



Frank B. Brandegee

SPEAKER.

Frank Bosworth Brandegee, speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives, was born in New London on July 8, 1864. In lineage he unites the Puritan with Huguenot. One branch of the ancestral tree reaches back to Elder William Brewster, who landed from the Mayflower, and another to Daniel Deshon who was exiled from France by the revocation of the edict of Nantes. He attended the common schools of his native town, and graduated from the Bulkeley High school in the class of 1881. He immediately entered Yale and graduated with honor in the class of 1885. While in college he took a lively interest in athletics and for three years pulled the bow oar on his class crew. The year after his graduation he traveled abroad making an extensive tour of Great Britain and the Continent. He has included in his travels nearly every state and territory in the United States, as well as Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands and Canada.

In 1888 he was admitted to the bar of New London county, and since that time has practiced his profession in New London. He is a member of the law firm of

Brandegee, Noyes & Brandegee, one of the largest and most successful firms in Eastern Connecticut. In the autumn of 1888, he was elected to the lower branch of the General Assembly, and served with conspicuous ability as chairman on the part of the House of the Committee on Cities and Boroughs. In 1889, when Major John A. Tibbits resigned the office of corporation counsel of the city of New London to assume the position of United States consul at Bradford, England, he was succeeded by Mr. Brandegee, who held the office for seven years. He is one of the most active and prominent of the younger republicans east of the Connecticut river.

In 1892 he was a delegate to the republican national convention at Minneapolis. He enjoys a large acquaintance among the leading republicans of the state, and was favorably mentioned for governor in 1894, as the candidate of the younger element of the party. At the state convention in September last, he was unanimously chosen a member of the republican state central committee, and the decisive republican victory in that portion of the state demonstrates that the interests of the party were committed to competent hands.

Mr. Brandegee is the only son of the Hon. Augustus Brandegee, who was speaker of the Connecticut House in 1861 and member of Congress from the Third district from 1863 to 1867. He inherits the ability, eloquence and popularity of his distinguished father. He is widely known through the state, and by his frank and cordial manner and winning personality makes friends wherever he goes. He is an easy and forcible writer, a strong and persuasive speaker and has the courage of his convictions. His character is unblemished, and his public and private life without stain. He is one of the best specimens of the young men who are coming to the front to take the place of the Republican Old Guard, and is a factor to be reckoned within the future of that party, both in the state and country. He made a model speaker.