this year is not well founded. The fact of the matter is that while democratic politicians and the democratic press have been claiming everything in sight the republican leaders have been working quietly but must efficiently, and if at any time there has been any doubt as to the complexion of the next House it will be entirely dissipated long before this Session of Congress comes to an end.

Not only will the republicans most ably and successfully show that the new tariff law has been beneficial in every way, but a large part of the legislation asked for by the President and which was pledged in the party platform will be enacted into law. It is now thought that this work will be concluded, and that Congress will adjourn between the 15th of June and 1st of July. Then after a vacation of a few weeks the actual Congressional campaign will begin in earnest throughout the country. There will be more speeches made during September and October of this year and more literature distributed, more editorials and general articles printed than ever before in our history during a Congressional campaign.

There is no argument whether upon the tariff question or upon general legislation, or the record of the republican party or the work of the present Administration that the republicans will not have the best of it. There is no argument whatever that the democratic party can present excepting the general negative one of finding fault with the existing conditions and of wanting to get the republicans out in order that they can get in. It will be an office holding argument pure and simple, and it will not again deceive the people as it has once or twice before midway between two Presidential campaigns.

Rising wages all over the country, falling prices, general prosperity, a redemption of party pledges and savings by the Government of millions upon millions of dollars through appropriations and economies in the Department and the increasing popularity of our President all mean a rallying cry that it will be impossible for the democratic orators and editors to successful combat. The victory is already won; the next House will have a substantial republican majority and the next Congress will go on continuing the splendid work begun during the first year of President Taft's term.

Prosperity At High Tide.

A New York dispatch: "While dull spots can be picked out here and there in the business situation it must be admitted that the United States is enjoying prosperity never before equalled in its history. The farmers never were so rich in cash and surplus produce. The mills were never so full of work and with so many orders in advance on their books. Consumers everywhere are paying record prices for food, clothing and amusement. The balance of trade is running against the United States, proving that Americans are drawing heavily on Europe for luxuries.

We have no doubt that there is one sure remedy for high prices. It is easy, too, if the country is ready to try it. Simply take the tariff off of everything. The wage earner's job will vanish and he'll have no money to purchase what the farmer raises at any price. The resultant fall in prices would be something fierce.—Rochville (Ind.) Times.

One thing however has been determined without doubt: The President and the entire legislation of this enacted at the special session, will be endorsed in the platform of every republican convention. Even those insurgents who voted against the tariff bill admit that they must endorse now this republican measure which has proved so successful and beneficial to the people. It is true that the measure of endorsement may vary at different State conventions, but for the most part it will be satisfactory to the President and the party leaders. There can be no criticisms of a bill that has proved

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The Tariff According to St Paul.
St. Paul elected a republican Mayor this week, which is another "endorsement" of the Payne-Aldrich tariff, right in the home of Knute Nelson and Moses E. Clapp, too!—From the Kansas City Times, Ind't.

The great work of the Taft administration up to date has been to put the administrative service back upon a regulated, responsible, and efficient basis. This work is by no means complete, but much has been accomplished towards the restoration of legality, honesty and competency in administrative affairs. The principle for which the Taft administration stands most conspicuously and worthily is that of subordination to and obedience to the law.—San Francisco Argonaut.

A Minority of One.
It must have surprised Mr. Bryan when he looked around and found that he was the only man who had risen to oppose a vote of confidence in Governor Hughes as a supreme judge.—Chicago Tribune.

The impression which President Taft's many speeches has left upon the country is that of an honest frankness joined with the intention to do his best and to take the consequences. It is rather more than likely that as this Administration proceeds it will slowly perhaps, but none the less surely command public confidence, because of the clear honor and the right intent of the man at the head of it.—Springfield Republican.

A straddle in politics is a most despicable object, unworthy of human sympathy.—Harrisburg (Tex.) Enterpriser.

The country needs men in public stations who will do justice to all men and to all classes and it is especially upon the bench that men of that kind are needed. President Taft's remarks were called forth by certain criticisms upon his appointment of Gov. Hughes to the supreme bench of the United States and it is gratifying to know that he made a vigorous and of course defence of that appointment. Gov. Hughes is just the kind of man the country needs in a place of great power and responsibility.—Denver Republican.

Mr. Bryan's formal announcement that he is not a candidate for the democratic nomination in 1912 should not unduly depress the republican chiefs, because it is the customary formula used by him in the early stages of his

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campaign. He is not a candidate but is always at the service of his place of No. 1 on the eligible list as usual.—Buffalo Commercial.

Congressman George W. Norris has done the sensible thing again He has decided that he will run for congress again in the Fifth district where all the folks know him and where the sledding will be easy this time. Nebraska isn't as large as some states but it would take a lot of time and some money to travel over it and make a campaign that would come anywhere near unseating Senator Burkett. Mr. Norris could not run for congressman and senator at the same time. It would be unfortunate for the state to lose him from the lower house anyway. Norris and Sloan will make a pair worth drawing to.—Geneva Signal.

A Constitutional President.
Things are looking up for the administration program and party harmony.

The house has passed the administration railroad bill, in a considerably amended form, by a solid party vote, and the republicans voted heavily against the elimination of the commerce court clause which is the president's pet provision.

Over this outcome President Taft is greatly pleased, and intimates plainly that he has had no quarrel with republicans in congress for honestly and independently debating and freely amending the measures he recommends, but will sign the amended bills cheerfully so long as they still seem to him good bills in the main, though not wholly squaring with his recommendations.

Decidedly that is the sound and statesmanlike, the constitutional and, let us say, the Taft-like course, as we contended the other day.

Legislation is primarily the business of the legislature, and not to be usurped by a stiff necked chief executive or a national party convention. We have heard a good deal of a contrary view in recent years. But it is perfectly clear that if executive recommendations are to be swallowed whole and literally enacted by congress, and specific platform planks are to be mandatory on congress to the very letter, the function to the

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