

ELMORE S. BANKS, Fairfield Republican Leader of the House of Representatives

Elmore S. Banks, of Fairfield, Republican Leader of the House of Representatives, was born in Southport, May 24, 1866. He was graduated from the law department of Yale University, class of '95, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1895. He has been judge of Probate for the District of Fairfield since February, 1896, is a member of the law firm of Davenport & Banks of Bridgeport, is now prosecuting attorney of the Criminal Court of Common Pleas for Fairfield County, and has been treasurer of Fairfield County. He is also a trustee of the Southport Trust Company. On April 4, 1898, he married Beulah M. Galloway, of Sebree, Kentucky. His first legislative experience was as a member of the session of 1901, when he was chairman of the Committee on Insurance. In 1903, he was Republican leader of the House, being chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. In 1905, he was a member of the Judiciary Committee and chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments (Joint). In 1907, he was again Republican leader of the House, as chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary. In 1909 he was Speaker of the House. This session he was for the third time Republican leader of the House. He is president of the Connecticut Legislative Club of 1909.