

## LEGISLATORS PRICK UP EARS AT ELEVENTH

CURIOSITY AROUSED WHEN DISTRICT ORGANIZES 'FOR HOME INTERESTS.'

MOVE FOR SPEAKER SEEN

Members of the 1921 Legislature from twelve districts of the State are wondering what the Republican organization leaders and legislators from the Eleventh district have up their sleeves. The Eleventh district Representatives held a meeting last Friday night at Wabash, called by District Chairman John A. Jones of Marion, and perfected an organization for "the furtherance of legislation to the interest of the district."

Alfred B. Hogston, State Senator from Grant County, was named president of the organization, and D. M. Coppock, Representative from Marion, was made secretary and treasurer. Senator Hogston is the avowed enemy of the Public Service Commission, and during the special session introduced a bill for the abolishment of the board.

THOSE WHO ATTENDED

Those who attended the organization meeting were:

Senators Alfred B. Hogston, Marion; Oliver Kline, Huntington; C. Leroy Leonard, Wabash; Walter J. Boehmer,

Logansport.

Representatives—Wayne S. Tucker and Albert Shugart, Marion; E. E. Youse, Markie; D. M. Coppock, Peru; Charles E. Richardson, Logansport.

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known that he has been making a quiet

but active canvass for this place, and it

is said he has the support of the Eleventh district delegation in the Assembly in his candidacy.

It is considered likely that the Eleventh district will split over the speakership. John F. McClure, who is said to be the favored candidate of Governor, is elected to the speakership for the job as Speaker of the House, probably will not be able to line up the Eleventh district representation to support him.

In the primary campaign the lines were drawn tight in Grant and surrounding counties in the gubernatorial contest. Senator Hogston, who has a large following in the county, was a strong follower, and openly was against the nomination of McCray for Governor. This gave him an advantage, and he would name favor the naming of McClure as Speaker of the House and since he was influential in the naming of Wayne S. Tucker to succeed Robert McGibben as candidate for Representative, when Mr. McGibben was declared ineligible for the place, it is almost certain he will exert enough influence over Tucker to have him work for Youse, if the delegation decides to stand by the Huntington

district man.

KNOWN TO HAVE FAVORABLE McCRAY.

Jones, however, who is a farmer and a smooth politician, was known to be favorable to the nomination of McCray. It is said the organization meeting may have been held to wipe out any discordant notes that may have been left over after the 1920 campaign.

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would stick together, it is pointed out that it could be successful in presenting almost any demand in either branch of the assembly.

Jones, it is said, would not be averse to being named State chairman of the Republican party two years hence. He has an organization now in Grant county and in the Eleventh district that is the pride of the district and is one of the best in the State.

His name has been mentioned several times for the State chairmanship. If Jones is able to unite the Eleventh district delegation in the Legislature, the chances are more favorable that he can put over legislation that would place him in a position where he could hardly be denied any favor he might ask of the party in two or four years.

That it is said, may be another one of the reasons why the organization of the district was perfected.

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