In his political career, Butler Ames was an alderman of the city of Lowell, a representative in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and a member of the U. S. House of Representatives, representing the Fifth Congressional District of Massachusetts for five terms from 1903 until 1913. He chose to not run for re-election. He ran in the 1928 Republican Primary for U. S. Senator from Massachusetts, but did not win the party’s nomination.
GRAND ARMY VETERANS

MAKE PROTEST AGAINST AN INSULT TO THE MEMORY OF GEN. BENJ. F. BUTLER

We, the undersigned, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, regardless of political affiliation or interest in the present Congressional contest between Hon. Butler Ames and Mr. Frank E. Dunbar, wish to register our emphatic protest against the insult to the memory of the late Major General Benj. F. Butler contained in the cartoons published in the newspapers of the Fifth District by the Dunbar Campaign Committee. A man accorded so high a place in the history of the Civil War as has been given to General Butler; a man who made the negro a contraband of war and upheld the honor of the flag in the rebel city of New Orleans; a man who was respected in life even by his enemies; ought to be free from insult in death in this city that has never failed to uphold his memory.

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BUTLER AMES TO RETIRE FROM CONGRESS

LOWELL CONGRESSMAN MAKES FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE IS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR A RENOMINATION

Congressman Butler Ames of Lowell announced the opinion this afternoon that he would not be a candidate for re-election next fall. Congressman Ames was elected to the Fifty-Eighth Congress from the fifth, and has served continuously since that time.

Ames's announcement was a surprise to the Republican organization. State Committee headquarters said that the news given to it by the Transcript's political reporter was the first they had heard of his retirement. Consequently, they had no idea of probable candidates for his place. Ames supported Taft in the presidential campaign, but the Roosevelt district delegates were elected. Roosevelt's vote in Ames's home city of Lowell was 2,414, and Taft's 1,890.

Ames's congressional district was changed by the bill passed by the Legislature of 1912. Lawrence was taken out of it. It has been generally supposed that this change would make victory easier for Ames rather than harder. Concord and several other strong Republican towns were transferred from Wilder's (the fourth) to Ames's new district.

Ames's signed statement closes thus:

"Increasing demands of a business nature and my desire to be free from the hurly-burly of political life impell me to my decision not to be a candidate this fall."

Joseph Legase, postmaster of Lowell, formerly Ames's secretary, who had been mentioned as a candidate, announced this afternoon that he would not run.