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EDITORIAL

Senator Bourne Again a Candidate.

It is gratifying to learn that Senator Bourne of Oregon is after all to be a candidate to succeed himself. He could not have been defeated at the primaries, if he had worked for the nomination; but, believing that his place of duty was at the national capitol, he stayed there through the primary campaign, leaving his official record to speak for itself. A good record it is. But democracy hasn't yet had experience enough with good records to understand them without the voice of a candidate to interpret. So Senator Bourne was defeated by an inferior man. But this man has been making a record since his nomination which the people do understand, and a cry for Bourne has gone up backed by a 12 per cent petition. For the sake of the democracy of Oregon, and for the good of the whole country, let us hope that Bourne will be re-elected with a majority big enough to leave no doubt of the political intelligence of the Oregon electorate.

Singletax Statistics.

Urgent inquiries for statistical information as to the effect of the Singletax have been so frequent that we are glad to refer to another local compilation* which is of great general as well as local value. Although this is a public document,

*See The Public, vol. xiv, pp. 824, 844, 925, 997.