

HILLES MAY BRING VICTORY TO TAFT

Selection as Republican Campaign Manager Is Deemed Wise Move.

INEXPERIENCE MAY BE AID

Young Man to Proceed Along New Lines and to Discard Obsolete Methods of Bossism—Choice Hurts Cause of Colonel.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 15.—In a more than one selection of Charles D. Hilles as Republican campaign manager will prove fortunate for the Republican party this year.

At the time the sub-committee of the National Committee was in conference with the President there was a great deal of talk about the selection of William Barnes, Jr., of New York, to conduct the campaign this year.

Barnes himself was an active candidate for the chairmanship, and would have been glad to take over the management of the campaign this year.

While Mr. Hilles has had little to do with National politics until he became secretary of the Roosevelt club, and while he has never before managed a political campaign, he goes into his new office with an absolutely clean record.

New Methods Now Control. The Republican party has been in trouble of late years largely because it has been run by politicians of the old school.

Men like Barnes, Crane or Penrose, had they been given the management of the campaign this year would have laid it out on the lines for that is the only kind of politics they know.

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tion, and get Democratic support as well.

Therefore, as a compromise selection, Mr. Hilles promises to fill the bill. He may not be the ideal man for a campaign manager, but he is far and away the best suited of all those whose names were considered at the recent Washington conference.

OUTING IS FATAL TO TWO Nephew of Millionaire and Professor Are Drowned.

LAKEPORT, Cal., July 15.—Professor Dewitt Castor, of the faculty of Pacific Theological Seminary of Berkeley, and Paul Lepidic, nephew of M. M. Gosovic, millionaire land owner, lost their lives by drowning here yesterday while on pleasure bent.

Professor Castor, who was on a camping expedition with his wife and child, went bathing alone not far from camp. It is thought his body was caught and held by tree roots that projected into the water from the bank.

M'COMBS TO DIRECT WORK (Continued from First Page.)

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MORMONS ON GUARD

Clash Between Federals and Rebels Soon Expected.

SOLDIERS CAUSE TROUBLE

Colonists Suffer Many Indignities and in Emergency They Expect Mormons in Arizona and New Mexico to Aid.

COLONIA MORELOS, Mex., July 15.—With the expectation that thousands of Mormons in Arizona and New Mexico will come to their assistance in case of an emergency, the Mormons here and in the sister colony of Colonia Guzman, 25 miles east, are calmly awaiting tonight the approaching clash between the Federals and rebels in this vicinity.

Women Are Insulted. Friction with the federals, however, has burst forth because the government forces have been quartered here. To an Associated Press correspondent who reached here today, leading Mormons told many stories of indignities practiced by the federal forces.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE URGES GRANT BILL

Settlement With Buyers of Oregon Railway Land at \$2.50 Is Authorized.

TITLE MAY BE CLEARED

Measure as Amended Validates All Purchases of Less Than 1000 Acres, and Approves Institution of Suit.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The House public lands committee today reported favorably a bill to authorize the Attorney-General to settle with the purchasers of more than 800,000 acres of railroad grant land in Oregon at the rate of \$2.50 an acre.

The Oregon & California Company and also the Southern Pacific, to which the land was granted in the '60s, are now defendants in a suit for the forfeiture of 2,300,000 acres still held without sale.

The land was granted to be sold to actual settlers at not more than \$2.50 an acre. This stipulation was held by the court to have been ignored. To clear title to innocent purchasers, the legislation was recommended.

Under the terms of the grant by which the Oregon & California Railroad Company acquired 3,100,000 acres of timberland in Oregon, it was stipulated that the railroad should sell the lands to bona fide settlers only in quantities not exceeding 180 acres each and at a price not greater than \$2.50 an acre.

Three years ago the Government, through B. D. Townsend, special assistant to the United States Attorney-General, instituted suit against the railroad company for the recovery of that portion of the original grant remaining in the possession of the railroad company and aggregating 2,300,000 acres, alleging violation of the terms of the grant by the railroad company in disposing of the other 800,000 acres.

Between the time the grant was made in 1865 and 1902, when the lands were withdrawn from sale by the railroad company, 800,000 acres had been disposed of to individuals. Of that acreage, it was discovered that fully 400,000 acres had been disposed of to timber companies in quantities exceeding 1000 acres to the individual and for prices exceeding \$2.50 an acre, all being in violation of the terms of the grant.

Conferring with the public lands committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Townsend and his assistants for the prosecution reached the conclusion that if the Government was correct in its contentions in its suit against the railroad company and recovered the 2,300,000 acres, the other 800,000 acres necessarily would also become subject to recovery.

It was to meet this condition that the bill, which has been favorably reported by the public lands committee, was framed and introduced in Congress. It would give all purchasers of granted lands in quantities exceeding 1000 acres title on confessed judgment in the Federal Court and paying the Government \$2.50 an acre in addition to what was paid the railroad.

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WHAT THE GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN HAS TO SAY

Governor McGovern of Wisconsin in a recent speech upon the Public Utility Commission law of Wisconsin, presented the following statement of facts:

"The basic legal principles underlying governmental regulation of public utilities are founded upon the very elementary distinction between a public and a private calling."

"One is clothed with a public use and interest, while the other is not; and the public interest has always, in the eye of the law, justified regulation in behalf of the people as a whole."

"The nature and character of the business of utilities is such that competition is inoperative in determining service or rates, and the only choice left to the public is between regulated and unregulated monopoly. It goes without saying that the right of the state to supervise monopolies is as ancient as it is obvious."

Oregon's new public utility law goes into effect in November. It gives the Commission power to fix the price to be charged for light and power as well as determine the character of the service.

Under such conditions Governor McGovern holds in effect that Portland would make a mistake in having two electric light companies.

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