

A Tribute to Burkett

The Fremont Tribune speaks as follows of Hon. E. J. Burkett: The congressional directory gives this condensed sketch of the member from the First Nebraska district:

Elmer Jacob Burkett, republican, was born in Mills County, Ia. on a farm December 1, 1857; attended public school and afterward Tabor college at Tabor, Ia., from which institution he graduated in June 1890, upon his graduation was elected principal of the schools at Leigh, Neb., which position he held two years when he entered the state university of Nebraska for a law course; received from this institution the degree of LL. B. in 1890 and LL. M. in 1895; was ad-



mitted to the bar in Lincoln in 1893, and has practiced law there ever since; was also elected trustee of the Tabor college in 1895; was elected a member of the state legislature in 1896; was elected to the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh congresses and re-elected to the fifty-eighth congress receiving 16,534 votes to 11,603 for F. H. Hanks, fusion, 579 for T. B. Frazer, prohibitionist and 350 for Christ Christensen, socialist.

It will thus be seen that Mr. Burkett was but thirty-one years old when he was first sent to congress. He has served for five

years in that capacity and was a few days ago nominated by acclamation for a fourth term. He ranks high in the lower house of congress, being one of the most influential members of that body. He is a warm friend of Speaker Cannon, who gives him frequent recognition. He is a member of the committee on appropriations, one of the best committees of the house.

Mr. Burkett occupies the distinguished and unique position of being a candidate for two offices at one time. Already nominated for another term in the lower house he is also being vigorously pushed for United States senator, in which he is carrying everything before him.

In December last year the Tribune brought him out for this position, being the first newspaper to urge his promotion to the higher place. Since that day his candidacy has been espoused by no fewer than one-hundred-fifty republican newspapers and hosts of republicans in all parts of the state. There has been a singular unanimity of sentiment in favor of him.

The state central committee at a meeting held in January declared in favor of the nomination of a senatorial candidate by the state convention and recommended that the matter be referred to the county conventions for action. Thus far about fifteen counties have held conventions and nearly all have declared in favor of the nominating plan. The number of delegates that have been instructed in the matter is 316, or nearly one-third the entire convention, and 300 of these are for Mr. Burkett. It is evident that the convention will decide by an overwhelming majority to make a nomination and the nominee will be Mr. Burkett. There was never a more popular candidate nor political program.

Mr. Burkett is an indefatigable worker, is a clean and capable man. He is a campaigner of exceptional ability. Two years ago he made his first political speech in Fremont and the rally addressed by him was a memorable occasion. He was fresh from a two months stumping tour in Maine and was loaded to the bin with republican thunder. He took his audience by storm and that speech has been the talk of the town ever since. It resulted in a call for him to deliver an address to the high school graduating class the following June. On this occasion he demonstrated that he could speak equally well on other than political topics.

That Mr. Burkett would grace a senatorial seat is conceded by all.

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Resolutions.

Falls City Lodge No. 28 A. O. U. W. adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, maker and creator of all beings, to call from our lodge, Brother G. H. Neal, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Neal this lodge lost a true and faithful brother Workman, the country an esteemed and honored citizen, the family a loved one, whose loss is irreparable.

Resolved, That the charter of this lodge be draped for the per-

iod of sixty days and a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minute book of said lodge, a copy be published in the city papers and a copy be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

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