

NEW COMMITTEE GIVES RECOGNITION TO A FEW NEGLECTED

Republican Campaign Leaders Make Room by Naming "Advisors."

FULTON ONE OF MEMBERS

Ex-Senator of Oregon Object of Act of Gallantry on Part of Hughes Managers, Say Students of Game.

Washington, Aug. 30.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Much interest is displayed here in the announcement of appointment of an advisory committee of 11 to assist Chairman Wilcox of the Republican national committee in the campaign. The primary purpose of this move, it is understood, was to provide a proper excuse for bringing Frank H. Hitchcock into the inner circle, with his intimate knowledge of politics and his card index ability.

A secondary purpose, developed somewhat later, was to warm the heart of George W. Perkins, who had already been named as a member of the executive committee, so the Perkins check book may become a more familiar sight.

A third purpose, also a later development, was to use the new committee as a source of giving honorable mention to some of the captains who wanted distinctive boosting, such as ex-Senator Charles W. Fulton of Oregon.

Act of Gallantry Performed.
It has been felt ever since the Chicago convention, where Fulton met with disappointments, that the Hughes managers would at the first opportunity perform some act of gallantry in his behalf. Similar honor was bestowed on Governor Beekman of Rhode Island, who was one of the persistent Hughes shouters at Chicago.

Recognition was also given on the committee to John W. Wamaker of Philadelphia and Charles G. Dawes of Chicago, who are well acquainted with the habits of campaign funds among the banking and financial interests.

All in all, the new committee is regarded as a great coup for Hitchcock, who first put the Hughes name in the organization form then was frowned upon in the house of the candidate's friends, who seemed to think that there was a kind of odium in the name of Hitchcock.

This feeling persists in the minds of several of the advisers of Hughes, notably W. Murray Crane. Fear that Hitchcock would become chairman of the national committee stirred the breasts of many old guard patriots at Chicago. It extended to some of those who are now placed on the advisory committee with Hitchcock. Among those who felt that a bad mistake would be made if Hitchcock was given a prominent place in the campaign was Fulton of Oregon.

For some time reports have been going around that the Republican national campaign management was lacking. It was long on claims and short on "pep," pretentiousness and practical politics. Wilcox was considered well meaning, but he did not have the wide acquaintance with nooks and corners that go to successful management. Things did not have "ginger."

All the time Hitchcock lay outside the trenches. There was a demand for better speed against the candidates that could not be still. Hitchcock remained within earshot, and when the call came his hearing was perfectly good. He is to be the captain of the "pep" brigade and confidential promises who will see the boys when they drop in to find out how things are going.

Distrust of Hitchcock has given way to the insistent demand for some one around headquarters who knows more about the "game" than the captain of the trenches. There is some questioning as to what the effect will be in some quarters, but the managers have decided they must take the risk.

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REDUCE SALARIES OF BIG COMMISSIONS

Washington, Aug. 30.—A possible slump in the salaries of all the big government commissions, with the exception of the Interstate Commerce commission, is foreseen by some as a result of the stand the senate has taken in favor of paying members of the tariff board and the federal shipping board \$7500 each, instead of the usual \$10,000.

Members of the tariff board each receive \$10,000. This is \$2500 more than the salary of a United States senator or representative. The terms of the commissions are not less than six years, and in several instances 10 years, whereas a senator has six years and a representative only two years.

Members of these commissions, it is noted, are sometimes men who have been glad to serve at lesser salaries and for shorter terms in congress. Sometimes they are men who have served in subordinate offices of the government at much lower salaries than a congressman. For example, one member of the new tariff board, W. A. S. Smith, was at the time of his appointment employed in the

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When the tariff board commission was reached in the house during consideration of the revenue bill that body voted overwhelmingly in favor of reducing the salaries to be paid from \$10,000 to \$7500. This was done over the protest of Congressman Rainey of Illinois, who drafted the tariff board plan, and who continues to argue earnestly that the government cannot depend on getting the right sort of experts at the lesser figure.

The senate committee retained the \$7500 salary provision as it came over from the house. It also voted to cut the pay of members of the proposed shipping board to \$7500, the house having passed the measure with a \$10,000 compensation attached. Now there is talk that at the next session bills may be pressed to reduce the members of the trade commission and the farm loan board to the same figure. There seems to be no disposition to interfere with Interstate Commerce commission salaries, because of the character and volume of the work performed.

The movement for lower salaries proceeds from the growing number of commissions and the feeling that competent men to serve in such positions will be obtained just as readily at \$7500 as at \$10,000. Senators and representatives, too, are unable to see just why persons named for long terms on such bodies should be paid more than the national lawmakers themselves are paid.

Lane Declares His Independence.
Washington, Aug. 29.—Senator Lane made a picturesque little speech just before he voted to take up the revenue bill in preference to the immigration bill. The previous day he voted to consider the immigration bill, the revenue bill not being then directly in issue. He explained that he was ready again to vote to take up the immigration bill as soon as the revenue measure was out of the way, and he proceeded to emphasize his independence of caucus or the party whip.

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of which I am a member, no matter who proposes it. I would accept it from his satanic majesty if he brought it white hot out of hades on a shovel as soon as it cooled off enough to enable me to take hold of it, and thank him for it. I would even accept it from the senator from Missouri, after carefully looking it over, and thank him."

The reference to the senator from Missouri was to Senator Stone, who had been lecturing some of his Democratic associates for failure to follow the plans of the Democratic conference.

Senator Chamberlain pursued the same course as Lane, voting one day to take up the immigration bill and the following day to displace it with the revenue bill, both senators holding that while they were ready to go ahead with the immigration measure, the revenue bill should have the right of way.

Lost Valley Wants Postoffice.
Washington, Aug. 29.—Senator Lane has received and transmitted to the postoffice department for investigation a petition for establishment of a postoffice at Lost Valley, Wheeler county, Or. The petition is headed by J. H. Cone and is signed by the heads of 18 families.

Portuguese Gunboat, German Diver Fight
U-30 Attacks Larger Vessel; Torpedo Misses and Diver Submerges When Gunboat Opens Fire on Her.

London, Aug. 30.—(I. N. S.)—A Portuguese gunboat was attacked yesterday by the German submarine U-20, according to a Lisbon dispatch to the Exchange Telegram company.

The torpedo missed and the submarine submerged when the gunboat opened fire, the dispatch says.

An inventor living at Troy, N. Y., has patented a laundry machine that turns an entire skirt over a conical roller at a single operation.

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Wine Amendment Is Adopted by Senate

It Permits Volume to Be Increased 25 to 35 Per Cent by the Addition of Sugar and Water.

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Reber Confirmed as Colonel by Senate

Washington, Aug. 30.—(U. P.)—The senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Lieutenant Colonel Sam Reber as colonel. A fight over the confirmation developed by reason of evidence given in the recent investigation of the army aviation service commission which Reber headed.

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