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SEN. ELMER J. BURKETT.

Some experts in figuring out where Senator Burkett stands by the per cent method of voting for or against the Aldrich faction in LaFollette's weekly magazine this week may have little effect if the people of the country understand what measures Senator Burkett favored and which he voted against and some which he talked for and voted against the same day in which he sends out broadcast a speech in favor of the bill in which he records his vote against.

The question with Nebraska people is whether their senator voted for Nebraska interests when he voted against the Aldrich faction or stand-patters for high tariff or revision upward. Senator Aldrich may have been right when Senator Burkett voted against him many times and vice-versa. Senator Aldrich seems to have pleased the people he represented and many things in common in which all the people of our country are interested, yet we find Burkett voting against free lumber with Aldrich, against free leather, boots, shoes and hides, against free sugar from the Philippines, against free harvesters, mowers and machinery, against art works over 25 years old to be admitted free, and numberless other articles that would benefit the whole people or common people of Nebraska by lower living expenses. Senator Burkett raised his hand against them.

It was the trusts and monopolies that he cast his vote for, for is it not through them and their influence that he expects to get his name emblazoned as a bright and shining light, a star in the senate? It was so generally, but the people are waking up to the acts of their representatives and senators. They may break out from behind a dark cloud to shine as a meteor for a few years, but if the people do not want to be humbugged all the time they should awaken from their slumbers and retire this would-be meteor at first opportunity in no uncertain nor faltering manner.

Quoting from the World-Herald of Nov. 16, under the title of "Going or Coming?"

"Senator Burkett certainly made a record during the tariff session that was calculated to justify misgivings whether he was going or coming. During that entire session, there were 129 roll calls in the senate. On seventy of these Burkett voted with Aldrich, and fifty-eight he voted against Aldrich; on one he did not vote. Taking Aldrich as the bell-wether of standpatism, the basis of comparison, Burkett would appear to have been 45.2 per cent aggressive and 54.8 per cent reactionist or standpat; for he voted with Aldrich 51.8 per cent of the times, and against him 45.2 per cent of the times. It will be conceded that Mr. Burkett, on that basis, was a lot more progressive than Smoot of Utah, whose record is perfect; he voted with Aldrich every time.

"By taking LaFollette as a standard of comparison, Burkett makes a trifle better showing. It appears that on sixty rolls Burkett voted with LaFollette, and on sixty-one he voted against him. Doubtless Senator LaFollette would be willing to admit that his own record was a safe standard of comparison; that the man who voted with him 100 per cent of the time had a perfect score. Well, using this as the basis of comparison, Burkett voted with LaFollette sixty times and against him sixty-one times; that is, his record was 49.5 per cent progressive, and 50.5 per cent reactionary, or standpat. The civil service rules requires 70 per cent in an examination to secure admission to the eligible list. In a civil service examination on his showing for progressiveness, Mr. Burkett would never get away from the post."

Secretary Wilson on The Chicago Stock Show.

The Honorable James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, in speaking of the International Live Stock Exposition, which is to be held this year from Nov. 27 to Dec. 10, said:

"The International Live Stock Exposition as an educational factor has carved a niche for itself.

"Producers are confronted with the problem of increased cost of every commodity that they use, greatly enhancing their expendi-

ture. "Obviously this necessitates rigid economy, and the man who reduces cost of production to a minimum insures maximum profits and his own survival where others fail.

"The International is teaching its valuable lesson to the country at an opportune moment.

"During the period of cheap feed and feed lot extravagance such education was not valued, because its benefits were not realized at the time.

"Under new conditions, the man who produces beef, pork and mutton cannot afford the use of inferior machinery in his business.

"Economy requires that he handle the very best types of the most improved breeding; and these lessons can be obtained at the International Live Stock Exposition, which is acknowledged to be an educational institution of the highest order in its line."

The Mule and the Farmer

The mule is stronger than the man. Though the mule is stronger than the man; the man manages the mule for his own purposes. He puts a bridle on him and a saddle and rides on his back. He puts harness made of leather on the mule, and by speaking to him and giving him plenty of licks, he induces him to walk and pull a wagon while the man gets into the wagon and rides. The mule does much hard work, but all the money gained by the mule's hard work the man appropriates to himself. The mule lives roughly, is fed in a trough, and sleeps on the ground on a little straw. The man eats on a table and sleeps in a warm bed. The mule is a useful animal to man.

The farmer is stronger than the monopolist. Though the farmer is stronger than the monopolist the monopolist manages him for his own purpose. He puts bridle, called loyalty to party, in his mouth, a saddle on his back and rides him where he wills. He puts harness made of prejudice on the farmer, and by making speeches to him, and giving him plenty of taffy induces him to walk and draw a monopolist carriage.

The farmer does much hard work, but the money gained by the farmers work the monopolist appropriates himself. The farmer has become poor and lives roughly on a mortgaged farm and eats plain food from shelves and tin plates and sleeps on straw. The farmer is very useful to the monopolist.

MORAL: Those who do not use their brains for themselves must use their muscles for somebody else.—The Anderson Mo. News.

Farmers Institute.

The farmers institute will be held in Valentine Friday afternoon and evening, Dec. 3, 1909. The following is the program:

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
1:30 Planning and Cooking a Meal - Miss Myrtle Kauffman, Lincoln
2:30 Field Management for the Potato Crop - C. L. Fitch, Ft. Collins, Colo.
3:30 Management of Land - Prof. E. W. Hunt, Syracuse, N. Y.
4:30 The Art of Cooking - Miss Kauffman
5:30 Storing, Grading and Marketing Potatoes - Mr. Fitch
6:30 Agricultural Education - Prof. Hunt

Each of these instructors are real students and teachers of their subjects.

You can get along without hearing them but you should not miss this opportunity to attend this meeting. Those who were here last year will come again and no need to more than notify them of the date. One day at this meeting can well be spared by everybody within a day's drive of Valentine. Why should we beg you to come? There is no benefit excepting that the people attend these meetings and learn of new methods and scientific experience. Prof. Hunt has already manifested a deep interest in Cherry county and he is well worth hearing. He is an enthusiast in his work and always has advanced thought on the topics most interesting to farmers and stockmen.

Mr. Fitch will tell you something about potatoes and how to grow and care for them.

Miss Myrtle Kauffman is an expert on cooking. All the ladies and girls should learn how to cook. Don't think you know it all for there is always something to learn.

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