

HEARS MR. BOOTH

Senatorial Candidate Greets Six Hundred and Replies to All Questions.

FIRM'S DEALS REVEALED

Charges Denied That Candidate for United States Senate Is Millionaire—World Fought From Early Youth, Story Told.

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speech was devoted to a clear-cut presentation of the leading campaign issues. His address follows in full:

70,000 Express Confidence. I am a candidate for the United States Senate and the nominee of the Republican party. Nearly 70,000 people in the primary election expressed their confidence in me by their support. A greater number of votes were cast for me than for any other candidate in my party in the history of Oregon.

I am not a candidate for office to gratify a personal ambition, nor to have been elected to any office. I have no office to seek. I am a member of the Oregon family, bound to the soil of Oregon by ties of affection and duty.

Called by my neighbors, without distinction of party in the United States, it becomes my honor and duty to put forth every legitimate effort to represent my constituents and to meet firmly every onslaught that seeks to encompass my defeat.

It has been my conviction that certain policies and their demonstrated and probable results as they affect the welfare of our people are the real matter of concern that is to be considered.

Coast Development Upermost. I believe that the development of the Pacific Coast and the physical question of so much importance to the people of Oregon, that to all the people who would make the United States their home.

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It is a great principle and their honest application that is at issue and not the personal interests of individuals.

I am alleged "millionaire," an aristocrat, un sympathetic with the plain people, and by insinuations I am made to appear as disreputable in my individual conduct and dishonest in the methods employed by business concerns with which I am connected.

The questions directly put to me by the Albany Democrat are: (1) Where did your company get its headquarters? (2) Where did your company get its headquarters?

These questions, subsequent to the putting of these questions to me, have caused me to doubt their sincerity but in my heart of hearts I am here to answer them out of my regard for the newer citizens of our state and those who are not so new.

My first utterance in this campaign was a promise to the people of the state of Oregon that I would conduct my campaign as an honest man who would say no to anything that I might say, that promise still holds.

I have not marked the scale upon any rule that shall measure my conduct. That I am not a millionaire, but I am a citizen who has made his money honestly and lawfully.

I have no desire to hide my record. It is therefore, familiar to most of our people. I understand full well and am embarrassed by the fact that it may be made a subject of personal reproach, but it cannot be avoided.

I emphasize that my address is to those who are acquainted with me. There are those in this audience and thousands within the state who are acquainted with me by reference made by these inquiries.

Books Open to Inquiry. Representatives of the great Government, supported by its vast treasury and aided and abetted by political machines as well as citizens acting in good faith, reviewed my conduct and probed the business with which I have been connected.

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I am aware of my shortcomings and that my life has not been as fruitful or as helpful to the state as I would have had them, but I can say with all good conscience, I have done my best.

I take it up to—to the "Crime of '91," but not to the "Crime of '91" of the organization of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company in that year.

Under the terms of the lease we were to cut a given amount of lumber monthly and to pay at the rate of \$1 a thousand for every stump cut, which was a profit.

The earliest recollection that I have of working for a wage is in raising hay in the summer of 1887 in the fields of Douglas County, for which I received 25 cents a day.

That summer was the first passed in the harvest fields. In that I have swung the scythe, bound the grain, pitched it from the header-wagon and stacked it in the machine. I have measured threshed grain at the threshing and carried them away from the machine, receiving double wages therefor.

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At the old Umpqua Academy, also in Douglas County, attended school and did janitor work at \$7.50 a term of three months. During that time, I cut cordwood by contract evenings and Saturdays and did such other things as were usual and necessary for other boys similarly situated.

Candidate Taught School at 17. At the tender age of 17 I taught country school at Civilt Bend in Douglas County and for several seasons following, taught at other places. My salary was \$39.37 a month and I "boarded round."

My first employment was as a bookkeeper for my parents with other members of the family in Eastern Oregon, where for two years I herded sheep for my father, whom I followed from place to place.

I have ridden the ranges of Eastern Oregon from the Willamette valley to the Canadian border and there slept beneath the snow, protected by a esauhrup and a saddle.

The first engagement of my own was as a bookkeeper for my parents in the early days of the settlement. My earnings were large as compared with those of my earlier years.

In 1891 I went from Douglas to Josephine County, where I worked as a bookkeeper for the Sugar Pine Door & Lumber Company.

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It is a fact to which I draw your attention that the average price paid for these railroad lands, purchased under these various contracts, was only \$1.25 per acre.

In 1904 the money becoming due for lands under early contracts was met by funds secured by bonding our lands, which we did for \$125,000.

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My success and benefits might have been in fact, should have been greater.

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