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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

The most important question discussed by every democrat who comes to Washington is the personality of the next presidential candidate. Of course numerous candidates are mentioned, and each possible candidate has his friends, but it is impossible to secure any general consensus of opinion on the subject. Many, indeed, of the most influential democrats regarded it as entirely too early to select a candidate, in support of which proposition they say that a boom started too early invariably resulted in defeat in defeat of the candidate for whom it is started. Judge Parker, of New York, Senator Gorman and Senator Stone of Missouri, all have their friends, but there are so many who believe that the candidate will be a "dark horse" as yet unmentioned.

With regard to the platform, democratic opinion is more nearly lined up. It seems to be the general opinion that a strong financial plank will be adopted, one urging the necessity for more money but with no reference to ratio. A strong but conservative tariff revision will also be adopted and will probably be the key-note to the campaign, not only because the democrats have always stood for relief of the consumer from the exorbitant prices which the republican tariff permits manufacturers to charge, but because the President and his official family have yielded unreservedly to the "stand patters", Hanna, Aldrich, et al.

Speaking of the nominee, Senator Daniel said today: "It is entirely too soon for the democrats to settle up on one man. A year and a half constitutes a long time in American politics and many things may happen between now and the convention to alter the whole aspect of affairs. The next Congress will discuss the live issues of the day and the attitude of the two parties will then be clearly defined. Tariff reform will inevitably enter into the campaign. The merchants and manufacturers as well as the farmers and the consumers are interested in having the tariff judiciously revised. Such a revision should be made and the democratic party should appreciate that such a revision should be made on lines which will not carry ruin to any industry. It is, however, conceded that American goods are sold cheaper in many foreign countries than at home and it is obvious that we are building up foreign countries at the expense of our consumers. This must be remedied."

From the standpoint of the consumer, the Northern Securities decision is a great victory. It clearly defines the limits to which a corporation engaged in interstate commerce may go and affirms the contentions that all combinations which not only do, but which have it in their

power to restrict competition are contrary to law: The next important question is whether the Attorney General can bring himself to take advantage of this decision and deal summarily with other trusts which are as clearly violators of the law as in the Northern Securities Company. The Pennsylvania Railway, for instance, comes under this category. It is operating the Baltimore & Ohio railway so as to prevent competition, in fact, only in name are there two companies. In the opinion of many able democrats, the Attorney General has succeeded in demonstrating his power not only to secure convictions but to expedite cases and there will be ample opportunity for him to prove within the next year whether even a good anti-trust law can be trusted to a republican administration to enforce. So far reaching is the Sherman anti trust law as construed by the circuit court of appeals that Mr. Knox can remedy at least half of the evils of which the consumers have complained within the past few years. The other half can only be reached by tariff revision.

That the abundant prosperity which the country has recently enjoyed will continue is augured from the Government crop report just issued. It is estimated therein that the winter wheat crop will, barring accidents which may occur hereafter, amount to 520,000,000 bushels as compared with 362,672,138 bushels last year. It is usual to expect some deterioration from these figures during this month, but even allowing for that, it will be a monster crop. "It is glorious," said an Iowa politician yesterday. "We can go out and tell the farmers that those are the kinds of crops they grow under a republican administration and they will believe us and vote the straight ticket." "Yes, and you may as well tell them that it is all due to my management of the Weather Bureau," added Secretary Wilson dryly. While the wheat crop shows the banner figures in the new report, other crops present an excellent showing and there is every reason to anticipate a prosperous year for the farmers.

The last wail of the politicians regarding the Postoffice Department investigations, which the President persists in continuing, is that the disclosures will hurt the party, but Mr. Roosevelt is too wise to be taken in by the argument. He says frankly that nothing could hurt the party worse than to wash the existing condition of affairs. He is, of course, making many enemies among the politicians of his party, but he is wise enough to appreciate that the people will approve of a thorough probing of the scandals and, incidentally, he will have an opportunity to appoint some good Roosevelt men when he has turned the "rascals out."

The success of the Carter Harrison and Tom Johnson

in the mayoralty elections of their respective cities is a source of great gratification to all good democrats in Washington. In the former instance the result is particularly pleasing as it shows that the republicans of Illinois stand ready to repudiate the rule of the notorious "Billy" Lorimer. The President's action in insisting in having Mayor Harrison take part in his reception was in itself a repudiation of Lorimer, and the election was a second and more decisive one. Illinois democrats are now led to hope that the Lorimer domination will throw Illinois into the democratic column at the next election.

The election of Mayor Johnson precipitates a decidedly interesting situation in Ohio. It is, perhaps, in the fact that Senator Hanna, despite his energetic work, failed to sway his own city that the majority of the democrats find the greatest satisfaction. Then Mr. Johnson has espoused a cause which is likely to prove popular everywhere, viz the 3 per cent. railway fare idea. Then Mr. Johnson is himself a large stockholder in one of the Cleveland railway companies but that has not prevented his throwing his entire influence in favor of a reduced tariff for the city railway.

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If you have a son to join with you in the cultivation of an "orphan's acre" he will be taught a great and important lesson in service to humanity. It is one of the truths which must become a part of his life if he ever rises above a struggle for none but self and those bound to him by the ties of blood.

When, prompted by a pure motive, we help the helpless, our lives are enlarged. Nothing is real, a lasting blessing, blessing which fails to enrich, to broaden, to deepen life. Eternally true it is that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Each one of us has been given something in trust to be used for God's glory. Farmer friend, God's soil is given to you to be cultivated for him. Do not overlook the claims upon you of little ones bereft of home, of the necessities of life, left dependent upon us.

Upon our Heavenly Father are we all dependent for daily food—for all the blessings of life—for life itself. The fertile fields are His, from Him must come the sunshine, the rain, the fruitful season, the abundant harvest. We work together with God in production of the necessities of life. From His bounty all must be fed.

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