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The unusual distinction of having refused to become a United States senator from Nebraska when he might have had the honor by merely hodding his head belonged to R. B. Schneider, the semont man who died the other day. It was back in 1901, when the state legislature had two togas to distribute. This peculiar situation came about through the death of Senator Hayward who had been elected two years before and

rafiroads af Nebraska controlled pocated practically all opposition to that control tool to fighting among them. selves. D. E. Thompson wanted to be United States senator, and the Burington railroad wanted him to have the honor. The Union Pacific and Northwestern objected to the Burlington naming Thompson, and their political representatives joined with personal enemies of Thompson to make it their special business to see that he did not get the place. Thomp-son, after weeks of balloting, was able to get a caucus nomination from the republicans, but the opposition get that cauchs and to decline to vote for

Thompson was not elected. For years known as the Northwestern group of politicians, but was beginning 4

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of the contestants for the senatorial honors and dividing the senatorships among themselves, Dietrich getting the short term and Miller the long