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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1902.

State Senator R. A. Booth, of Lane County, is spoken of as a possible candidate for United States Senator at the coming session of the Legislature.

Senator Booth is one of the best-known politicians in Southern Oregon, and was chairman of the last Republican State Convention, when W. J. Furnish was nominated for Governor. Senator Booth's name had been casually mentioned for Governor prior to the convention, and it was in recognition of his prominence that he was selected as permanent chairman. There are many politicians who declare that Booth could have landed the nomination for Governor had he been willing to permit his name to be presented at the time.

Of late the name of Senator Booth has been heard in connection with the presidency of the State Senate. He was considered quite a formidable candidate for the place, and it is natural now that he should be discussed as being in the field for the higher honor, the position of United States Senator. Southern Oregon has not had a Senator in many years, so that geographically Senator Booth has an element of location in his favor, but Senator Charles W. Fulton, of Clatsop County, an avowed seeker for the toga, also has this advantage. And so have others.

The rumor that Senator Booth may be considered as a factor in the race originated in his own county. A close political friend of Senator Booth is responsible for the statement regarding the Lane County statesman. The intimation was made that a combine is now being effected in which Senators Booth and Fulton figure prominently. It is further hinted that in the event of Fulton being unable to land the nomination himself he will throw his strength to Senator Booth and that between them they have enough votes to carry off the prize. Fulton's strength is unknown, but is rated by a follower as being but a handful short of the requisite number necessary to elect.

Advices from Salem are to the effect that Governor T. T. Geer is to be considered as strictly in the race for Senator. With possibly one exception the Marion County delegation will cast its ballots for the tall sycamore of the Waldos. Several of the Marion County men do not intend to support Geer indefinitely, but will assist him with their ballots until he develops his full strength, and then if he is found short they will seek another banner.

More than one Republican, while not having any particular liking for Geer, will feel compelled to vote for him on account of the Mays law. It was through this statute that Geer's name appeared upon the official ballot of the June election as the Republican choice for United States Senator. As no other Republican name appeared to divide the honors with Geer some delegates to the Legislature, who feel the responsibilities of

their position most keenly, state that they cannot conscientiously vote otherwise than for Geer, as he is the choice of the people of Oregon, as shown by the election, and they argue, further, that the only way in which United States Senators will be elected by popular vote is to give every experiment, like the Mays' law, a fair test.

The Speakership is no settled affair. There are three prominent candidates—Eddy, of Tillamook and Yamhill; Harris, of Lane, and Davey, of Marion. Eddy is supposed to have the support of one faction and Harris of another. Harris wished to go to Salem as Senator at the coming session, but the powers that be in his particular country, induced him to forego the ambition and accept a nomination for Representative instead, promising him, it is understood, the Speakership. As for Davey, he is not backed by either of the Republican factions, but counts upon the unattached Republicans for his support and believes that at this time he has more strength than either of his rivals. The Multnomah delegation, of course, will have the deciding voice, but no one appears to know which way the Multnomah men intend voting. It is said that the delegation from Multnomah favor Eddy, and will support him as a unit, but there are several members in the crowd who assert that they have made no pledges and will cast their ballots independent of any dictation that may be attempted. The election of a Senator, however, will enter into every deal in the organization of the house and Senate, even down

to the appointment of committee clerks in many instances.—Portland Telegram.

It Meant Nothing.

The Senatorial question is being discussed by the people. The vote for Geer and its influence on the legislature is being talked of. All agree that as between Mr. Wood, the democratic nominee, and Geer the Governor won; as between Geer and other republicans who may be candidates for the senate, the vote expressed no choice and is not of any binding force on the legislature. It would seem that the people regard the vote of Mr. Geer, not as their choice for Senator among republicans, but as their preference between a democrat and a republican. Public sentiment has not centered on any one man in this part of the state.—Arlington Record.

Captain Samuel Bass, who came to the Pacific Coast in 1859 settling in Oregon, died at Whatcom Wash. Friday night, aged 71 years. He had been prominent in Democratic politics in Washington and Oregon for the past 40 years, holding numerous state and federal offices. He was born at Mount Holly, N. J. in 1831.

Senator Rawlins, of Utah, has asked Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones for assistance for 6000 Indians on the Navajo Reservation, in the southern part of that state, who are said to be starving.

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