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MR. BURKETT SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED

The following editorial from the San Angelo Standard relative to the Texas Road Manitenence Association meeting, held in San Angelo last week, expresses the Pioneer's views:

"The election of Joe Burkett as head of the Texas Road Maintenance Association marks the end of that organization's usefulness as a factor in the road building program of this State.

Mr. Burkett should not accept. If he is a good citizen of Texas—working for the interest of this State—he should realize that for him to accept the office after being the center of a controversy that has disrupted State harmony, will drive from it a great number of men whose presence in the organization is an absolute necessity.

Granted that the charges brought against Mr. Burkett and Mr. Lanham as members of the State Highway Commission are without foundation, then Mr. Burkett should realize that in the interest of harmony among the road builders in this section, he should not allow himself to be placed at the head of this organization.

The men who elected him—who used the machine created by State highway employes—to try to smooth over the collapse of Mr. Burkett's political fortunes—are placing themselves in a doubtful situation.

More than 50 per cent of the members of the convention were highway employes who were given their jobs by Burkett and his friends. Joe Burkett's election, though his motives may have been the best, was a slap in the face to the people of West Texas, by State employes, who owe their political positions to appointment by a Highway Commissioner who said he would not resign from office, but who sent in his resignation after the Governor had demanded it.

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