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SENATOR R. A. BOOTH.

The re-nomination of Hon. R. A. Booth for joint Senator of the sixth district, comprising the counties of Josephine, Douglas and Lane, by the republican delegations from these counties in State convention, met with general approval and endorsement throughout the district and especially in this county, where the people, after the recent demoralization of the lumber and timber business, resulting from car shortage and the great advance in freight rates January 1st, this year, were brought to a sudden and effective realization of what vital importance and benefit to the county and its people is the great industry which Mr. Booth has been instrumental in building up and fostering. Never before has the effect of his enterprise and energies, and his extensive operations, upon the commercial interests of the county been felt and realized so much as during the recent local industrial depression, a comparison of general business under the stimulation of Booth-Kelly Co's., active lumbering operations and the late suspension of these operations, being enough to convince the most skeptical that to R. A. Booth and his co-workers is due the credit for the great period of business activity; progress and upbuilding of Lane county towns, and the general development of the county's natural resources during the past five years; a period of prosperity never before equalled in the history of our county. And again, when by the action of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in nearly doubling the freight rate on lumber to California points, the great timber and lumber industry of Central Oregon was demoralized, before a large representation of Lane county citizens assembled under the directions of the Eugene Commercial Club to discuss the situation and devise ways and means to bring about relief to the lumbermen, Senator Booth ably expounded the cause of the lumbermen and both before and after his recent renomination pledged himself to work for a maximum freight rate, if re-elected to the Oregon senate, and it was no doubt partially due to his determined stand on this question, and his ability and influence that the S. P. Company acceded to the demands of the lumbermen and re-established the former reasonable freight rate, the announcement of which caused the fires to be rekindled in every saw mill furnace in the Willamette valley, and again put to work at remunerative wages, hundreds of laborers in the logging camps, timber camps and mills throughout Western Oregon.

It may be stated further than during his term as joint Senator, Mr.

Booth has distinguished himself in the upper branch of the Oregon legislature, he at once becoming one of the influential party leaders. His efforts in support of economical and remedial measures as well as legislation having for its object the advancement and upbuilding of the state's resources will bear the closest investigation, and will be found worthy of the highest commendation on the part of his constituency and the people generally. He is in a position, owing to his popularity and influence to accomplish even greater things for his constituency, his district and the state at large if elected to a second term in the Oregon senate, and judging from the reports from various parts of this and the other two counties in his district he will be re-elected by even a larger vote than was given him four years ago, of which he and his party had cause to feel very proud. In conclusion we will say that a vote cast for Hon. R. A. Booth is a vote cast in support of our growing industries, the development of our resources and for economical and judicious legislation.

Booze and business make fine pace-makers for bankruptcy.

Lee M. Travis, nominated for District Attorney by the democrats, refuses to make the race.

Politics not only makes strange bed fellows in these uncertain days, but some mighty restless sleepers.

The Senate has passed Senator Mitchell's bill permitting the cutting of public timber in Oregon and Washington for use in developing mining claims.

An extensive deposit of coal has been found in Alaska. How convenient for the coal man! Right next door to the gold fields.

"The stroke of a lion's paw is the third strongest force in the animal world. The first is a blow of a whale's tail, the second the kick of a giraffe." Where does the Missouri mule come in?

The democrats of Glendale nominated the republican editor of their local paper for justice of the peace. If elected, he will let them off with the lowest limit no doubt, should any of the brethren be brought before him.

The U. S. Geological Survey, Captain C. D. Walcott commanding, will now go to work to spend its appropriation of \$3,300,000. Senator Stewart alleges that it has never yet discovered a mine or promoted the interests of the miner.

Students of astronomy tell us that all the planets and other heavenly bodies known to us, with one exception, are in the exact position this year as at the time of the flood and dire calamities are predicted when that one planet gets into line.

Hon. Edwin O. Potter, Republican nominee for district judge is a strong man and a competent jurist. He was born in Lane county and received his education at the public schools and afterwards at the University of Oregon, from which he graduated in 1887. Subsequently the University conferred on him the degree of A. M. Upon the completion of the classical course he entered the law department of the University of Oregon, graduating from there in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Law. In June of the same year he was admitted to the bar of Oregon, and immediately commen-

ced practice in Eugene. From 1890 to 1894 he served as deputy district attorney for Lane county. In 1896 he was elected county judge, and served four years, since which time he has devoted himself to practice of his profession.

The railroad people operating in Oregon caught onto the situation just after they heard something drop at Cottage Grove.

If you have not registered, don't neglect the matter another day. Only a fraction over 15 days is left in which to get your name on the voting list.

Every citizen of Oregon will want to vote in June, as well as for President in November. He cannot do so if he is not registered. Under the law the registration books close May 16.

It will soon be time to make arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial Day. It will not do to let a year go by without suitable services in memory of the soldiers who gave their best years to their country's service and who have since journeyed to the great beyond.

The Eugene Daily Guard paid the LEADER the following appreciated compliment in its issue of last Saturday: "With this week's issue the Cottage Grove LEADER turns its sixteenth mile-stone. The LEADER is one of Lane county's best weekly newspapers, and enjoys a big business. Since W. C. Conner has had charge of the paper it has been greatly improved."

The St. Louis exposition is scheduled to open on Saturday April 30th. Matters are in forward shape. All the exhibition palaces have been completed for some time, and the great festival hall is booked to be finished in a week or so. Landscape gardening is going on and millions of plants, that filled 20,000 cars, are being set out. The uncovered buildings will roof in far more acres than both Chicago and Buffalo. It seems to justify all the promises.

A Pleasant Evening.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. royally entertained a large number of guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lea, Tuesday evening. One of the interesting and amusing features of the evening was the debate on the question, "Resolved, that woman should carry her own pocket book." Rev. Billington led the affirmative, assisted by Thos. Medley, while Mrs. F. Wheeler and D. T. Awbrey championed the negative. The judges after due deliberation decided in favor of the affirmative and woman is permitted to continue carrying her own (empty) pocket book, while her old man blows in the pin money for tobacco, cigars and beer. Other features of the evening were readings, vocal and instrumental music and at a late hour refreshment were served after which a number of new and honorary members were secured. It was indeed, a pleasant evening.

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