CLOSE TO NATURE

President Taft Begins Three Days of Exploration

In the Famous Yosemite Valley of California.

TO SEE THE BIG TREES

Wonders of the Park Will Be Explained to Him.

He Is Given Another Golf Stick at Merced.

El Portal, Cal., Oct. 7.—In the wilderness of the western slope of the Sierras, away from the crowds and the necessity of speech making, President Taft is traveling by stage coach today toward the wonderful Mariposa grove of big trees. Altogether, the president has eight hours of stage riding ahead of him before he reaches Wawona, where he will spend the night at the lonely tavern, on the outskirts of the Yosemite valley before starting Friday morning to penetrate the Mariposa grove.

The president and his party, consisting of a score of persons, left this little terminal station of the Yosemite valley railroad at 7 a. m. The coaches will travel steadily until 11:30 o'clock, when a stop will be made at the little settlement of Chinquapin. Luncheon will be served in the forest there and after a short rest the journey toward Wawona will be resumed, the scheduled time of arrival there being between 4 and 5 o'clock. Respite from the great crowds, the bracing mountain air breathed amid a scenic environment, declared one of the most beautiful in the world and a simple diet of mountain trout, chicken and bacon and eggs, is expected to render the president fit for the remainder of his trip.

He has three days of sightseeing and restful traveling before him in and around the Yosemite, and there is not a speech of any sort in sight until Fresno, Cal., is reached next Sunday afternoon.

Despite the many suggestions from the White House at Washington, which have been telegraphed ahead, the hospitable cities of the west continue to vie with each other in preparing elaborate bills of fare for the presidential banquets.

Mr. Taft has almost given up the idea of getting simple food at any public function, but he takes the situation philosophically.

President Taft after spending tonight at Wawona and visiting the big trees tomorrow afternoon, will proceed into the valley. He will probably spend Friday night at Glacier Point or at Sentinel hotel. On Saturday he will return to El Portal to spend the night and early on Sunday morning will resume his journey toward Los Angeles, arriving Monday morning.

The big Sequoia trees which the president will see tomorrow are known to all the world. The more imposing are known by name, the most famous being the Grizzly Giant. This giant measures more than 100 feet in circumference at its base. The Fallen Monarch, which lies prone in the forest and upon which a stage coach and team of six horses can be driven, is another. But probably the most interesting is Wawona, a living monster of the woodland world, said to be 3,000 to 5,000 years old. Through this tree a driveway ten feet high has been cut in order that the stage coach may pass beneath.

While in Yosemite Park, the president will not be entirely cut off from communicate with the outside world. A telephone wire, equipped with telegraphic instruments, is in reach.

Big Trees First.

The visit to the big trees comes first in Mr. Taft's itinerary. Leaving by coach he and his party will be driven to Wawona, at the edge of the grove. The forenoon of Friday will be given over to the big trees, the president spending tonight at the hotel in Wawona.

On Friday afternoon the president will enter the park from one of the highest points, and after a trip to all the show places of the upper levels, will begin a descent to the floor, which is enclosed by almost perpendicular cliffs of stone more than 3,000 feet in height. It will be the president's first trip into the Yosemite and he has been looking forward to it for months, both as a sightseeing experience and as affording three days of rest from surging crowds and speechmaking.

When the park officials heard that the president was coming they arranged to have a troop of United States cavalry act as his escort for the day among the big trees and the two days in the valley.

Mr. Taft was informed of the plans at San Francisco and he asked at once that the escort be dispensed with. He is anxious that the trip through the park shall be devoid of spectacular features and that his visit shall be relieved as much as possible of an official aspect. The president was pretty tired from his strenuous day in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley and retired early last night.

Personally Conducted Tour.

John Muir, the noted naturalist and geologist, joined the president's party at San Francisco and will personally explain the wonders of the park and valley to Mr. Taft. The Yosemite recently was receded by the state of California to the United States and now is under the same control as the Yellowstone park.

Mr. Taft will be accompanied into the big tree grove and into the park only by members of his party and a California delegation consisting of Governor Gillette, Senator Flint and Representatives Needham, McKinley and Englebright.

When the date of the president's visit to the park was fixed there was great fear that his trip might be seriously marred by the suffocating dust which sometimes is encountered on the way in and out during the dry seasons of the year. Rains during the last ten days, however, have fortunately served to put the roads in the best of condition and also to provide a new supply of water for the falls.

The president made several car-end speeches at the thriving little California cities between San Francisco and Merced, and at the latter place was escorted to the court house, where he made a brief address to a big throng. All business in the town was suspended while the president was there.

At Merced the president was presented with another golf stick. It was made of eucalyptus wood gold mounted. The presentation called out a golf speech in which the president suggested that the unirrigated land of the west be turned into open golf links for the public.

Makes Golf Speech.

Mr. Taft said:

"I am very much touched by your kindness in giving this to me, this memento of my visit. It has reference to the game of which I am very fond. The game of golf is an old Scotch game played in Scotland by everybody. They have what they call 'pone links' that is golf grounds devoted to the public and I sincerely hope that in this country the game will spread.

"We don't, in this country, need games for boys from 15 to 25 or 30, because we already have them. I suppose I am looking at some baseball fans equal to myself in that regard. I don't know how it is with you, but I have got beyond my baseball playing days. The game of golf remains with you from 50 to 70. Indeed, I have played with a gentleman very near eighty and he beat me.

"It is a game that leads you to walk without realizing that you are walking.

"I am hopeful that out here you may have land not irrigated that you can devote to this game. There is this about it: When you first see the game you will appreciate the tone of ridicule that generally attaches to a good sized man chasing a quinine pill with a stick around a field; but after you have driven two or three blows at that ball and found that, although it is considerably larger than a quinine pill, it is not large enough to hit, you realize the training of character that there is in it.

"I don't know any game that is so provocative of profanity as golf. I don't know any game that makes one so ashamed of his profanity. It is a game full of moments of self-abasement, with only a few moments of self-exaltation, and we Americans who are not celebrated for our modesty, may find such a game excellent training. Certainly, I think, I am sure that those gentlemen over fifty who are in need of something and do not know what, if they will only organize a club and get the golf sticks and chase them around 6,000 yards every afternoon they will become a great deal more contented with life and a great deal better satisfied with the condition in which the Lord has left them."

While winding slowly up the picturesque canon of the Merced river from Merced to El Portal the president's train bumped into a hand car which a section hand was trying to get off the track. The car was little damaged, no one was hurt and there was no delay.

The train became stalled on a heavy grade just below El Portal and it was necessary to split it in two, the president coming in on the second half. The engine number was 23.

NO SUBPOENAS YET.

For Prominent Men Who Were to Testify in Panama Libel Case.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 7.—The preliminary hearing of Delavan Smith and Charles R. Williams, proprietors of the Indianapolis News, charged with having committed criminal libel in publishing articles intimating that there was corruption in the purchase by the United States of the Panama canal zone, is set for next Monday in the United States court of this district. Subpoenas, however, have not been issued, it was said at the United States attorney's office today, for certain men prominent in public life, who, it is understood, were to be called to testify for the government.

Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general and former chairman of the Republican national committee; Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, chairman of the Democratic national committee, and representatives of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Company, would be asked to testify, according to the statement made to the court last June by Stuart McNamara, an attorney of the department of justice, who was assigned to the proceedings against the proprietors of the Indianapolis News and of the New York World, also charged with criminal libel in the Panama canal controversy.

Mr. McNamara told the court, in then asking for a postponement that he expected to show by Messrs. Hitchcock and Mack that newspaper correspondents had been warned that it would be improper and dangerous to publish current rumors that there had been an "enormous graft" in the Panama canal transfer.

By representatives of J. P. Morgan & Company, Mr. McNamara said he would show that corruption was impossible in the transfer which was made through Morgan & Co., and William Nelson Cromwell, as attorney for the French companies.

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

John Schenck, Democratic Candidate for Attorney General.

Shawnee County Attorney Will Make Big Fight.

JOHN DAWSON, ALSO.

Railroad Attorney on Administration Ticket.

Hutchinson Gazette Predicts Civil War for Kansas.

The fight for attorney general at the next primary election has now narrowed down to two live candidates, one from each party, and these two candidates are being talked of all over the state—talked of sooner than their announcements were made.

That County Attorney Schenck of Shawnee county will run as Democratic candidate for attorney general and John Dawson, attorney for the railroad board, will run for the administration crowd, is the gossip that is handed out at political storm centers these days.

The many cases being argued in the supreme court have brought crowds of old time politicians to the state house and between breaths they are talking of the candidates for the big state offices this coming election.

The Democrats all over Kansas are arising to arms since the alleged split in the Republican party and all over the state they are of the same opinion—that they will be able to carry away many good offices this next campaign. At this time the office of attorney general is the big bone of conversation and the two logical candidates, John Schenck and John Dawson are the men around whom the conversation buzzes.

West Is for Schenck.

"We are all for Schenck out here," said a prominent Democrat who lives in western Kansas this morning. "He is the man who will gain the office through his merits and there is nothing that can stop him. Every Democrat in Kansas will vote for Schenck and on account of his past record as an enforcer of the law and a staunch friend of his party—he will be a favorite among the enemies of the administration."

Mr. Schenck himself does not say much about it one way or the other. It is said that he is looking around for a slight trace of handwriting before he announces himself for any office. It is a question whether the people of Shawnee county will stand for a third term county attorney or whether the people of the state will ask for a Democrat as attorney general. In running for county attorney again Schenck is going to have a strong rival in Judge Ernest Raymond Simon, who is now judge of the court of Topeka. Judge Simon on one side and John Dawson on the other side will make Mr. Schenck transact some clever campaign work.

It has been hinted pretty broadly around the state house that John Dawson will run for attorney general and this is now a conceded fact. He will, of course run on the administration ticket and if the alleged split in the Republican party comes to a head he will have two battles to fight.

Whatever happens it will be a battle royal between the two Big Johns.

Here is what the Hutchinson Gazette says under the heading of "Stubbs the Tactless:"

"With every passing day another name is added to the rolls of the supporters under the Curtis or Stubbs' banners, and at present prospects, one-half of the Republican party in the state will be fighting the other half before the year is out. It promises to be a merry war and with such far reaching effects as Boss Stubbs, the tactless, never dreamed of when he started out to reprimand Senator Curtis for his criticisms of the governor's administration. His action stirred up a hornet's nest and he is beginning to find out that Curtis has friends, or rather, that he himself has enemies.

"In his eagerness to punish the members of his own party who have had the courage to point out his mistakes the ex-railroad contractor has employed the methods of the grading camp and gone after the dissenters roughshod. And all over the state there are men with sore spots who are nursing snubs and slights and have their knives whetted for a politician whom initial successes has made drunk."

Here are three philosophical slaps from the Independnce Reporter:

If Governor Stubbs and his appointees did not own so many newspapers over the state the people generally might get a more correct idea of what is going on. Stubbs and his official family almost control the press of the state. And now comes a rumor that the governor is to be personally represented in Montgomery county journalism.

Tom McNeal, state printer, who wants to go to congress in Dan Anthony's shoes, is not so strenuous or so pugnacious as he was a few weeks ago. He is hitting the middle of the road now and half-straddling the fence on Stubbs' administration matters. Tom seems to see the handwriting.

Senator Curtis stated in an interview at Erie that Governor Stubbs had gone out of his way to attack him and that the affair was injuring the Republican party. That does not worry the governor. He has never shown that the success of the Republican party meant much to him where his own success was at stake. The truth is Governor Stubbs has been engaged in an active campaign for several years to tear down the Republican party.

NO HAZING AT ANN ARBOR.

Sophomores Notified to Let Freshmen Alone.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Oct. 7.—Students appointed by the University of Michigan faculty to act as advisers to each group of twenty freshmen have been notified by the deans of their departments to instruct each of their last year's groups, who are now sophomores, that there must be no hazing of freshmen this year. Any sophomore caught molesting first year men will be dismissed, according to the new rule.

Dickinson Will Not Resign.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 7.—Secretary of War Dickinson has denied a report that he contemplated resigning from the cabinet because of illness in his family and the recent death of his daughter-in-law. This report was published in New York today under a Washington date line

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