

**MR. MOSER CLAIMS  
17 VOTES FOR CHAIR**

Election as President of Senate Is Considered Certain. Mr. Olson Withdraws.

**OTHER PLEDGES EXPECTED**

Multnomah Candidate Says He Is Counting Only Those Republicans Who Have Made Definite Promises of Support.

Developments came rapidly yesterday in the race for President of the State Senate, which has been at a deadlock for the past couple of weeks, with five candidates in the field.



Senator Gus C. Moser, of Multnomah, Who Announces That He Has 17 Votes. One More Than a Majority, Pledged to Him for President of State Senate.

the first, made the positive announcement that he now has 17 votes pledged to his candidacy for President.

Coincidentally, Senator Conrad P. Olson, also of Multnomah, who has been a candidate for President since early in the race, announced his withdrawal.

"In withdrawing," said Senator Olson, "I do so because I believe it is to the best interests of the Senate and the Legislature that this controversy over the Presidency of the Senate should be settled before the session begins."

"When the result remains in doubt up to the opening of the session, it takes several days to get down to business afterward and the work of the session consequently is retarded."

**No Recommendation is Made.**  
"I wish to express my sincere thanks to those Senators who have given me their support. In releasing them from supporting me, I have no recommendations to make."

With Senator Olson's withdrawal, it is understood that Senator T. B. Handley, of Tillamook County, who has been considered an Olson supporter, will go to Mr. Moser.

"I now have 17 votes pledged to my candidacy," said Senator Moser last night, "and in a few days expect to be able to announce several more. An only 18 votes are necessary to elect my election as President of the Senate is assured."

"In making this announcement I am including only those Senators who have absolutely pledged me their votes, and Republican Senators. I am not counting a single Democrat, though I have every reason to believe that I am the choice of several of the five Democratic Senators."

**Unanimous Vote Expected.**  
"I am not yet ready to give out the names of my supporters, but I will say that by Monday or Tuesday I expect to be able to announce the pledges of several additional Senators. After that, I expect my election to become unanimous."

The withdrawal of Senator Olson leaves Senators Wood, of Washington; Hawley, of Polk; and Eddy, of Douglas, opposing Senator Moser.

The contest for Speaker of the House continues to be a warm one. Friends of Robert N. Stanfield, of Umatilla and Morrow counties, maintain that he has more than enough votes pledged to elect him without difficulty. On the other hand, supporters of Louis E. Bean, of Lane County, continue to work vigorously.

Arthur K. Peck, of Coos County, announced yesterday that he would support Mr. Bean.

"It seems to me that the issue of sectionalism is entering this contest when Mr. Stanfield is said to have the united support of Eastern Oregon," asserted Mr. Peck. "Consequently, as Representative from Coos County, I shall support the Willamette Valley candidate, Mr. Bean."

**CORNERSTONE IS LAID**  
MASON'S OFFICIATE AT ABERDEEN FEDERAL BUILDING CEREMONY.

Penny Coined in Washington's Administration, and Newspapers, Among Memorials Deposited.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The cornerstone for the Aberdeen \$75,000 Federal building, now under construction, was laid this afternoon with appropriate ceremonies conducted by the Aberdeen Masonic lodge and in which a number of permanent Masons of the state participated. Past Grand Master R. L. Sebastian, of this city, officiated as grand master. The oration was delivered by Bishop F. W. Keater, of Seattle.

Among memorials deposited in the stone were a penny coined in the Administration of George Washington, and copies of local and Northwest newspapers. Following the ceremonies a banquet was held in honor of the visitors and then came a smoker at the Masonic Temple.

Among the visiting Masons were: George Lawler, Tacoma, deputy grand master; Past Grand Master John Arthur, Seattle; Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, grand secretary; William H. Gorman, Seattle, grand historian; Royal A. Gove, Tacoma, past grand master; Thomas W. Hastie, Mount Vernon, grand senior steward.

To aid in walking on icy sidewalks, an inventor has patented sandals of a non-slippery material that can be clamped on shoes.

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