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SENATOR BURKETT

Shall Senator Burkett be returned to his seat in the upper branch of congress?

Next year the voters of Nebraska will answer this question and for the first time they, and not the legislature will say whom the senator shall be, for the Oregon plan of making popular choice will then be invoked, under the new law.

Mr. Burkett will at that time have finished a service of twelve years in Washington, six years in the lower house and six years in the senate. During this time the people of this state have had opportunity to take his measure. It is not forgotten that in 1904-5, when a senator was to be chosen the republicans of Nebraska turned with practical unanimity to Mr. Burkett. He was then completing his third term in the House. In that body he had gained a position of prominence and power. He had advanced to membership to the Committee on Appropriations. He had demonstrated a genius for hard and systematic work. He was a digger and delver and this propensity counted greatly in his favor as a really useful member. The people of this state saw this.

They saw in him the elements they thought would be even more useful in the upper house. To make sure of his selection they inaugurated a new method of selecting the nominee for senator. They declared in favor of a convention nomination, so that the choice might be brought as nearly as possible to the people. At the caucuses and in county conventions the issue was made, with the result that Mr. Burkett was nominated in the state convention on the first ballot by a four-fifths majority. In this and in the convention of the following year when political passes were declared against for the first time in a republican platform and when railroad domination was ended by the defeat of their preferred candidates for judge of the supreme court, Mr. Burkett played a strong and conspicuous part. He was one of the first "progressives" in Nebraska and has been identified with the movement since it began. While he hasn't always pleased all who call themselves "progressive," he has won the approval of the leader of the movement, Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, who says he is "a progressive progressing."

In the Senate Mr. Burkett has as faithfully and intelligently represented his constituency as he did in the House. He has been responsive to the needs and wishes of the people, though taking no narrow or restricted view of national interests. No constituents have appealed to him in vain. He has been active in promoting better postal facilities. He has never overlooked the claims or the deserts of the old soldier, and no senator has been more efficient or prompt than he in serving his constituents in pension matters. On public lands and irrigation, in revision of the tariff as well as all other interests peculiar to the welfare of a western state, he has taken practical ground.

His work in the extra session of

Congress to compel the redemption of platform pledges was arduous and effective. He was one of the force of insurgents in the senate who succeeded in bringing that body to a stricter compliance with party obligations. He stood for tariff revision downward, and what he and his associates failed to get incorporated into law was in part obtained by the president in confidence on the bill, after which Senator Burkett voted for its passage. He stands shoulder to shoulder with the president in favor of the masses with respect to tariff legislation.

During his ten years in Washington there has been no breath of suspicion concerning a single act of Mr. Burkett, and there never will be. He is absolutely clean in his public and private life. He is morally what the most exacting could wish him to be. He measures up in his standard of manhood to what an enlightened, God-fearing citizenship of a great state may expect of its representatives in high places. Notwithstanding his long service he is still young, energetic and ambitious. He is growing every day and is more capable of rendering better service in the future than he has given in the past.

Influence comes with knowledge and experience. This is especially true in the United States senate, where seniority gives prestige. There are many good reasons why Mr. Burkett should be retained in his present position, and the indications are that a majority of the people of Nebraska are so minded.—Blair Pilot.

Big Charity Entertainment.

On December 25th, (Christmas night) Herbert Kerr will put on at the Gehling Opera house his latest play with a cast of local celebrities, for the benefit of charity. The leading ladies role will be in the hands of Mrs. John Crook, and is that of a female philanthropist. The leading comedy role (that of a German Baron) will be played by Peter Kaiser. There will be two professional theatrical persons in the cast. Phoebe Cardwile-Kerr and Frank Watters. The balance of the big cast will be made up of Falls City's very best talent. The complete cast announced later.

Mr. Kerr has just completed this play and has not yet secured a suitable title for same, so as an inducement to secure a title he will offer a prize of \$25 to anyone in the audience suggesting the title which he accepts. All persons in the audience will be furnished with paper slips on which they may write a title and their name and address. A box will be placed in the lobby to receive these as the audience leaves the theatre and whoever suggests the title which is accepted will receive the prize.

This entertainment is for a worthy cause, for there are many families in Falls City who are in almost destitute circumstances. This cold weather a few tons of coal, wood, provisions, etc, distributed in this manner will bring Christmas cheer to many hearts. There will be two prices for tickets, \$1.00 for those on the lower floor and 50 cents for all those in the balcony.

Notice.

As I have bought out Miss Brebeck's winter hats, I will have a thirty days sale, beginning December 8th, on all my winter hats to clean up the stock and make room for new spring goods. I have the finest and largest line of trimmed hats in the city and they all go at a great sacrifice. I also have a nice assortment of Holiday goods, which will go at a very low price. Come early and avoid the rush at the Bon Ton, or the Brebeck building.

MISS H. C. ANDERSON,
Proprietress.

AN OLD FRIEND'S TRIBUTE

ONE OF THE "TRIUMVIRATE" PASSES AWAY.

Biographical Sketch of "Honest Ben" Miles—Pioneer, Friend and Wise Counselor.

To The Tribune—Inasmuch as The Tribune went to press too early last week to admit of any notice of the death of Ben. F. Miles, and aware of your desire to do justice to the memory of a faithful friend, and one who gave the best of his manhood's years to the welfare of country and fellow-man, I herewith forward for publication this week a brief sketch of Mr. Miles' history, prepared under conditions that makes it both authentic and interesting at this time.

The long and intimate friendship between H. S. Belden, Ben F. Miles and the writer, begot the jocular appellation of "The Grant Precinct Triumvirate." During the campaign of 1896, the junior member decided to kick over the "gold bug" traces and help Bryan with his "crown of thorns." Ben felt so disconsolate at the disruption of the "Triumvirate" that the writer agreed to write his biography as evidence that friends may differ in their political views without severing the ties of friendship. The copy was so cherished by Ben that it was filed away among his important papers, and was handed the writer the other day by one of the sons.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas. A FRIEND.

Biographical Sketch of Honorable Ben. F. Miles.

Hon. B. F. Miles was born in Adams County, Illinois, in 1841. When he was but three year old his father died, and soon afterwards, with his mother's people—the Summers—he moved to Wisconsin, where he remained until attaining to manhood.

At the age of twenty-one, August 18th, 1862, he enlisted in Co. C, 33d Wisconsin infantry, and served his country faithfully until his regiment was mustered out at St. Louis in 1865. He is one of the few old soldiers who returned home without having conferred upon him the title of captain, major, colonel or general, but his old comrades and friends are none the less proud of the phibonious title of plain, "Honest Ben."

At the close of the war he returned to Wisconsin and engaged in farming, but after planting his first crop in 1866, he sold out his interest in it and set out for Nebraska. He crossed the Missouri at Brownville, in November of the same year, with a cash capital of \$20, a team, wagon and harness. He immediately homesteaded the quarter section on which he has since resided, which took \$14 of the \$20 to pay for the entry fee, leaving him \$6 to subsist on until he opened up a farm and raised a crop—a sum barely sufficient at the present time to take a modern dade through an Old Settlers picnic. With his team he trucked, hauled, swapped work and shifted in every manner common to pioneers, until he managed to break out land and raise the first crop. Under the requirements of the homestead law it was necessary to build a house and live in it at least six months. It is easy to imagine what a costly mansion Ben first built for his six dollars; but as he is noted for being a law abiding citizen, he complied with spirit and letter of the law, and built a castle in proportion to his means. Plain and unassuming as the structure was, it was a home, and had all the charms for him of a marble palace, but returning one evening with his team, after a long siege of lumber-hauling from a saw mill, he was dumb-founded with

amazement at finding that some heartless wretch had as maliciously and surreptitiously purloined his house, as did the gold bugs the act through congress, demonizing the silver dollar. It was lifted bodily on to a truck and carted away by some enterprising settler, who if not hanged by this time, has doubtless been elected a bank president or member of congress. The incident was not without a good result however, which more than compensated for the loss of the house; Ben conceived the idea that it was not good for a man, or a house, to be alone, and following this course of reasoning to its logical conclusion, he wisely decided to abandon the life of a desolate bachelor, for that of a MAN. October 18th, 1868, he was married to Mary, daughter of Thomas Graham, living near Salem, who for twenty-four years proved a worthy and devoted helpmate in assisting to build up a model home; but she was not permitted to enjoy in her autumn of life the competence amassed through years of diligent industry and frugality. After long and patient suffering she passed away in 1892, leaving two daughters and three sons, all of whom are now living with the father, and following the industrious pursuits of their honored parents.

No man ever enjoyed a larger degree of the confidence and esteem of his neighbors than Mr. Miles, and none could be more retiring and unassuming in his ways and manners. In 1884 he was elected a member of the state legislature, but after the close of the campaign he was taken ill with typhoid fever and was unable to take his seat in the session that followed, and our county was deprived of its most faithful and intelligent representative. For a number of years he represented Grant precinct as a member of the county board, and was noted for strict diligence to duty, obliging disposition towards every individual and section, and unbending honesty. Not a year passes but that he is not importuned by friends to allow them to honor him with some nomination—which in his case would be equivalent to an election—but he invariably stands back to make room for aspirants more noted for gall than gallantry.

Two years ago while assisting at a well, the handle of a windlass slipped out of his hands, and with the rapidity of a lightning bolt struck him above the forehead, fracturing the skull. It looked for a time as if his days were numbered, but under the skill of that eminent surgeon, Dr. Andrews of Stella, he recovered, and while he can never be as robust as formerly, there is a long and happy future in store for him; and his wise counsel will prove valuable aid to his children in the farm operations, as well as tending to pilot the party—of which he is an ardent member—from the pitfalls and snares of irresponsible satraps.

Notice.

On account of the advanced price of labor and the high price of feed we, the undersigned, shall have to charge, after January 1st, 1910, the following prices to deliver coal and wood to the different parts of the city:

- One (1) ton of coal or over, 75 cents each.
- One-half (½) ton or less, 50 cts.
- One (1) rick of wood or over, 50 cents a rick.
- One-half (½) rick or less, 35 cts.

If the same must be carried in that much more will be charged than it costs to deliver the article to any part of town. (Signed),

C. A. HANNAH,
C. A. HECK,
P. S. HEACOCK & SON,
JENKINS BROS.
MAUST BROS.
JOHN ROSS,
JAMES MOORE,
JAMES GILROY,
FRANK BISTMICK,
DENNIS MCCARTHY, 59-41

—Free government homesteads in Montana. Fertile soil, mild climate and good markets. Lands produce 40 bushels winter wheat and all kinds of small grains and grasses in abundance. Also deeded land from \$5 up, on easy terms. Address Ingram Cain, Choteau, Mont. 43-28

Notice to Redeem From Tax Sale.
Notice is hereby given, that J.H. Shafer purchased of the county treasurer of Richardson county, Nebraska, at private tax sale, on the 15th day of April, 1908, the west half of the east half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, of section sixteen, township three, range seventeen, situated and lying in Richardson county, Nebraska, and containing ten acres of land more or less, for the taxes of the year 1887, and assessed in the name of Adam Michel. That on the 10th day of December, 1908, the said purchaser, J. H. Shafer, duly assigned the said tax certificate of purchase to the undersigned; that the time of redemption will expire on the 16th day of April 1910; that unless said premises are redeemed on or before the last named date, he will apply to the county treasurer of said county for a tax deed for the same.
Dated December 22d, 1909.
First publication Dec. 24, 3 weeks.
WALTER ORR,
Assignee.

Christmas Editions.
The Fairbury News' annual Christmas edition was a hummer. They mailed December 17, presumably for the same reason that The Tribune mailed on that date—to give the advertisements just the right amount of time for circulation before Christmas day. Fairbury merchants are alive to the fact that a newspaper ad gets the "biz," as is evidenced by the generous patronage tendered the News in its thirty-two pages.

The Clay County Patriot came to our exchange table, dated Dec. 17, in a beautiful, colored cover. Clay Center is a small town, but you wouldn't think it by looking at the Christmas issue that Editor Jessup got out—the paper would do credit to a much larger town. It was a clean, well printed paper, chock full of well-set advertisements.

Burchard, Neb., has but one newspaper—The Times—and if its publisher, Walter C. Ray, formerly of Falls City, keeps on getting out as good a paper as he has been for the past months, there will not be any cause to want another.
The Times came to our exchange table this week in a colored cover, inside of which was the Christmas edition of that publication. The paper was not large, but made up for size in quality, as it was a neat, well-edited and perfectly printed paper.

The Blaine County Booster, a paper published at Dunning, Neb., issued a special "booster" edition in the form of a Christmas edition last week. It's a new paper, having only issued its fourth week, and is just what its name imparts—a "booster." Here is its motto: "The world is what we make it; so of the day—boost!" This special Christmas—Booster edition is certainly a credit to any county, and in looking it over one is impressed that the merchants know "how" to advertise and, too, that the printer in charge knows "how" to put their ads in type.

A unique cover came to us this week with the Gallatin, Mo., North Democrat's holiday paper. About four score of Daviess county's handsome young ladies were grouped together in one large half-tone picture and decorated the front page. The paper was printed in five sections of eight pages each and was running over with advertisements that would do credit to any metropolitan printing office from point of printer's art. Gallatin is the home of Mr. McDowell, who worked at the Journal office some weeks ago and this publication is published by his father.

The Nebraska City Daily Press celebrated the Holidays with a big edition, encased in a nice colored cover, Saturday. It was a greatly enlarged paper and was filled with reasonable reading. The Press rarely ever lets an issue of its paper reach its readers without a good word or suggestion for the betterment of its town and this edition was no exception.

Business.

The streets are now thronged with busy buyers and the merchants are raising their heads in ecstasy. The activity of the thoroughfare beams with metropolitan life. What is the use of harping about hard times? Our town has stood well the test of monetary stringency, our people are living well, our city is progressing, we have all the advantages and resources that could be reasonably wished for; then, why should our people continue to complain of hard times? The least sort of misfortune or bad times and bad conditions the better it will be in the end. Let us lift our voices and with one accord exult over good luck during the few months. Let us speak the truth of our resources, our business and our general stability. Ours is a good, solid, progressive, conservative city with brilliant prospects of being some day a metropolis and we can do much for it by speaking of its continual, steady advancement. Let us do it.

Covers All Alike.

The newspapers which issued Holiday and Christmas editions in this section of the country evidently purchased them from the same place. The following all used the same covers:

- Falls City News.
- Blaine County Booster.
- Nebraska City Press.
- Clay County Patriot.
- Burchard Times.

Notice.

We are instructed to collect box rents at this postoffice at the rates stated below from January 1, 1909.
Call boxes, small—35c.
Lock boxes, small—60c.
Lock Boxes, medium—75c.
Lock boxes, large—\$1.00.
G. J. CROOK, P. M.

—Watertown Wisconsin Rye flour flour of C. A. Heck.

JAQUET'S XMAS POINTERS FOR SHOPPERS

Every year styles seem to improve and every time the Christmas season rolls around we can say with all honesty that our stock is more attractive than the year before.

The following are a few pointers that will help decide the puzzling question of WHAT TO GIVE.

Watches

The gift of gifts, that will delight any member of the family. Our extensive knowledge of watches makes us leaders, not only in repairing, but also in selling watches. A full line of Elgin, Waltham, Hamilton and Howard Watches, with only the best gold-filled and solid gold cases always on hand.

Fobs

For those who have a watch, a Fob is a very acceptable gift. We have them in a great variety.

Rings

Nothing adds more beauty to a man's or woman's hand than a beautiful signet or set ring. Jaquet's rings are all solid gold, 10k, 14k and 18k.

Jewelry

One of the most staple articles of jewelry appropriate for a Christmas gift, is a brooch, either gold filled or solid gold.

Scarf Pins

Are always admired and are much worn by men. We have them with large and small stones and without sets, in gold filled or solid gold.

Hat Pins

That will hold any hat on a woman's head—every one a beauty and a credit to the giver.

Neck Chains

and Locketts. The desire for Neck Ornaments is increasing. To supply this demand we have chains for all, from the baby to the middle-aged lady, with lockets to suit the most exacting taste.

Cuff Links

For men and women, in the newest designs, best quality and lowest prices, to suit every individual taste and pocketbook.

Back Combs

Will be worn very extensively the coming season. Would be an acceptable gift for any woman.

Purses

Mesh Bags, large and small, and other purses in our stock, make ideal gifts.

Toilet Articles

A combination of utility and beauty can be found in Jaquet's Toilet Sets, and other articles necessary in the daily toilet.

Cut Glass

Rich American Cut Glass is unsurpassed as a gift for the home. It would pay you to see our line of cut glass before buying.

A. E. JAQUET

"The Old Reliable"
Opposite Postoffice

LOOK THEM OVER Pick Out the Watch



suit to your individual self. Get the size and style that you want—and our SPECIAL this-week-price will make you a customer.

Don't judge until you see our styles and know our prices. We are safe in saying that you will be pleasantly surprised, whether you pay \$5.00 or \$50.00 or more.

This is a Real Bargain Sale on Watches
And it will pay you to visit us this week

R. B. SIMPSON

North Window Kerr's Pharmacy

Falls City, Nebraska