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as a whole, seemed definitely to come to the conclusion that I ought to do that task. In other words, as far as in me lies, I am endeavoring to look at this matter purely from the standpoint of the public interest, of the interest of the public interest, of the interest of the people as a whole, and not in the least from my own standpoint. "If I should consult only my own pleasure and interests, I should most emphatically and immediately an-nounse that I would, under no cir-rumstances, run. I have had all the horier that any man can have from a whole, seemed definitely to come

constantions, run. I have had all the honor that any man can have from holding the office of President. From every personal standpoint, there is nothing for me to gain, either in run-ning for the office, or in holding the office once more, and there is very much to low. much to los

People's Interests First.

Under such circumstances, if I con there such a treamstances, if I con-sulted only my own interest, the ob-vious thing to do would be to an-neurre that I would not obey any bopular mandate; that I would not run if nonfinated. I shall not follow this course, because I am sincerely enthis course, because I am sincerely en-cleavoring to look at the matter only from the standpoint of the popular interest. If at this particular crists, with the particular problems alread of us, at this particular time, the people feel that I am the one man in sight to do the job, then I should regard myself as shirking a plain duty if I refused to do 1.

"What I am interested in, remember, not in the least holding the office. but doing a job that is actually worth doing: this is the position that, to the heat of my belief, I have always taken, and always shall take. If the people should feel that I was the instrument to be used at this time, I should accept, even though I knew that I should be broken and cast aside in the using,

The short, I am not concerned with the welfare of any one man in this mat-ter; not with Mr. Taft's welfare, nor Mr. La Folleite's, and least of all my own, I am concerned only with the welfare of the people of the United

Language Is Feared.

"If at this time I would accept, if sminuted, if would be blazoned abroad the public lands committee having in charge the Borah-Jones three-year homestend bill has agreed tentatively the solution of the solution o by all my ensemises and ultimately be-freeden by a large portion even of my proof friends and well wishers that had, is my own interest, announced what as my own interest, announced what as my own interest, announced what any own interest, announced what any own interest, announced what any other outcome could be ex-prested. It is simply a case where the inguage would not be accepted at its betrare take value, and would inevitably be river a failes construction, and this inguage. Which after the election of 1964, f an-provision has yet been adopted hat firends of mine suggested that is block because of the custom that is the firends of the election of 1964, f an-provision that subject being still open would not be a candidate the the opposition raised by the law and streams to be elect a man as the take opposition raised by the fire of the grant and further protest provision takes on the election to invalue as another the subject being still open on making the bill applicable to all provision takes to about the law and streams to be election to the stand that fire nue election of 1964, f an-the take opposition raised by the fire of the grant is accepted at its provision that subject being still open. We have the opposition raised by the fire the approximation and the suggested that all grown up not to elect a man and the law opposition raised by the fire the the opposition raised by the fire the subject bears and further protest to many acture is expected.

OWN PREFERENCE NOT ASKED a candidate for the nomination but that he could accept if tendered to him.

Manager McKinley Replies to Fedceal Activity Story.

WASHINGTON, March 5.-President Taft's manager. Representative Me-Kinley, made the 'ollowing statement regarding the alleged activity among tion." Federal employes

"Under the recent ruling of the Civil Service Commission the managers of the campaign of any Presidential can-didate may inquire of any Federal ofnicate may inquire of any rederal of-ficeholder as to political conditions in his vicinity and may even ask his own political preferences, which I dis-tinctly did not do in my letter of the 24th. "I might suggest that Mr. Roose-

"I might suggest that Mr. Roose-velt'a managers are as free as I am to write any officeholder in the United States at any time, and, what is more to the point, they are doing it. The friends of Mr. Roosevelt, among whom Senator Wixer has always been con-spicuous, did not hesitate to follow a similar line of action four years ago, and properly, too, because only in that way could they have secured any re-liable information on which to map out their campaign." lowing this publication of the letters that have excited the country the past few days. out their campaign. mittee, press dispatches announced,

3-YEAR BILL MODIFIED

SUBCOMMITTEE DRAFTS NEW HOMESTEAD PROVISIONS.

"Settler or Family" Required to Live on Land, Instead of Giving Leave of Absence.

JOHNSON FOLLOWERS DESERT OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, March 5 .- The subcommittee of

acter.

'Progressives'' in State Election Organize to Support Taft.

Roosevelt contention that he

merely_a "recoptive candidate." They

Professions Regarded as Pretense. Senator Dixon's selection as chairan of the Roosevelt executive com

followed an all-day conference in New

York between Colonel Roosevelt and

everal friends. The theory is that a

nan cannot select a manager of a

To show the alleged inconsistency of

Colonel Roosevelt's position-to prove

that he has equivocated and that he has misled friends of his own and friends of President Taft-are the pur-

poses of the Taft leaders in a cam-

paign that rapidly is assuming per-sonal features of the bitterest char-

light for nomination and not be a can-

didate in every sense of the term.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5 .- Progressive Republicans of this state who supported Gevernor Johnson in the campalgn for Governor, but who do not agree with him in his indorsement of Theodore Roosevelt, met today and or-Theodore Roosevelt, met today and or-ganized the Taft League of Progressive Republicans. The organization is dis-tinct from the Taft Republicans of California, organized yesterday, but the trend of the speeches at the conference indicated that there would be little friction between the two factions, and astute peliticians predicted today that a merger of the two was probable. The olive branch was extended to the progressives ventorday by the Taft Re-publicans and the token of peace was not unkindly received.

publicans and the town of peace was not unkindly received. Ex-State Senator Belshaw, of Con-tra Costa County, was elected president of the league, and Joseph E. Cutton, of San Francisco, secretary, Marshall Hale and A. L. Shinn, prominently ideu-

Roosevelt's declaration that he was not

to the investigation that have been made under President Taft into prob-lems that had been the subject of seri-The ex-President insists there is a marked distinction between "being a candidate" and "accepting a nominaous controversy for years. The work of the tariff board, the Hadley rait-way securities commission and the Hughes commission on second-class matter, were typical, he said, of the methods compt by Mr. Taff to ascer-tain facts. Senator Dixon is chairman of a committee that has begun a systematic campaign to capture Roosevelt delegates to the Chicago convention. Now the Taft leaders assail the WRS

Vital Issues Investigated.

have set about doing this 🔄 showing. "I doubt of there ever has been an Administration where so many viral questions of progress were under care-ful, scieentific investigation and scrutiif possible, that Senator Dixon was named to conduct the fight for Roosequestions of progress were under caree-ful, scientific investigation and scruti. ny by comunissions of competent ex-perts, he said. There is nothing dra-matic about such a method; but a re-form accomplished in the light of such inst September. Practically all of the velt's nomination by Roosevelt him-self or as the result of conferences in which the ex-President was an active figure. They believe Colonel Roosecarefully accredited facts is more like-ly to be permanent. This is the very velt has "laid himself wide open" by his explanations and statements fol-

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called on Pullman and one on Oregon. A fast preliminary was played be-tween the freshman team of the Uni-versity of Oregon and the Eugene High School quintet with the freshmen on the long end of an 18-to-6 score. Cap-ter Boylen and Barsons martin this Boylen and Parsons, guards, starred for the freshmen, Boylen scor-ing 12 points. Rader, formerly a mem-bor of the university first team, who has entered Eugene High School, ex-celled. Early of Oregon was referee.

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