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RUMOR OF POLITICAL DEAL

Senator Bourne Said to Have Agreed
to Support Chamberlain and
in Turn Control Federal Patronage.

Who will be Portland's next Postmaster? The commission of John W. Minto, incumbent of this \$6000-per-annum plum, expires on December 9, and as that date approaches speculation increases as to who his successor will be. If Senator Bourne finally decided on a candidate for the place before leaving for the East a week ago, he either kept it to himself or telling it pledged his confidential friends to secrecy and they have said nothing.

While Bourne has the naming of Minto's successor, there is a possibility that Senator Fulton might prevent the confirmation of Bourne's choice by the Senate. There is an unwritten rule recognized alike by the Senators and the department officials at Washington, including the President, that the different Senators have the naming of postmasters in their home cities. However, there is one string attached to that arrangement—the appointee of one Senator must not be altogether objectionable to his colleagues.

Fulton May Block Way.

The relations between Fulton and Bourne are such that the attempt of the latter to foist one of his active co-workers onto Fulton might be opposed by the latter. The result might be that Fulton would be able to prevent a confirmation of the appointment by the Senate. In that event Minto would continue to hold the office until the deadlock was broken. This could be brought about by the appointment of a man who would not meet with Fulton's active opposition. Otherwise Minto would have a cinch on his \$6000-a-month job until the Legislature elects another Senator in January and that officer qualifies.

There is being circulated a rumor that will not do down to the effect that Bourne and Governor Chamberlain have reached an alliance the terms of which propose that Bourne shall not place any obstruction in the way of Chamberlain's election as Senator to succeed Fulton by the Legislature this Winter. In return for this concession, amounting to the support of Chamberlain for Senator, the Democratic Governor is said to have agreed to surrender without controversy to Bourne every bit of the political patronage which belongs to this state. Incidentally the alleged deal is said to propose that Major J. P. Kennedy, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, is to be appointed Postmaster, while John C. Young, Bourne's private secretary, is to be Assistant Postmaster; the two prospective appointees to divide equally the combined salary of the two offices and aggregating about \$9000 a year.

Those who have been following the Postmastership contest, however, discredit this report insofar as least as the appointment of Kennedy as Minto's successor is considered a probability. They charge that two years ago Kennedy was prominently associated with those who groomed Bailey-Beach-Freeman et al. on an anti-statement ticket in opposition to the efforts of Bourne to elect only statement men from this county in the interest of his candidacy for Senator. Subsequently, and that shortly after the election in 1906, Kennedy is said to have gone over to the Bourne camp, where he has since been a faithful laborer in the statement vineyard and all that pertained to the political fortunes of his master. But Bourne is said not to have forgotten Kennedy's activities in opposition to him two years ago, and for that reason, it is declared, probably will not make any great haste to confer the Postmastership on the county chairman.

The report has reached Portland that, while passing through Baker City en

route East, Bourne apprised some of his followers there that he proposed to appoint his private secretary, Young, to the Portland postmastership. Baker City is the former home of Young. Rumor has it that should Young be appointed and his appointment be confirmed by the Senate, he will name A. W. Orton, Representative-elect, as assistant postmaster. Orton recently married Young's daughter, and aside from that relationship, has for some time been playing Bourne's game. This combination, by which two good jobs would be kept in the family, is generally considered more probable of realization than the Kennedy-Young deal, which, at best, would not exactly suit Bourne's private secretary, who would not be satisfied with a subordinate position.

May Crowd Out Young.

At the same time it is questioned by some whether Bourne will undertake to appoint Young to so lucrative a job when there are so many other applicants. It is argued that Bourne would be more apt to sacrifice Young, whose Populistic training has not readily yielded to a combination of Republican and statement influence, and select for the postmastership a man that could be more useful to him in perpetuating the statement doctrine, to which he owes his election as Senator.

For some time it was rumored that Thomas McCusker was slated for Minto's place, but McCusker positively denies that he is a candidate for the postmastership or any other political job. When Bourne was elected two years ago McCusker did everything he could to bring about the election of a statement Legislature and to send Bourne to the Senate. Ever since then he has been Bourne's faithful lieutenant and adviser, and last Spring organized the state-wide legislative ticket in this county, and which was elected with but three exceptions.

Those who profess to understand McCusker and his ambition, however, de-

clare that while he might pass up the postmastership, it would be only because he has higher aspirations and really hopes some time to be made a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. At any rate, he is said not to be making any particular effort to get Minto's job in the Federal building. When asked about the postmastership, McCusker looks wise and says he has heard nothing of it and has no idea who will be named.

Small Chance for Coffey.

For some time John B. Coffey, State Senator-elect, was reported to have the plum within his grasp, but more recent developments in this state politically are said to have diminished his chances materially. Two years ago Coffey was a member of the House, elected as a statement man, and he worked hard and supported Bourne for Senator without any hope of reward, even spending his own money and receiving nothing whatever from Bourne. In return for this activity, which cost him many warm political friends, mutual friends of Coffey and Bourne went to the Senator and insisted that Coffey should be appointed postmaster. But even at that time, those interfering for Coffey were given no encouragement. Bourne positively declined, they said, to entertain Coffey's candidacy for the place.

Senator-elect Coffey refuses to discuss the subject and declares that he never mentioned, or caused to be mentioned, the matter to Bourne. Those who discredit the reports that either Kennedy, Young, McCusker or Coffey will receive the appointment, hold to the belief that when the time comes to name Minto's successor, Bourne will appoint his business partner, L. H. Adams, statement member and supporter of Bourne in the 1907 legislative session.

During his recent visit here Bourne gave out nothing substantial on which to base a prediction as to his probable



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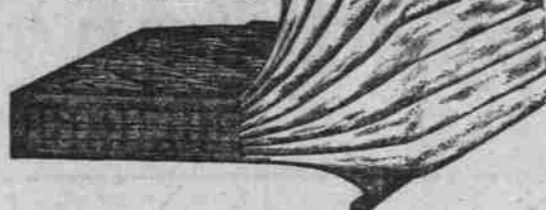
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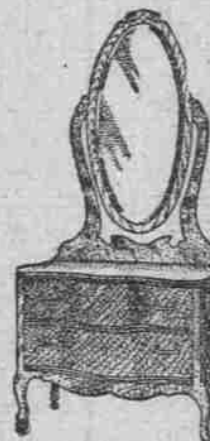


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