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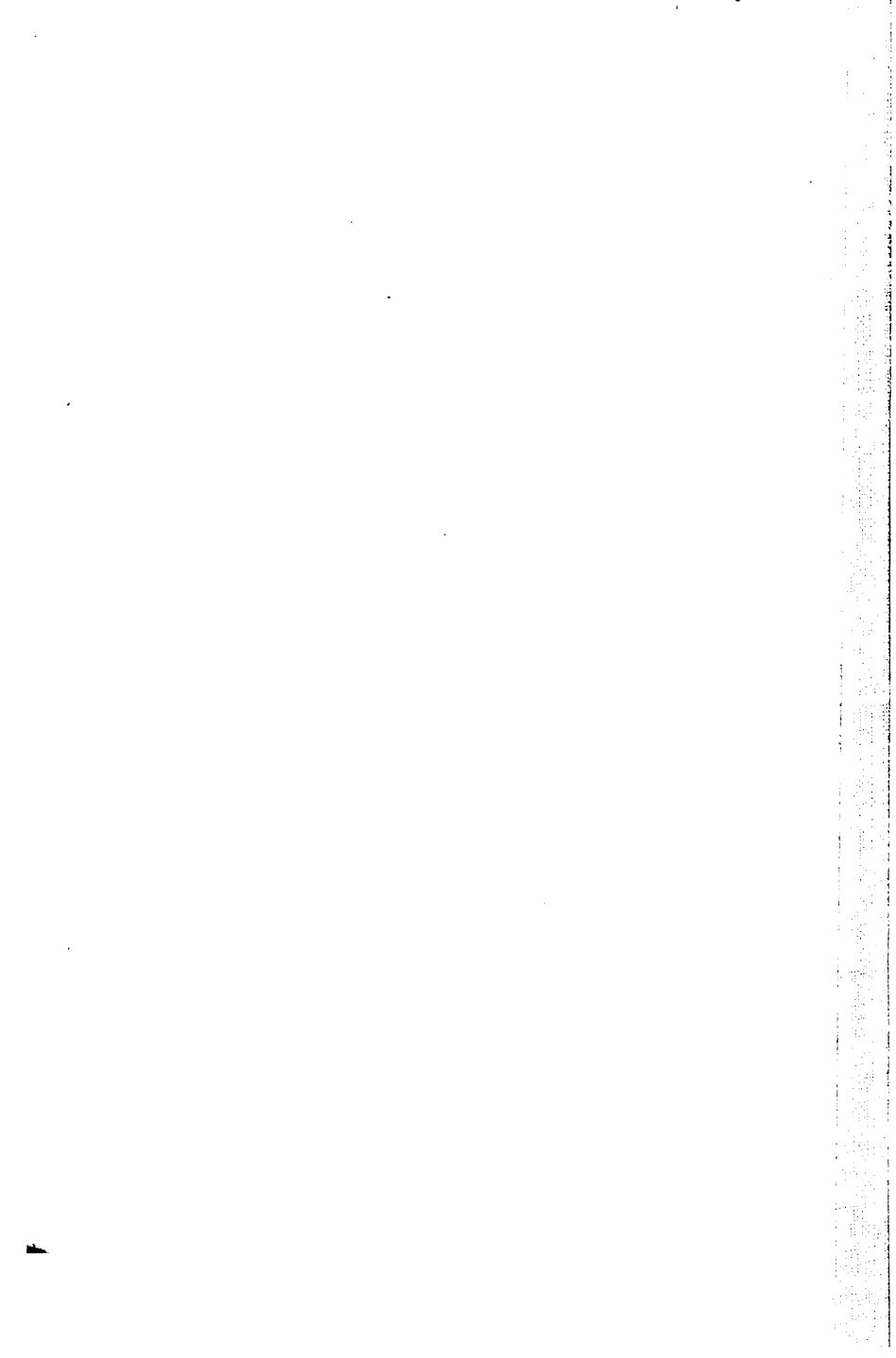
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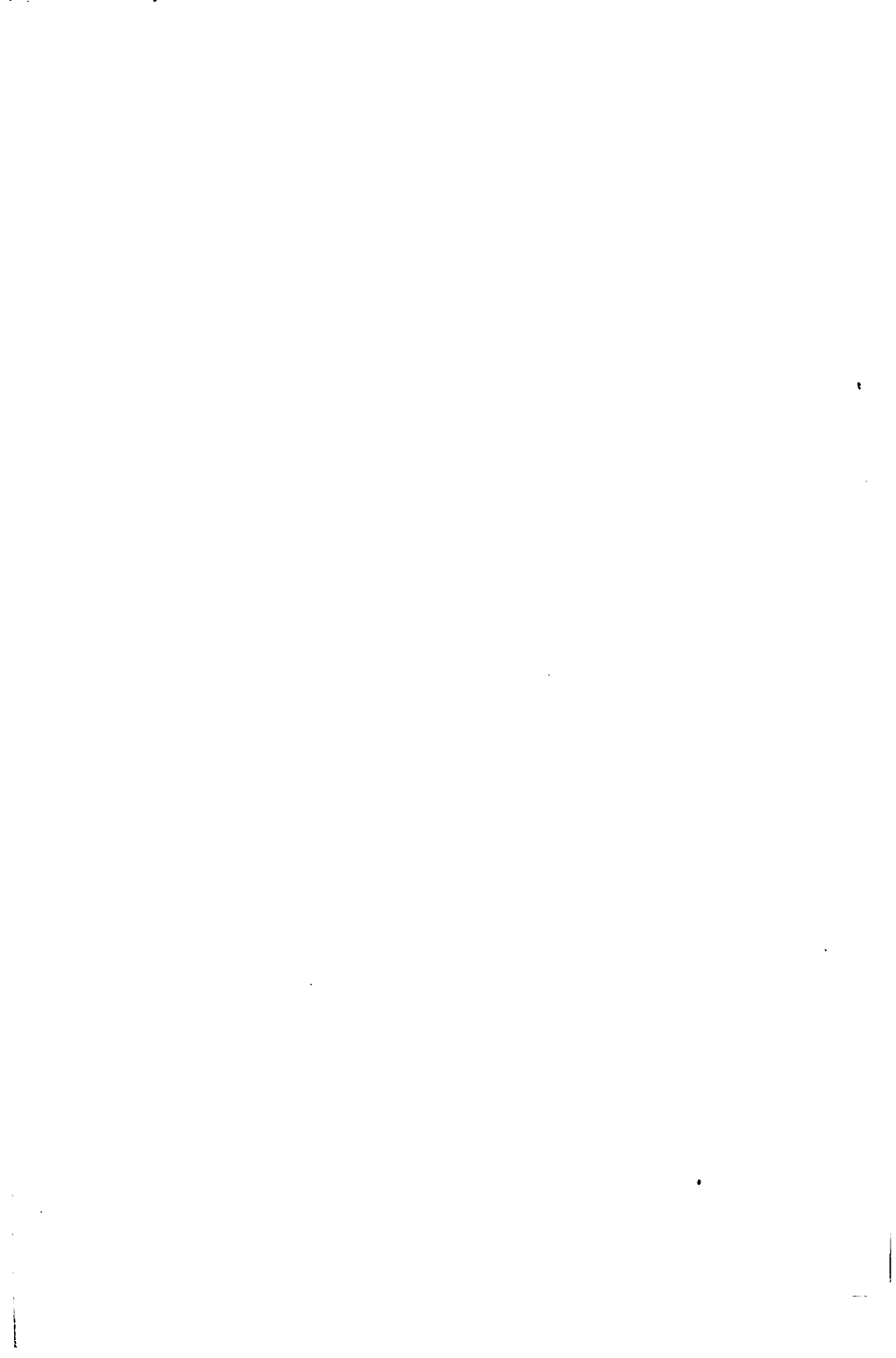
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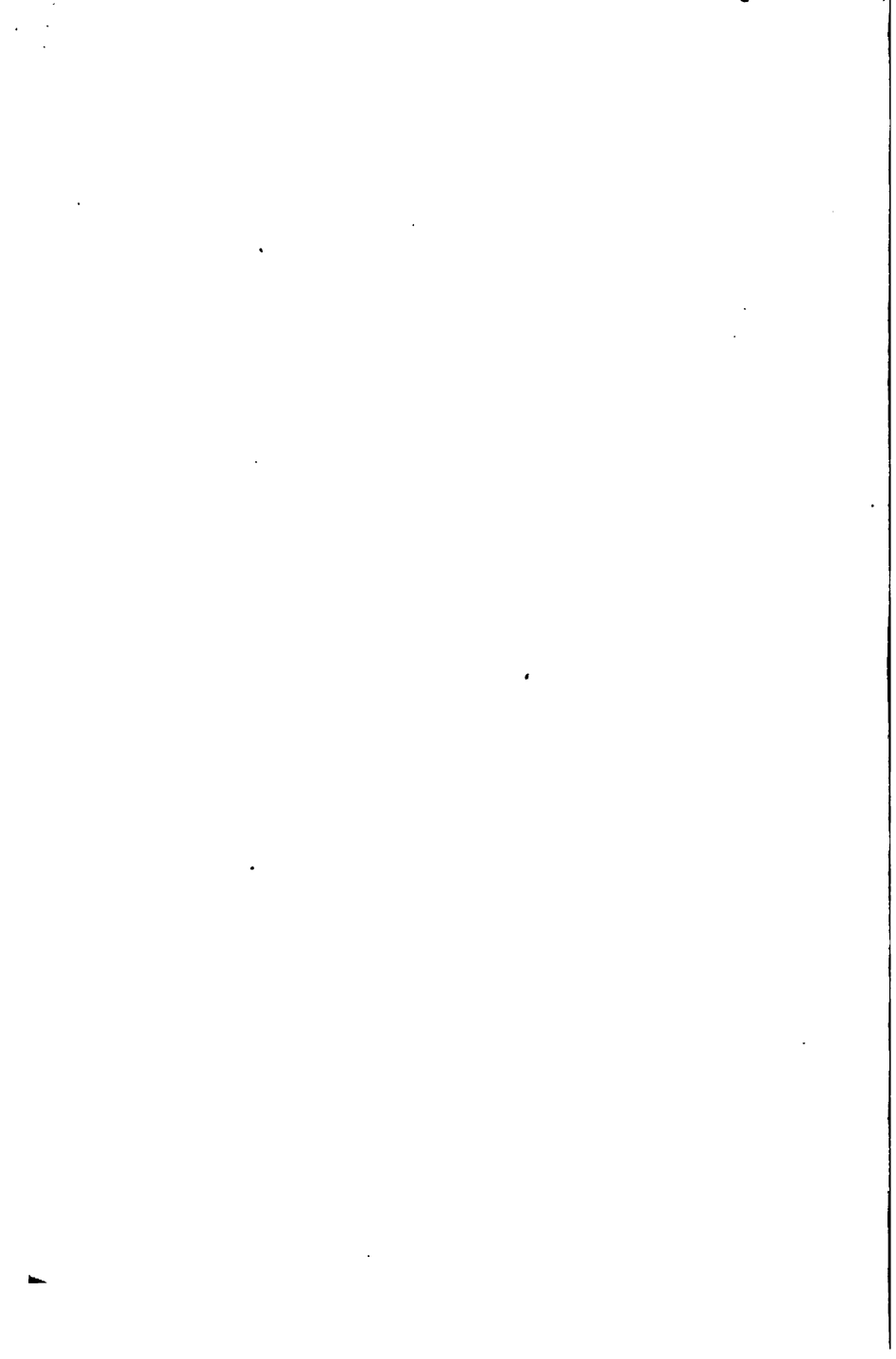
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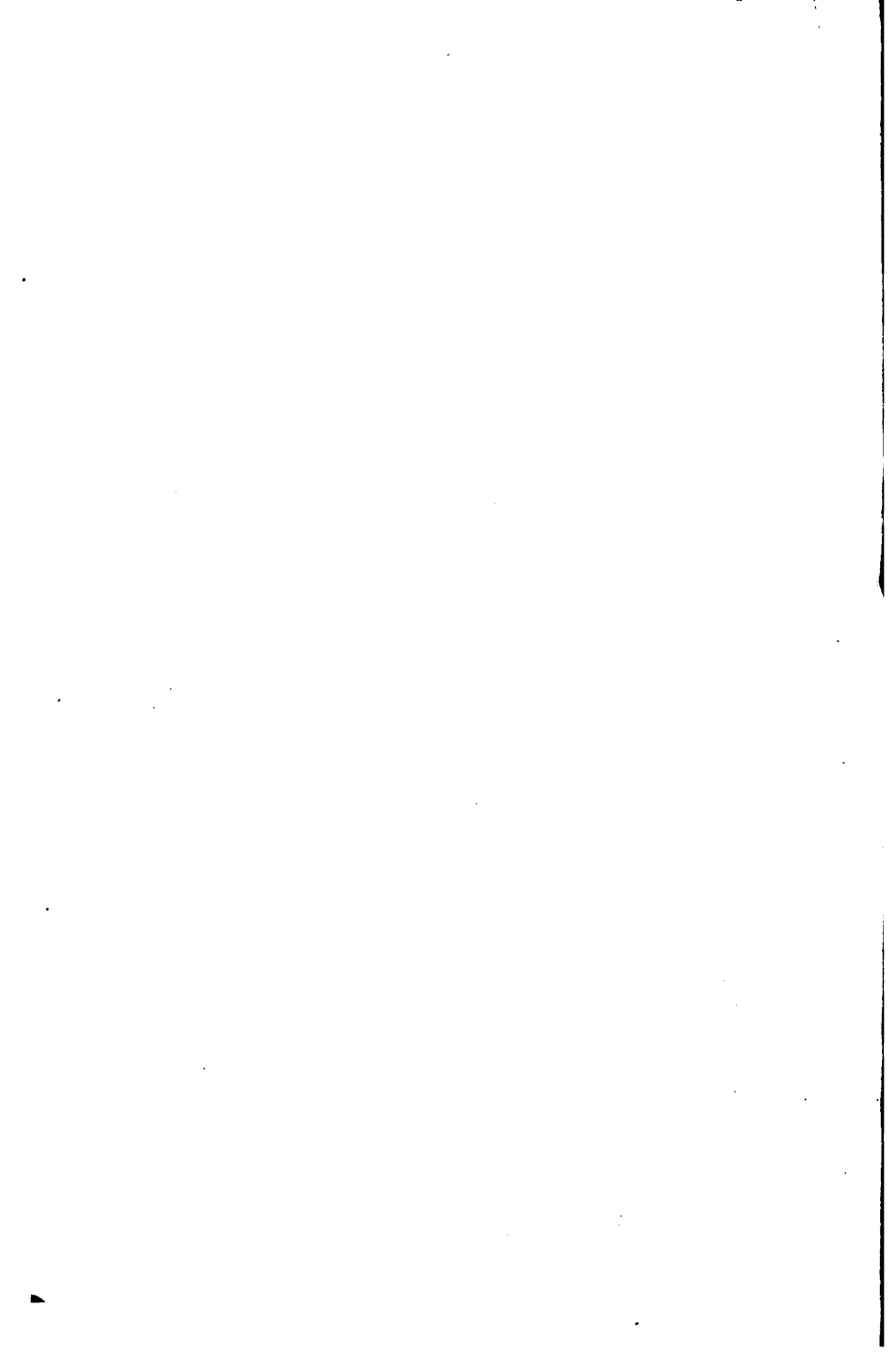
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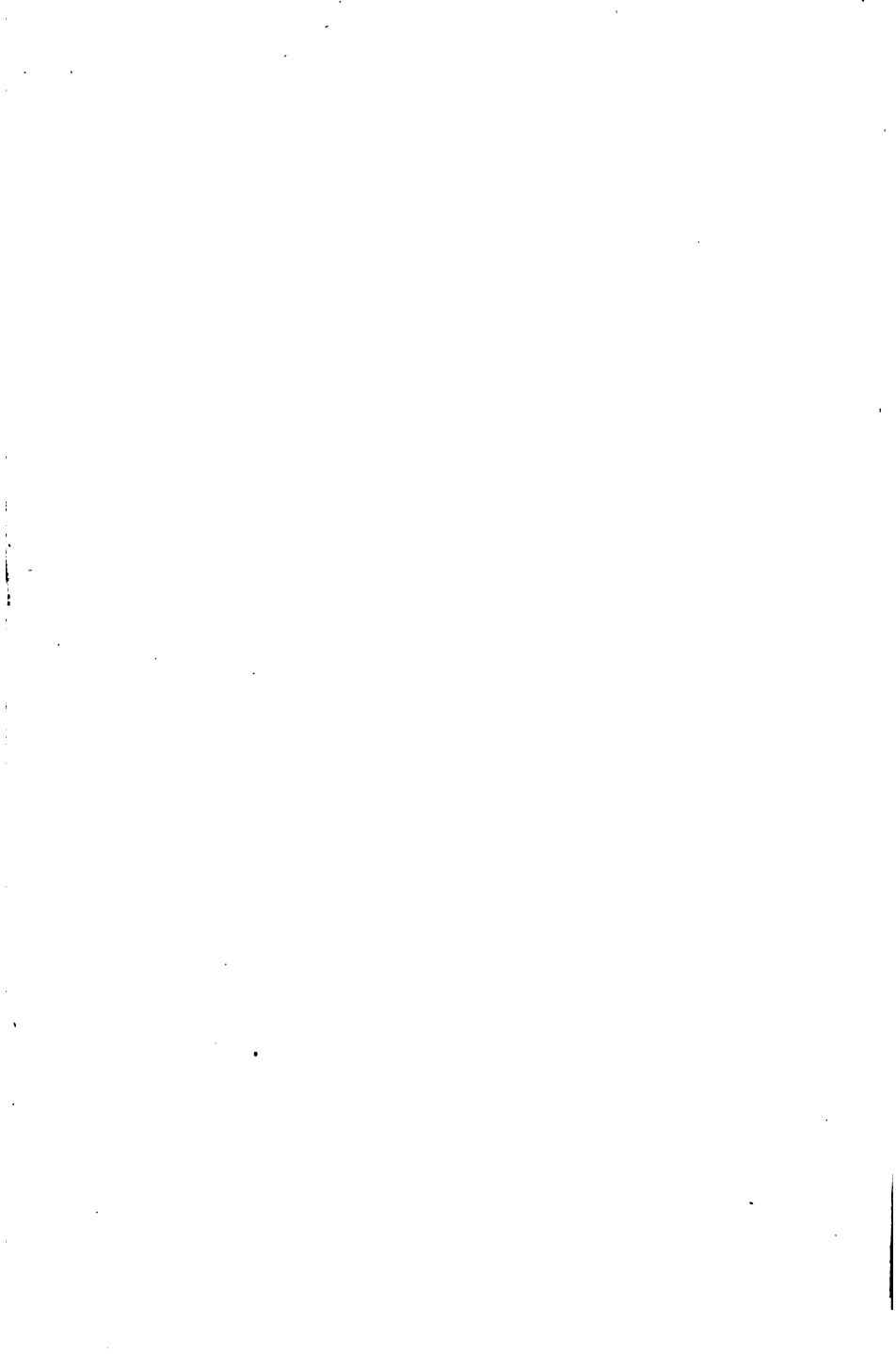


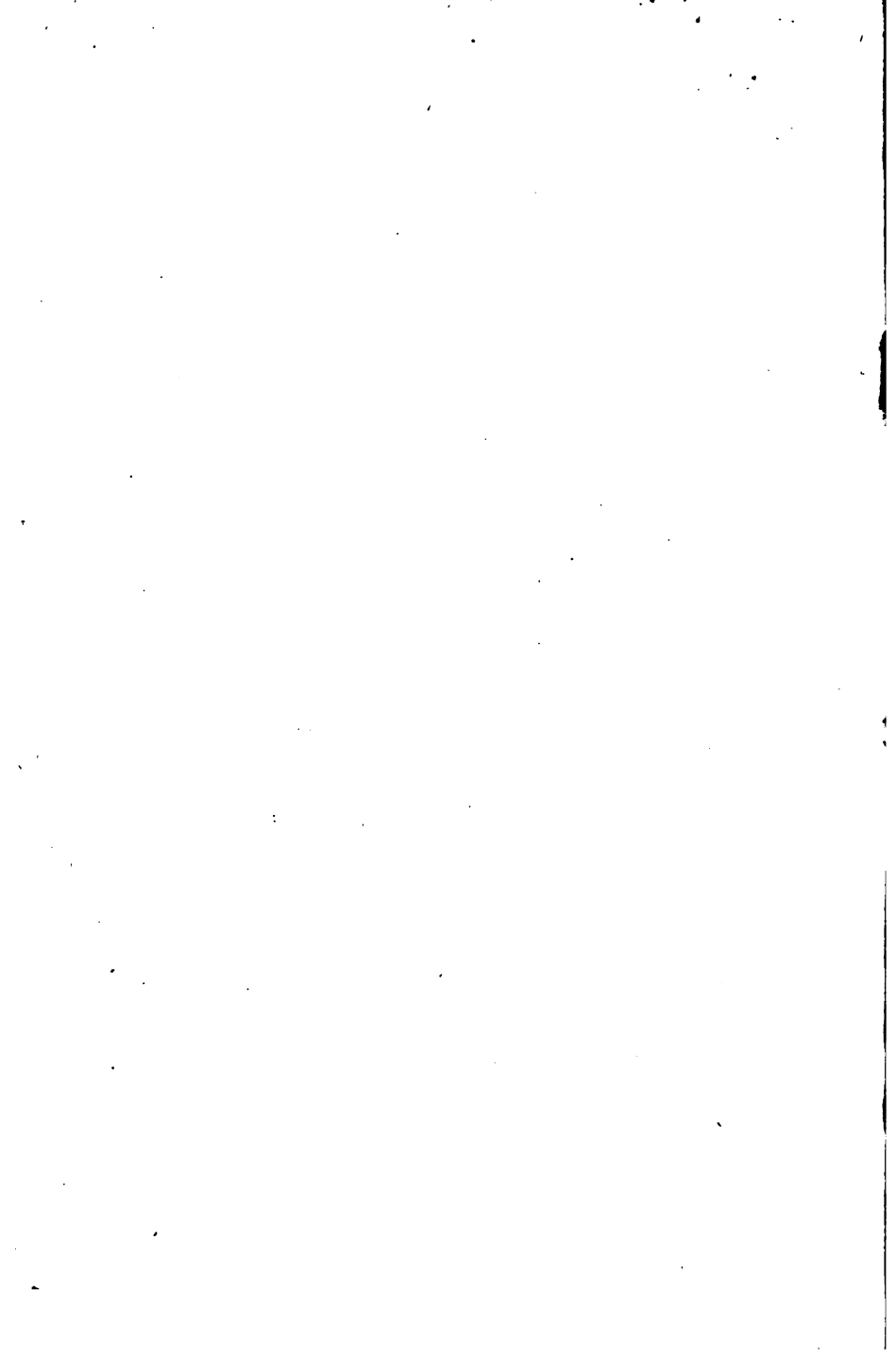


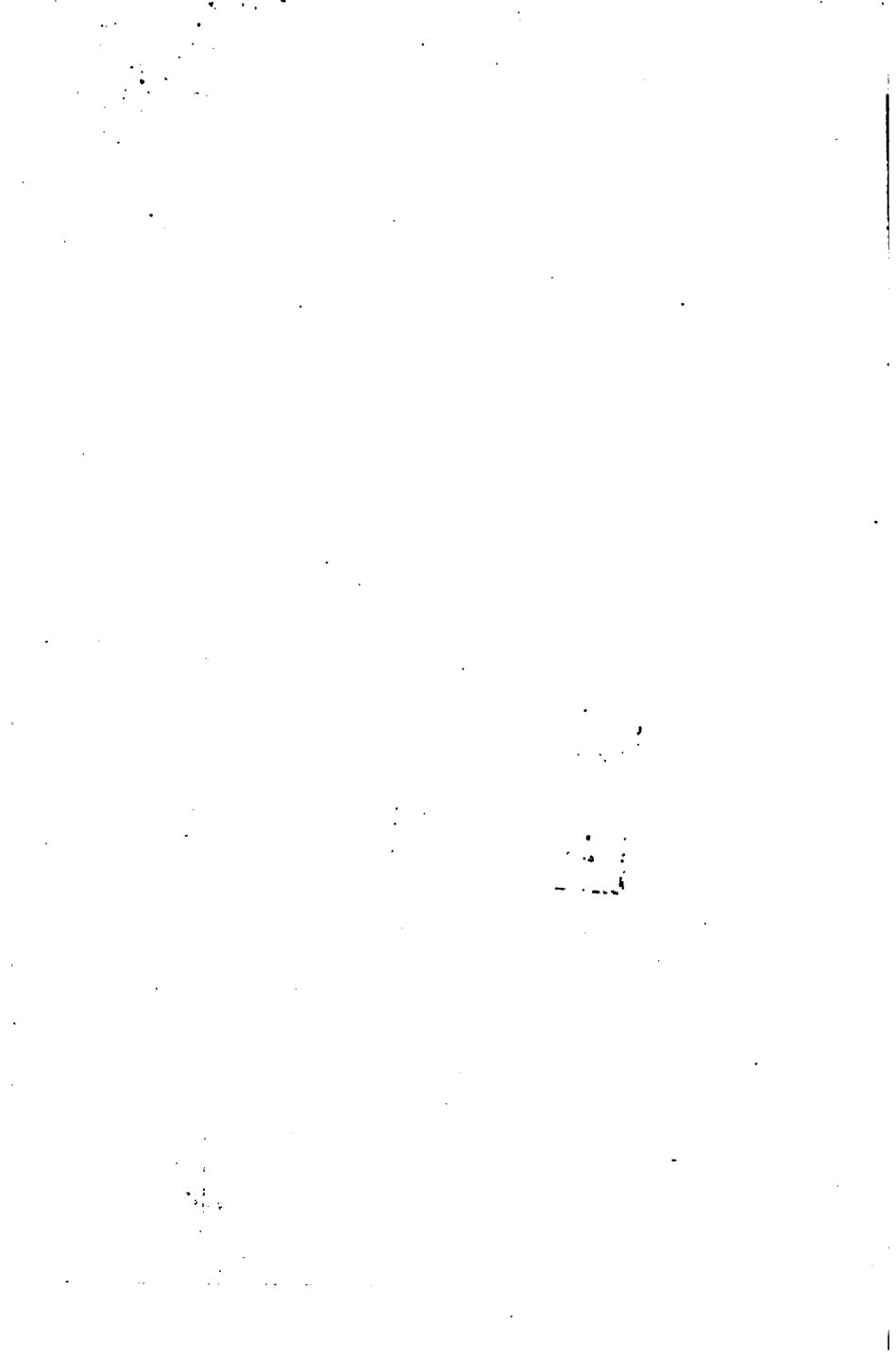














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PREFACE.

What wonderful changes a few years produce.

Less than forty years ago not a white man dwelt in what is now known as the state of Nebraska. All was nature's wilderness; only wild beasts and wild men inhabited the present confines of the state. Its beautifully rolling prairies were then the homes of Indians and buffaloes. Now all this, by the hand of progress, has been changed, and the voice of civilization's echoes are heard where once only the howl of wild beasts and voices of wild men were heard.

The flight of time during all these years has not been without its history; a history full of important events and fraught with interest to the sons and daughters of the pioneers of Nebraska. The industry of these adventurous pioneers and their descendants has made Nebraska what it is. Their labors have changed the fertile prairies and valleys from a wilderness to a literal garden. The state was admitted into the Union, March 1, 1867.

It is the object of this undertaking to give correct sketches of the prominent citizens of Nebraska, contained herein, and, while we do not arrogate to ourselves a degree of accuracy beyond criticism, we hope to have attained a large measure of accuracy in the compilation of the sketches and other matters contained in this history. No expense has been spared in making this volume complete in every detail, although information from some directions was ex-

tremely hard to secure, and some who are represented herein caused delay by unintentional carelessness on their part. To all those who favored us we tender our grateful acknowledgments; without their aid this history would have been left buried beneath the *debris* of time, unwritten and unpreserved.

Respectfully,

W. A. HOWARD.

LINCOLN, NEB., February, 1895.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.



SENATOR MANDERSON Brevet Brigadier General, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 9, 1837. He was the son of John and Katherine Manderson, and received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia, and when of proper age was admitted to the high school of that city. At the age of nineteen he removed to Canton, Ohio, where

he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. In the spring of 1860 he was elected city solicitor of Canton, and was re-elected the next year. General Manderson was married at Canton, April 11, 1865, to Miss Rebecca S. Brown. On the day of the receipt of the news of the firing on Fort Sumpter, Mr. Manderson enlisted as a private. He and Samuel Beatty received permission from Governor Dennison to raise a company of infantry in April, 1861. They recruited a full company in one day, Manderson being commissioned its first lieutenant, and Beatty captain. In May, 1861, Manderson was commissioned captain of company A of the same regiment. He took his command into Western Virginia, among the first troops occupying that section, taking station at Glover's Gap and Man-nington. In August, 1861, he re-enlisted his company

for three years, or during the war, and in this service he rose through the grades of Major, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Colonel of the 19th Ohio Infantry. The battle of Shiloh, during which Captain Manderson acted as lieutenant-colonel, caused his promotion to the rank of major, and he was mentioned in the reports of General Boyle and General Crittenden for distinguished gallantry and exceptional service. He was in command of the 19th Ohio Infantry in all its engagements up to and including the battle of Lovejoy's Station, on September 2, 1864. Major Manderson was promoted to be lieutenant-colonel and colonel for his conduct at the battle of Stone River. Colonel Manderson was severely wounded in the spine and right side while leading his demi-brigade, at Lovejoy's Station, Ga., September 2, 1864. The ball being unextracted, and much disability arising therefrom, Colonel Manderson was compelled to resign the service, from wounds, in April, 1865, the war in the West having practically closed. March 13, 1865, he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers U. S. Army "for long, faithful, gallant, and meritorious services during the War of the Rebellion." Returning to Canton, Ohio, he resumed the practice of law, and was twice elected district attorney of Stark county, declining a nomination for third term. In November, 1869, he removed to Omaha, Nebraska, where he still resides. He was a member of the Nebraska State Constitutional Convention of 1871, and also that of 1874. He served as city attorney of Omaha for over six years. For many years he has been an active comrade in the Grand Army of the Republic. He was elected United States senator, as a republican, his term commencing March 4, 1883, and

re-elected to the senate in 1888, without opposition. His term will expire March 3, 1895. He has been chairman of several important committees while in the U. S. senate, and in the second session of the fifty-first congress he was elected by the United States senate as its president *pro tempore*, without opposition, it having been declared by the senate, after full debate, to be a continuing office.

HON. WILLIAM VINCENT ALLEN.

WASHINGTON, D. C.



SENATOR ALLEN was born in Midway, Madison county, Ohio, January 28, 1847. His father was Rev. Samuel Allen, of English descent, whose ancestors emigrated to New England many years before the Revolution. Mr. Allen's great-grandfather, Ananias Allen, was a gallant Revolutionary captain. Daniel Allen, his grandfather, moved with his family to Ohio

about the year 1810, and located at what was then known as the "New Purchase." His mother, Phoebe Pugh, whose Welsh ancestors came, after the Revolution, to what was subsequently Marion county, Ohio, was a woman of remarkable strength of character, and to her encouragement and advice her son ascribes whatever was good in his after life. In 1857 his stepfather settled in Iowa, where the boy worked on a farm as a common laborer, his whole early life being a constant struggle. He gained his education in Iowa common schools, attending the Upper Iowa University at Fayette, for a time, although without graduating. He enlisted as a private soldier in the Civil War, in Company G, Thirty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving the last few months of his service on the staff of Gen. James I. Gilbert. After the war he read law with L. L. Ainsworth, at West Union, Iowa, was admitted to the bar May 31, 1869, and immediately entered upon the successful practice of

his profession. In 1884 he removed from Iowa to Nebraska, and in 1891 he was nominated by the populists and elected judge of the ninth judicial district of that state. His able administration of the bench caused his election on February 7, 1893, as U.S. Senator, by the joint votes of the populists and democrats, for the full term beginning March 4, 1893, and ending March 3, 1899. On May 2, 1870, Senator Allen was married to Blanche Mott, at Fayette, Iowa. Four children have been born to them—three daughters and one son. As a lawyer, judge, and senator, he has established an admitted leadership. In his labors as a lawyer, he won a large general practice, of wide range, though in later years he figured more particularly in the defense of criminal cases. Of an analytic mind, he explored every feature of a case, and reasoned upon the fundamental principles of the law, his final presentation of facts being remarkably clear, comprehensive, and coherent. In his practice at the bar he prepared and conducted his trials with a view to the strongest presentation in the appellate court, if lost below. As a judge, he made a state reputation for his masterful, rapid, and impartial administration of justice. In the senate he took high rank. The great silver debate brought him out in a notable fifteen-hours speech, that was without a break in its sustained excellence of argument, diction, logic, statement, physical endurance, and smooth, forcible delivery. It was a marvel of senate oratory. He spoke continuously from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. the next day, consuming the entire night. He at once became the unquestioned populist leader in the entire congress. He was the chairman of the committee on forest reservations, and a member of the com-

mittee on claims, on Indian affairs, and on public lands, and a member of the special committee on transportation and sale of meat products. Senator Allen is a magnificent specimen of physical manhood, whose fine physique and face typify his intellectual and moral manhood.

HON. JOHN MELLON THURSTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C.



THE history of the country does not present a better illustration of a self-made man than is shown by the record of John M. Thurston. At the age of forty-five he is general solicitor for the greatest railway system in the country, has achieved a national reputation as an orator, and is looked upon by the whole country as about to become one of the leaders in our public affairs when he shall take a seat in the United States senate, to which he has been elected by the unanimous vote of the legislature of Nebraska. Mr. Thurston was born in Vermont in 1847, of Revolutionary ancestry. His father died in volunteer service as private in the First Wisconsin Cavalry in 1863. His son was left in humble circumstances, which compelled him to work his own way through college. He was educated at Wayland University, Beaver Dam, Wis. Soon after completing his work there he moved to Omaha, having previously been admitted to the bar. His great energy and ability at once made themselves apparent, and his reputation as a lawyer and orator steadily increased until it extended far beyond the boundaries of his adopted state. In the earlier years of his residence in Omaha, Mr. Thurston was a member of the city council and afterward was city attorney for several years. He was also a member of the legislature in

1875, holding the position of chairman of the judiciary committee and acting speaker. In 1884 he headed the Nebraska delegation to the republican national convention, where he seconded the nomination of General Logan for vice president, and otherwise took a prominent part in the proceedings. He was temporary chairman of the republican national convention of 1888, and on that occasion delivered an address which established his fame as an orator on a national basis. Ever since that time he has been one of the most popular campaign orators in the United States. Having been for many years, by virtue of his ability as an organizer and an orator, one of the recognized leaders of the republican party in Nebraska, it is but natural that Mr. Thurston's name has frequently been mentioned in connection with the United States senatorship. In 1887 he was a strong candidate for that honorable position, and in 1893 received the republican caucus nomination. During that long and exciting contest before the legislature he received the party vote, lacking but five of an election. He was defeated by a combination of populists and democrats. In 1889 he was urged by almost the entire West for a cabinet position, and was prominently mentioned for nomination for vice president on the ticket with Blaine in 1892. At the opening of the campaign of 1894, when W. J. Bryan opened his aggressive campaign for the United States senate, the standard of the republican party of Nebraska was by common consent placed in the hands of Mr. Thurston. He held a series of debates with the democratic leader, and the result is known of all men. At the end of the campaign it was found that Mr. Bryan's attempt to gain the senatorial election by the

fusion of the populists and democrats had failed. The republicans of the state demanded Mr. Thurston's election so unanimously that no other candidate appeared, and long before the republican caucus was held his election was a certainty. He received the unanimous vote of the party in the caucus and in the legislature. Mr. Thurston has a wife and four children, and his home is a model of comfort and domestic felicity.

HON. JESSE B. STRODE.

LINCOLN, NEB.



Was born in Farmer's township, Fulton county, Ill., February 18, 1845; attended public school winter terms and worked on his father's farm summer terms, until he was about nineteen years of age, when he enlisted as a private soldier in the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry; was with his regiment during the Atlanta campaign,

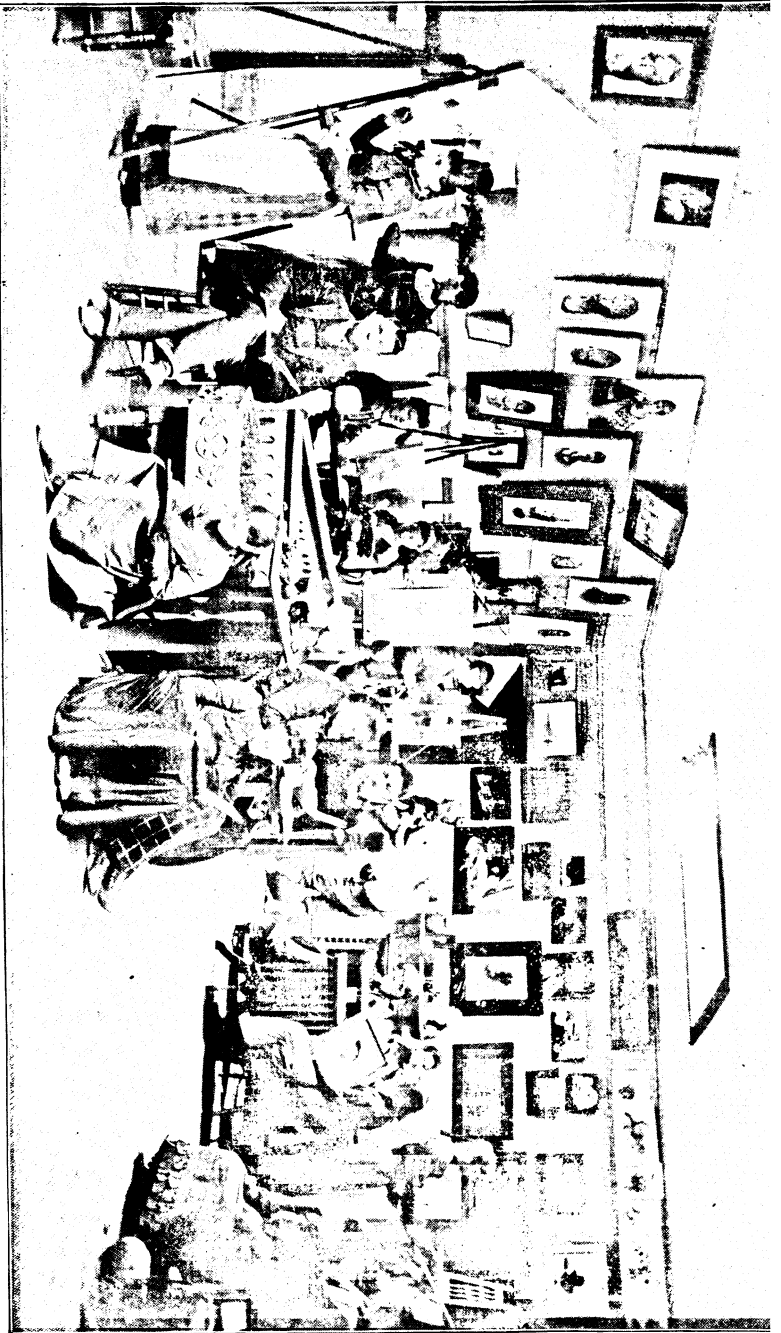
Sherman's march to the sea, through the Carolinas and Virginia, and the grand review at Washington; was commissioned as lieutenant; was mustered out in July, 1865, and immediately thereafter entered Abingdon College, at Abingdon, Illinois, and remained a student there for about three years, when he was elected principal of the graded schools of the city of Abingdon, which position he occupied for about eight years. Was twice elected mayor, and six times alderman of the city of Abingdon; studied law during vacations, while teaching.

May 1, 1879, moved from Abingdon, Illinois, to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and was admitted to the bar there in November of the same year; was elected district attorney in 1882, and served two terms; removed to Lincoln in 1887, and practiced law there until elected judge of the district court in 1892. While engaged in the law practice, he appeared for the defendants in several noted criminal trials, among them the Sheedy case

and the Irvine case, both tried at Lincoln, and the Yocum case, tried at Hastings. He occupied the position of district judge for two years, when he resigned to enter upon his duties as congressman. He was nominated on the twelve hundred and forty-sixth ballot, at the republican convention held at Nebraska City, August 14, 15, and 16, 1894, and was elected at the following election, receiving 18,155 votes, against 12,728 votes for Austin H. Weir, who was nominated by both populists and democrats, and 1,078 votes for R. A. Hawley, prohibitionist. Judge Strode is now engaged in law practice at Lincoln, in partnership with his nephew, E. C. Strode, under the firm name of Strode & Strode.



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HON. DAVID H. MERCER,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Benton county, Iowa, July 9, 1857; removed with his parents to Nebraska in 1867; prepared for college in Brownville High School; graduated from the Nebraska State University, June 9, 1880; was admitted to the bar April 8, 1881; graduated from the law department of the Michigan State University, March 29, 1882; was secretary of the republican state central committee of Nebraska, 1884-5; was chairman of the republican committee of Omaha and Douglas county, 1886-1892; was elected to the fifty-third congress as a republican, receiving 11,488 votes, against 10,388 votes for Judge George W. Doane, democrat, 3,152 votes for Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, independent, and 362 votes for R. W. Richardson, prohibitionist; was re-elected in 1894 by following vote:—D. H. Mercer, 12,946; J. E. Boyd, 8,165; D. C. Deaver, 3,952; G. W. Woodbey, 393.

HON. GEORGE D. MEIKLEJOHN,

FULLERTON, NEBRASKA,



WAS born at Weyauwega, Wisconsin, August 26, 1857, and brought up on a farm; educated at the State Normal, Oshkosh, and Michigan University, Ann Arbor; principal of the high school at Weyauwega, and Liscomb, Iowa; graduated from the law department, Michigan University, in 1880; located at Fullerton, Nance county, Nebraska,

in 1880, where he has since been engaged in the practice of law; was county attorney of Nance county three years; elected to the senate of the Nebraska legislature in 1884, and re-elected in 1886; was elected president of the senate during his second term; was elected chairman of the republican state convention in 1887, and was elected chairman of the republican state central committee in 1887-88; was elected lieutenant-governor of Nebraska in 1888, and, by virtue of his office as lieutenant-governor, was presiding officer of the famous joint convention to canvass the election returns of 1891, when an attempt was made to count out the ticket that was duly elected; and was elected to the fifty-third congress as a republican, receiving 13,635 votes, against 10,630 votes for George F. Keiper, democrat, and 9,636 votes for William A. Poynter, independent; was re-elected to the fifty-fourth congress by an increased vote over his two opponents. His record in the last congress was that of a gentleman of high education and brilliant prospects.

HON. EUGENE J. HAINER,

AURORA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born August 16, 1851, at Funfkirchen, Hungary. Emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1854. The family, after living one year at Chicago removed to the Hungarian colony at New Buda, Iowa; remained there until 1857, when they removed to Columbia, Missouri, where they resided until 1860, returning again to New Buda. His

early boyhood was spent on his father's farm. At the age of fifteen he left home, working as a farm hand near Garden Grove, Iowa, until 1873; received his education at Garden Grove Seminary and Iowa Agricultural College, teaching school during vacation to meet expenses; graduated from the law department, Simpson Centenary College, Indianola, Iowa, in 1876; removed to Aurora, Nebraska, in 1877, where he has since resided, and engaged in the practice of law; is interested in banking and in a line of creameries in southern Nebraska; was never a candidate for elective office until elected to the fifty-third congress as a republican, receiving a large plurality over Wm. H. Dech, populist, Victor Vifquain, democrat, and J. P. Kettelwell, prohibition. He was renominated by his party in 1894, and was re-elected to the fifty-fourth congress by increased majorities against Judge W. L. Stark, populist. Mr. Hainer is a gentleman of splendid physique and fine appearance; enjoys the implicit confidence of his neighbors of all political parties.

HON. WM. E. ANDREWS,

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA,



WAS born near Oskaloosa,
Mahaska county, Iowa

His parents died without an estate when he was a mere lad; hence he was compelled to rely entirely upon his own energies for support from early years.

He served as a farm hand several years during the farming seasons, and attended country schools occasionally in winters.

He entered Simpson College,

Indianola, Iowa, in 1874, and spent part of his time there as a student until 1880, the remainder being devoted to farm work and teaching country schools, to secure the funds necessary to defray college expenses. He was elected superintendent of the schools of Ringgold county, Iowa, in 1879, from which office he retired in 1881, to accept the assistant principalship of the Garden Grove (Iowa) Academy; was a member of the Iowa state convention that elected Blaine delegates to the national convention of 1880; graduated from Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, in June, 1885, having accepted on the first day of that year an election to the chair of Latin and History in Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska. On September 1, 1885, he was happily married to Miss Mira McCoy, of Fairfield, Iowa; was elected vice president of Hastings College in January, 1889, and president of the Nebraska State Teachers' Association in 1890; was a member of the republican state central committee, 1891-2. He was nomi-

nated in 1892 by the republicans of the fifth Nebraska congressional district, to make the canvass against W. A. McKeighan, fusionist, whose former plurality of 10,388 was reduced 7,128 votes ; resigned his position in Hastings College January 1, 1893, to become private secretary to Hon. Lorenzo Crouse, governor of Nebraska ; was renominated by acclamation in 1894, and elected as a republican to the fifty-fourth congress, receiving 16,410 votes, against 15,450 for W. A. McKeighan, fusionist, 175 for T. F. Ashby, straight-democrat, and 651 for O. C. Hubblell, prohibitionist.

HON. OMAR MADISON KEM,

BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA.



KEM was born in Wayne county, Ind., November 13, 1855. He was brought up on a farm and received a common school education. In March, 1882, he moved to Custer county, Nebraska, where he entered land under the homestead law. He lived on this homestead until the beginning of 1890, when he moved to

Broken Bow, having been appointed deputy treasurer of Custer county. He served in this capacity till August 1st following. On July 29th Mr. Kem received the nomination of the people's independent party in convention at Columbus for congressman from his district. Being but little known at that time he accepted the nomination, as he said, not with any great hope of being elected, but rather as a protest against the political policies that had prevailed in both state and nation for years. Nevertheless he began a vigorous campaign on the lines of railroad and financial reform, and remained in the field until the polls closed on the evening of November 4th. The district at that time was known as the "Big Third," and comprised all that part of the state lying north of the Platte river except Douglas and Sarpy counties. It also took in Perkins county south of the river. There were three candidates besides Mr. Kem;

Geo. W. E. Dorsey, of Fremont, republican; W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island, democart, and W. L. Pierce, prohibitionist. Notwithstanding the fact that the republican majority in that district had been about 12,000, Mr. Kem made his campaign so successfully that he was elected by a plurality of 6,391 votes. After the census of 1890 the state was redistricted and about twenty counties were taken off Mr. Kem's district, which became the sixth district. He had served his constituents in congress so acceptably that he was renominated for a second term August 3, 1892, at Kearney, without a dissenting vote. There were again three candidates against him. James Whitehead, republican, A. T. Gatewood, democrat, and Rev. Orlando Beebe, prohibitionist. He was elected again by a plurality of 2,133 votes. When the next congressional convention of the district was convened it was at Broken Bow, Mr. Kem's own county. He did not attend the convention, and made no personal effort to obtain a renomination; but although there was some factional oppositon, he was renominated on the first ballot. The republican nominee in this campaign was Matthew Daugherty, and the prohibitionist nominee was Wm. Bone, of Gibbon. There was no democrat candidate in the field. For the third time Mr. Kem was successful, and was elected to the fifty-fourth congress by a plurality of 2,401 and a majority of about 1,500.

HON. WILLIAM R. AKERS,

GERING, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTS the largest senatorial district in Nebraska, the thirtieth, this constituency being all the people of Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Cheyenne, and Logan counties and the unorganized territory west of Blaine and Logan. This district had been strongly anti-republican for four years previous to the fall of 1894, when Mr. Akers was elected on the republican ticket over Hon. C. D. Shrader, populist, by a majority of 800. Mr. Akers was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1839, and ten years later moved with his parents to Iowa county, Iowa. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in Company G, Seventh Iowa Volunteers, serving until August, 1864, during which time he was engaged in many of the hard conflicts of the war—Donelson, Fort Henry, Iuka, Shiloh, Corinth, and all along the line of Sherman's advance to the sea. Returning to the county from which he enlisted, he entered the educational field, and was later elected county superintendent of public instruction. From here he moved to Powisheik county, Iowa, and was there elected county superintendent, serving two terms. In the meantime he studied law, and in 1882 removed to Fort Collins, Colo., and began practicing law. Becoming interested in irrigation, he made it a special study, and removed to the North Platte river, near the Nebraska-Wyoming line, where he assisted in

constructing the first irrigating canal on that stream. During the last twelve years he has given great deal of attention to the subject of irrigation, and to no other man is due more of the credit for the advanced condition of Scott's Bluff county in that line of development. He prepared and filed the first papers put on record in Nebraska relative to irrigation, and has taken part in the organization of a large proportion of the districts in his county, in the meantime carrying on farming operations. Mr. Akers' large majority was no doubt due largely to the great interest of his district in irrigation and his well-known knowledge of and interest in the subject, although he is personally very popular. He is chairman of the irrigation committee and a member of the special relief committee. He is also a member of the committees on judiciary, immigration, manufactures and commerce, railroads, privileges and elections, and live stock and grazing.

HON. WILLIAM E. BAUER.

DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA.



THE populists of the nineteenth senatorial district are well represented by Wm. E. Bauer, whose home is at David City, Butler county. Senator Bauer was born in Summit county, Ohio, September 2, 1860. In 1866 his parents moved to Michigan. His common school education was received in the high school at Union City, Michigan, from

which he graduated in 1889. His studies were afterward continued at Ann Arbor, where he also took lectures at the law school of Michigan University. Moving to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1881, Mr. Bauer acted for some time as instructor in Latin in the city schools, after which he entered the law office of Richmond & Titus. He was admitted to the bar in 1884, and the following year came to David City in this state, where he has practiced law since that time. In 1890 Mr. Bauer was married to Miss Hattie B. Hoag, of Manchester, Iowa. In politics, Mr. Bauer was always a strong anti-monopolist. He attempted to carry his ideas into effect within the republican party until 1892, when he became convinced that they could best be made effective through a new party, and joined the populists. He was nominated by the populists of Butler and Seward counties, and endorsed by the free silver democrats. Senator Bauer is a member of the

committees on counties and county boundaries, medical legislation, asylum, industrial home, reform schools, home for the friendless, and institute for the feeble minded youth, immigration, and relief.

HON. JOSEPH BLACK.

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA,



JOSEPH BLACK, senator-elect from Buffalo and Sherman counties, sixteenth senatorial district, is one of the best known citizens of the city of Kearney. He was born in Virginia, sixty years ago, and has since resided in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska. At the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion he was a resident of Illinois and at once enlisted in the Fifty-fifth Infantry as a private. By gallant conduct he was elected captain, and received from Governor Yates a commission as captain of Company K. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, was in the Yazoo campaign and at the siege of Vicksburg. After the close of the war he located in Iowa, where he lived until 1875, when he came to Kearney. He has served one term as county treasurer, one term as mayor of Kearney, and has three times been elected president of the Kearney board of education. He was chairman of senate committee on state prison, and a member of the following standing committees: public lands and building, military affairs, internal improvement, banks and currency, public charities, soldiers' home, and irrigation.

HON. JOHN T. BRESSLER,

WAYNE, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTING the eleventh senatorial district—Wayne, Stanton, Madison, and Pierce counties—was born in Huntington county, Pa., January 14, 1849. He went with his parents to Blair county in the same state, and lived there till the spring of 1870, when he came to Nebraska, and took a homestead in Wayne county. In 1877 the republicans of

Wayne county elected him treasurer of that county, and in 1879 re-elected him to that office. The same year, in connection with D. C. Patterson, he started the Logan Valley bank, at La Porte, which was then the county seat of Wayne county. When the railroad was built through Wayne county, and the town of Wayne was started, the bank was removed to Wayne, and in 1885 was reorganized as the first national bank of Wayne. Mr. Bressler continued with the bank, and was its president till 1889. He is now engaged in farming, real estate, and the banking and loan business. Senator Bressler is chairman of the committee on claims, and is a member of the committees on public lands and buildings, agriculture, enrolled and engrossed bills, counties and county boundaries, miscellaneous corporations, asylum, industrial home, etc., and standing committees.





GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL HOME, GENEVA.

HON. GEORGE H. CALDWELL,
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,



WHO represents Hall and Howard counties, the sixteenth senatorial district, was born in Welgo county, O., in 1844, and was reared on a farm. In 1864 he joined Company C, of the 140th Ohio Infantry. After the war he located in West Virginia, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. Mr. Caldwell located in Grand Island,

Neb., in May, 1877, and in the same year was married to Carrie F. Hutchinson, of Ohio. He has practiced law continuously in Hall county, except during the eight years, from 1882 to 1890, during which time he was county judge. This is Senator Caldwell's first term in the legislature, but his excellent knowledge of law and wide information, combined with a capacity for personal work and work on the floor, leave no room for doubting his ability to protect the interests of his constituents. He is chairman of the committee on engrossed and enrolled bills, and soldiers' home, and a member of the judiciary committee, the committee on finance, ways and means, the committee on accounts and expenditures, and irrigation.

HON. JACOB N. CAMPBELL,

FULLERTON, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR from the eighteenth district comprising Polk, Merrick, and Nance counties, was born March 31, 1865, on the Missouri bottom in Atchison county, Mo., just across the river from Brownville, Neb. The son of a farmer, the most of Mr. Campbell's youth was spent on a farm near Watson, Mo., whither his parents moved soon after

his birth. He received a more than usually good common school education, completing it with a year at the high school at Rockford, Mo., and adding a year in the junior class at Peru, Neb. In 1888, he moved to Nebraska, locating in Nance county, where he still resides. When the people's independent party was formed Mr. Campbell was one of its earliest members. He was elected county supervisor in 1890; in 1892 he was elected to the state senate, to which he was re-elected last fall. In the session of 1893 he served on the judiciary and railroad committees, and this session is chairman of the committee on mines and minerals. He was the author of the Pinkerton bill, which was enacted in 1893. Senator Campbell is married and has four bright boys.

HON. THOMAS D. CRANE,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR from Douglas county, was born in New Bedford, Mass. His parents moved to Ottawa, Ill., when he was quite young, and he grew up in that city. His education was a thorough academic one. He early embraced the law, and as soon as he became of age was admitted to the bar in Springfield, after a satisfactory examination there. Until coming to Omaha in June, 1887, where he has since resided, he practiced law in Ottawa, Ill. He has built up a very large practice in Douglas county, and many of the outside interests with which his services are connected bring him into the courts in almost every county in the state. He is able before a court or jury, or in a legislative body, possessing an engaging manner and attractive delivery. His language is finished, and, although at times eloquent, he never loses the pith of what is under discussion or the points he wishes to make. Everybody knows Senator Crane as a very genial, approachable gentleman. He takes quite an interest in state and national affairs, but "politics" is not his forte, and his law business keeps him too busy otherwise. He served in the house in the session of 1893, being elected at the election previous by over 2,500 majority, receiving more votes in Douglas county than any candidate for any office, state or national.

He was the unanimous choice of the 108 delegates from Douglas county, in the last state convention, for lieutenant governor. In the fall of 1894 he was elected to the office he now holds, senator from Douglas county, by a vote exceeding by over 1,500 what he received when he was elected to the house two years before. The people of Douglas county, including the metropolis, seem to like to send him to the legislature. He may be called higher. From the foregoing it is needless to say that he is a republican in politics. He went into the thick of the fight in the last campaign for republican principles. He was chairman of committee on miscellaneous corporations, and member of the following senate committees : judiciary, municipal affairs, claims, banks and currency, manufactures and commerce.

HON. JOHN CRAWFORD,
ATKINSON, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTS the big thirteenth senatorial district, consisting of Holt, Garfield, and Wheeler, and what is designated in the apportionment as "the unorganized territory north of Holt and Keya Paha" counties. He was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland, in 1831, and came with his parents to America in 1832. He lived in Canada, near the Vermont line,

until 1862, when he ceased to be a subject of the Queen and became a citizen of the United States, moving to Marquette county, Wis. In 1879 Mr. Crawford came to Nebraska and settled on a homestead in Holt county, where he has lived ever since, his postoffice address being Atkinson. Mr. Crawford has always been a farmer, and his sympathies are thoroughly with the agricultural and other working classes. He was elected to the senate in November, 1894, by the people's independent party. His committee work is done as a member of the committee on constitutional amendments and federal relations, and the committee on mines and minerals.

HON. GEORGE CROSS,

FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA,



WAS PROMOTED to the senate from the lower house, having been a member of the house of representatives from the twenty-third district. Mr. Cross was born in Kenosha county, Wis., in 1841, and resided in the Badger state until 1870, when he came to Nebraska and located at Fairbury, which is still his home. He founded the *Gazette* in Fair-

bury in 1870, and has been very successful, making the *Gazette* one of the leading republican papers in southern Nebraska. Senator Cross is a veteran of the war, having served through the Rebellion in the First Wisconsin Heavy Artillery. At the close of the war he entered the Wisconsin State University, from which he graduated in 1867. He is chairman of the committee on public printing and a member of the committees on highways, bridges, and ferries, military affairs, education, privileges and elections, medical legislation, manufactures and commerce, and soldiers' home.

HON. WALTER FREMONT DALE,

ATLANTA, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR of the twenty-eighth senatorial district, was born December 6, 1856, near Union Grove, Racine county, Wis. He lived on a farm and attended district school until nearly seventeen years of age. He then spent two years at Rochester Seminary, and from there went to the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., where he took a three-years theological course, graduating with the class of 1878. After graduation, Mr. Dale preached for three years as a member of the Wisconsin Conference of the M. E. Church. Study and confinement broke down his health in 1881, and he rented a farm near his old home in Racine County, Wis., and farmed for four years. In 1885 he came to Nebraska and settled upon the farm in the northern part of Harlan county, where he now lives. For four years he served as a member of the board of supervisors of Harlan county. Two years ago he was elected by the people's independent party to the state senate, and was re-elected last November; was a delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Congress held at Ogden, Utah, April, 1893, appointed by Gov. Crouse. In January, 1894, he was elected president of the State Farmers' Alliance. Mr. Dale was married in 1879 to Ella C. Hale, at Prospect, Wisconsin. Senator Dale is a leader in his party and in the legislature, being a hard worker, a ready and earnest talker, and a courageous and persistent fighter.

HON. ALEXANDER GRAHAM,

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA;



MEMBER of the senate from Gage county, the twenty-first district, was born in Licking county, Ohio, August 25, 1845. In 1852 he moved with his parents to Bellefontaine, Logan county, Ohio, which place he looked upon as his home until he came west. He enlisted in Company D, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, in 1861, and saw hard service. He was at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing and Shiloh; took part under Gen. Buell in the raid on Kirby Smith; was in the raid against Morgan, through Indiana and Ohio, and part of Morgan's troops surrendered to his regiment and were taken to Cincinnati under its guard. Afterward he was ordered to East Tennessee, where his regiment joined Burnside's army, and took part in several engagements in that part of the state. After the siege of Knoxville, his regiment, after re-enlistment, was sent to join Sherman at Buzzard Roost, and was assigned to the twenty-third army corps, and was soon thereafter transferred to the fourth army corps, under Gen. Howard. On July 4, 1864, he received a wound in the right leg which kept him in the hospital at Louisville, Ky., for four months. He recovered in time to join in the pursuit of Hood, having rejoined his regiment at Nashville. Upon his return from the war Mr. Graham spent two years at

Geneva Academy, Northwood, Ohio, after which he entered upon a clerkship at his old home, Bellefontaine. In 1879 he came to Nebraska. For the last nine years he has been engaged in the real-estate business at Beatrice. In 1881 he was elected a member of the Gage county board of supervisors, and in 1889 was elected chairman, a position which he held for three years. He was a member of the senate in 1893, and his re-election is a deserved recognition of his services. From 1869 to 1877 Mr. Graham was a commercial traveler in the West and South, and for the two years before he came to Nebraska he lived in Kansas. He is chairman of the committee on finance, ways and means, and a member of the committees on school lands and funds, education, railroads, state prison, rules, and soldiers' home.

HON. WILLIAM M. GRAY,

NORTH LOUP, NEBRASKA.



THE member of the senate from Custer, Valley, Loup, and Blaine counties, comprising the fifteenth senatorial district, is serving his district a second time in the upper house of the legislature. Mr. Gray was born in a Pennsylvania village in 1847. His father died when he was but twelve years old, leaving the family in humble circumstances, and the son worked among the farmers in the neighborhood during the summers and went to school in the winter. When seventeen years of age he began work with a wagon maker in a country place, and a year and a half later went to the city of Pittsburgh, where he worked in factories for three years and attended night school part of the time. In 1869 Mr. Gray engaged in the retail grocery business, which in a few years developed into a wholesale business in a special line of the grocery trade. He continued in this business until 1884 when he came to Valley county in this state and bought a tract of land. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1891 Mr. Gray was elected to represent his township on the county board and was the chairman of the board for the next two years. In 1893 he was elected senator from his district on the populist ticket, and last fall was re-elected. Mr. Gray has a family consisting of a

wife and six children. He is chairman of the library committee and a member of the committee on highways, bridges, and ferries. Senator Gray unfortunately was taken seriously ill at the opening of the legislature and remained confined to his room for several weeks.

HON. LEOPOLD HAHN.

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA.



THE republican senator from the twenty-seventh district, L. Hahn, was born at Baden, Germany, March 7, 1847. He came to America in 1866, and lived first in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1867 he came west to Lincoln, Illinois, and later in the same year came west to Nebraska City, this state. After a short stay in the Black Hills, in 1878, he located in Hastings, which is now his home. Mr. Hahn served one term on the county board, and was elected to the legislature in 1889. He superintended the construction of the asylum for the chronic insane at Hastings in 1891 and 1892, was engaged in the furniture business from 1889 to 1891. At the present time Mr. Hahn is giving most of his attention to farming. Mr. Hahn is chairman of the committee on municipal affairs, and is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, accounts and expenditures, enrolled and engrossed bills, asylum, industrial home, reform schools, home for the friendless and institute for feeble-minded youth, manufactures and commerce, standing committees, railroads, miscellaneous corporations, and state prison.

HON. WILLIAM D. HOLBROOK,

FREMONT, NEBRASKA.



AS a native of Missouri, born at Scottsville, Sullivan county, April 17, 1850. His father was a professional man, and put in the best years of his life as a teacher, lawyer, and judge. He died when William was a lad of eleven years, the eldest son in a family of seven children, all being left in moderate circumstances.

Being the oldest son, the support of the family fell heavily upon the subject of this sketch. He attended schools whenever he was able to spare the time from his work, but he studied hard at home evenings, which was very profitable to him in gaining a good education. Senator Holbrook came to Nebraska in 1878, and located in Dodge county on a farm on Maple Creek for six years, then purchased his present farm and home. He is one of Dodge county's best farmers, and has a model farm and is prospering. Has stood unwaveringly and always for republican principles. Has had some experince in official life, being justice of the peace for ten years, school director nine years, and was elected state senator in 1894 by 178 majority over ex-senator John Thomsen, overcoming a democratic majority of 1,320—a gain of 1,500 votes. Was married March 14, 1875, to Miss Addie R. Mahan. Five children bless their home, Myrtle, Mabel, Edith, Frank, and Ethel, and this happy family is bound to

gether by the strongest of family ties, a pleasant home, as many testify who have enjoyed their hospitality often. Senator Holbrook is at present secretary and practically manager of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association, which is composed of many of the best farmers in the entire county of Dodge. He is a man splendidly qualified to faithfully, intelligently, and honestly represent the best interests of all the people of Dodge and Washington counties, and was an energetic worker on committees of the senate of which he was a member, as follows: internal improvements, school lands and funds, counties and county boundaries, library, miscellaneous subjects; chairman of committee on manufactures and commerce.

HON. J. HALL HITCHCOCK,

TECUMSEH, NEBRASKA,



AS the senator for the second district, was born in Perry county, Ohio, April 20, 1859, and was reared on a farm in that state. He was educated in the public schools and taught several years afterwards in his native county. In 1881 he came to Nebraska, where he was principal of the Sterling schools for a time, and later served as cashier of the Johnson county bank in the same town. Since finishing his law and business course at the Elliott college of Burlington, Iowa, he has devoted himself entirely to the practice of his profession. Mr. Hitchcock was elected county attorney of Johnson county in 1890 and re-elected in 1892. He is recognized as one of the best young lawyers of this state, a popular man and leading republican. Mr. Hitchcock was elected to the state senate of Nebraska from the second district in 1894 for two years and was appointed chairman of the committee on the asylum, the industrial home, reform schools, home of the friendless, and institute for feeble minded youth, and also a member of the committees on judiciary, finance, ways and means. municipal affairs, public printing, claims, university and normal schools, and miscellaneous subjects
Postoffice address Tecumseh, Neb.

HON. E. W. JEFFRES,

HORACE, NEBRASKA,



AS one of the members of the senate who prides himself on being a staunch populist. He was elected last November to represent the ninth senatorial district, which consists of Antelope, Greeley, and Boone counties. Mr. Jeffres was born in Mercer county, Ohio, December 7, 1851, and was brought up on a farm, acquiring a common

school education in the time he could get from his busy day in the field and among the stock under his care. In June, 1863, at the age of twelve years, he moved to Mills county, Iowa, and it was in Iowa schools that his education was received. January 30, 1870, Mr. Jeffres was married. It was seven years later, in 1877, when he became a resident of Nebraska, having moved in that year to Greeley county, where he has lived ever since. He is a hard working member of the senate, and has a place on the committee on agriculture, the committee on school lands and funds, and the committee on mines and minerals.

HON. W. J. LEHR,

MEAD, NEBRASKA,



FLOAT Senator from the fifth district, comprising Saunders and Sarpy counties, was born in LaSalle county, Ill., January 9, 1856, of German parentage. He came to Nebraska in 1879, settling on the farm he now owns and occupies near the village of Mead, in Saunders county. One year later he was married to Miss Maria Billman, and the union

has been blessed with four boys and one girl. Mr. Lehr was nominated by the republicans of Saunders county in 1888 for county commissioner, and was elected. In 1891 he was re-elected to the same position, which he yet holds, having twice been chairman of the board. Senator Lehr has always been a staunch republican, and is a successful farmer. He is an efficient member of the legislature, watching closely and working hard for the interests of his constituents. He is chairman of the committee on highways, bridges, and ferries, and of the committee on counties and county boundaries, and a member of the committee on library, live stock, and grazing, miscellaneous subjects, and labor.

HON. HARRY C. LINDSEY,

PAWNEE CITY, NEBRASKA.



THE young senator from the first district, the old wealthy counties of Richardson and Pawnee, was born at Lodi, Wis., November 8, 1861. His general education was obtained in the common and high schools of Wisconsin. After the close of his school days he took a course in law, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. He became a resident

of Nebraska in 1883, when he moved to Pawnee City. He has practiced law in that county ever since, and that he has taken a leading place at the bar of that section is shown by the fact that he has been three times elected prosecuting attorney for Pawnee county. He was first elected in 1888, and his office was conducted so much to the satisfaction of his constituents that he was re-elected in 1890, and elected to a third term in 1892. In the fall of 1894 he was promoted by a nomination and election to the senate. Senator Lindsey is chairman of the committee on agriculture, and a member of the committee on judiciary, accounts and expenditures, education, constitutional amendments and federal relations, privileges and elections, and medical legislation.



INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND, NEBRASKA CITY.



ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, HASTINGS.

HON. GILBERT E. McKEEBY,

RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA,



MCKEEBY WAS born in the town of Bath, Summit county, Ohio, on the fourth day of November, 1844, and removed with his parents to Oregon, Wisconsin, in 1846. While a student in the Wisconsin State University in 1864, he enlisted in Battery M, First Wisconsin heavy artillery, and served until the close of the war. He graduated at Bellevue Hospital, Medical College, in New York city, in 1868, and practiced medicine at Lodi, Wisconsin, for fourteen years, during which time he read law at leisure hours, and was admitted to the bar at Madison, Wisconsin, in 1882. He represented the twenty-seventh district in the Wisconsin state senate during the sessions of 1881 and 1882, and in the autumn of the latter year removed to Red Cloud, Nebraska, where, for the past eleven years, he has been engaged in the practice of medicine. He was mayor of his city in 1888, and for two years did the editorial work for the *Red Cloud Republican*, at that time a daily and weekly newspaper. He has always been a republican. He was chairman of the senate relief committee, committee on medical societies, and committee on revenue, and a member of the following standing committees of the senate: public lands and buildings, municipal affairs, railroads, state prisons, university and normal schools, and labor.

HON. JOHN C. F. McKESSON,

EMERALD, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Buena Vista, Illinois, December 13, 1858, and is therefore, at this time, 36 years old. At the close of the war, and after a year's residence in Kansas, he came to Nebraska with his parents and lived in Richardson county. He has lived in Nebraska ever since it was admitted into the Union as a state. The father of this sketch was a minister, and naturally was poor, thereby throwing young John upon his own resources in order to gain his education. He was equal to the emergency, and after completing a common school education he entered the Nebraska State University and studied there for nearly six years, passing through all the classes to nearly the completion of the senior year. During this time he was self-supporting, receiving little or no aid from his parents. He entered the field of journalism, joining Col. Hyde in founding the *Lincoln Daily News*, and while studying in the university published the *Lincoln Daily Times*, a spicy paper containing all the news of the day, and had a good patronage owing to the bright editorials that appeared from time to time in its columns upon the political questions of that time. His labors in the journalistic field becoming so arduous and his interests so great, he severed his connection with the university before graduating. He continued with the *Daily News* for over one year

and then removed to a farm near Emerald, in Lancaster county, upon which he still resides. In 1887 he went to Goodland, Kansas, and assumed the position of cashier of a bank with Russell Brothers. He still had a longing for his old home, and in 1888 returned to Lancaster county. John C. F. McKesson is a self-made man, strong in his convictions, and well posted upon all questions of a political nature. The citizens of Lancaster county were not slow in recognizing his ability and noticing the fact that in whatever position he appeared he filled it always with credit to himself and to his constituents, and was frequently urged for positions of prominence in the state by his fellow citizens, but repeatedly refused any position at the hands of the republican party of which he was so strong a member, confining himself strictly to his chosen occupation, that of a farmer. In the fall of 1890, he was chosen as a member of the legislature, filling his position with credit to himself and the state. His one term was sufficient to insure his re-election in 1892, returned again to the house where he immediately assumed the leadership on the republican side. He was skilled in the art of parliamentary practice, and was always in the front rank of the hot battles on the floor. In 1894 he was again chosen by his citizens as state senator and immediately upon his election—although one of the youngest members in the body—was urged as president of the senate; he refused, however, to be a candidate for this position and was given the chairmanship of the most important committee in the senate—that of railroads—a well merited recognition of his fairness and his great desire to do justice between the people and the corporations. Mr. McKesson, in 1881,

married Miss Isadore Swisher, a daughter of Dr. Swisher, of Lincoln. Lancaster county is proud of the young statesman for the reason that they find in him always an advocate of fair and just dealing upon all political measures; always firm in the desire that right shall prevail, true to his friends, and ever ready and willing to sacrifice his own personal interests that the public may be properly represented. His course is always one that will recommend him, and we bespeak for him continued advancement as long as he shall remain in politics, and although modest and of a retiring nature it can be truthfully said of him that the office has always sought after him rather than he seeking the office.

HON. EDWIN E. MIGHELL,

AURORA, NEBRASKA.



CLAY and Hamilton counties, constituting the twenty-fifth senatorial district, are represented by Edwin E. Mighell, a straight republican. Mr. Mighell's parents took up their residence at Plano, Kendall county, Illinois, in 1837, and he was born at that place in 1850, June 2d. He lived at the place of his birth continuously until January 1, 1871, when he was married to Ella A. Miller, at Tampico, Whiteside county, Ill. In the spring of 1872 he moved to Tampico, where he resided until 1875, when he returned to the old home at Plano. In 1879 he removed to Maryville, Mo., and purchasing a farm near there resided there until the spring of 1883. In that year he became a resident of Nebraska, having moved to Hamilton county, and purchased 480 acres of land, where he has resided ever since. There are three children in the family, all daughters; Lizzie E., born at Tampico, Ill., April 6, 1873; Adah L., born at Plano, Ill., June 26, 1876, and Allie J., born at Maryville, Mo., August 16, 1882. Mr. Mighell received a common school education. His postoffice is Aurora, Neb., and he is engaged in the feeding and shipping of stock. As chairman of the committee on miscellaneous subjects, and a member of the committees on agriculture, school lands and funds, state prison, public charities, live stock and grazing, and immigration, Senator Mighell has exerted an important influence on the legislation of the twenty-fourth session.

HON. ISAAC NOYES,

WATERLOO, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR from the sixth district, was born in Batchellerville, Saratoga county, New York, in 1828. His parents were pioneers in that section who had emigrated from Vermont. He was educated in the public schools, finishing at the State Normal school at Albany. In 1857 he came to Nebraska and preempted 160 acres of land and purchased more land adjoining, which together constitute the farm on which he now lives. Returning to New York in 1859, he married Miss Addie T. Batcheller. During the war he remained east, engaged in manufacturing wooden ware. As supervisor of the town of Edinburgh, his entire time in 1864 was given to enlisting soldiers. In 1875 he was elected to the assembly from second district of Saratoga, and was re-elected the next session. During both sessions he was chairman of the committee on villages, a very important committee in that state. He returned to Nebraska permanently in 1879, where he has lived since on his farm in Douglas county. In 1892 his name was before the republicans of Douglas county for governor, but during the ballot he withdrew his name in the interest of Governor Crouse. Senator Clark's death, in 1893, left a vacancy which Mr. Noyes was elected to fill, and in 1894 he was elected from Douglas county again. Mr. Noyes comes of good old Presbyterian stock, his father and

grandfather having both been elders in that church, as he is at this time. He is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, agriculture, highways, bridges, and ferries, counties and county boundaries, and miscellaneous subjects, and chairman of the committees on internal improvements and education.

HON. JOHN D. POPE,

FRIEND, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTS the twenty-second senatorial district, consisting of Saline county, lives at Friend, Nebraska, and is a stalwart republican. He is a familiar figure in the senate chamber of the Nebraska legislature, having been a member of the senate in 1889 and in 1893, the present term being his third. Mr. Pope was born De-

cember 28, 1856, at Waukegan, Ill. He studied in the high school there, then entered Oberlin college and graduated in the preparatory department, classical course, in 1878. In the fall of the same year he entered the freshman class of Lake Forest University and attended there until 1881, when he entered Dartmouth College and graduated in 1882 in the classical course. He taught Latin and Greek in 1882-3 in the high school of Rochester, Minnesota, and in 1883 and 1884 was superintendent of schools at Casselton, Dakota. He was admitted to the bar in March, 1885, at Ottawa, Illinois, and practiced law in Chicago until October, 1886, when he came to Friend, Nebraska, where he has lived since. On May 29, 1889, he was married to Lillian C. McDougall, daughter of Mathew McDougall, who was a member of the house of representatives in the sixteenth and seventeenth sessions. They have one child, John McDougall Pope, aged three and a-half years. Mr. Pope is one of the leaders of the senate, a good or-

ganizer, a hard worker, and a ready and forcible speaker. He is chairman of the judiciary committee and of the committee on standing committees. He is also a member of the committees on irrigation, claims, railroads, miscellaneous corporations, and constitutional amendments and federal relations.

HON. FRANCIS M. RATHBUN,
CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA.



SENATOR from the twenty-ninth district, consisting of Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Gosper, Frontier, Chase, and Hayes counties, was born in Cortland, DeKalb county, Illinois, December 15, 1849. He was reared on a farm and attended district school until thirteen years of age, afterward attending Knox Academy at Galesburg, Illinois. In 1878 he came to Nebraska and settled on a farm in Frontier county, where he has since lived. He was twice elected surveyor of the county, and was once appointed to fill a vacancy in the same office. His campaign for the senate, last fall, was a splendid one, he having entered the fight with a majority of 1,100 against him, which he overcame, and was elected over Hon. L. W. Young, populist, whom he succeeds, by a majority of 422. He carried every county but two—Gosper and Hitchcock. Senator Rathbun has always been an active champion of the agricultural interests of the state, and in 1895 was elected second vice president of the state board of agriculture. He has his hands full of work in the senate, being chairman of the committees on public charities, live stock and grazing, and school lands and funds, and a member of the committees on public lands and buildings, railroads, agriculture, internal improvements, and irrigation. Besides this regular committee work he is a member of the special joint committee on relief.

HON. SHERMAN SAUNDERS,
BLOOMFIELD, NEBRASKA,



THE republican senator from the eighth district, comprising the counties of Cedar, Knox, Dakota, and Thurston, enjoys the distinction of being the only member of the senate who is a native Nebraskan, having been born at St. Helena, Cedar county, August 23, 1864. He is, therefore, not only a born Nebraskan, but was born in the district

which he represents. His early education was obtained in the common schools of his county, and afterward he graduated at the college at Yankton, S. D. During the year 1888 and 1889 Mr. Saunders was deputy county clerk of Cedar county. In 1890 he went to Bloomfield, his present place of residence, as cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank, which position he still holds. He has taken a high position as a business man, and an enterprising, upright, and open handed citizen, and his election to the state senate was an expression of the general esteem and confidence with which he is regarded in all matters. He is chairman of the committee on banks and currency, and a member of the committees on labor, revenue, public lands and buildings, and accounts and expenditures.

HON. CHARLES H. SLOAN,

GENEVA, NEBRASKA.



THE staunch republican who represents the twenty-fourth senatorial district, York and Fillmore counties, was born May 2, 1863, in a log cabin near Monticello, Jones county, Iowa. His parents were born in Ireland and came to the United States in their childhood. He was raised on a farm, and although he had to work for neighbors during the summers to assist his parents and support himself, he fitted himself by the time he was seventeen years of age, to enter the freshman class of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames. Here he supported himself by working nights and mornings, and finished the four years' course in three years and a half. Upon graduating from Ames he came to Nebraska, and at the age of twenty-one was principal of the Fairmont schools. During the three years he was at the head of the Fairmont schools he was studying law, and was ready for admission to the bar when his school work was done. In 1890 Mr. Sloan was elected county attorney of his county on the republican ticket, and in 1892 was re-elected. In 1889 he married Emma Porter, of Woodbine, Iowa, a graduate of the college from which he graduated. They have three children, Ethel, Blaine, Porter. Mr. Sloan is a member of the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity, of the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen, the Masons, and the R. A. M. Besides

being chairman of the committees on constitutional amendments and federal relations, and privileges and elections, he is a member of the committee on judiciary public lands and buildings, agriculture, enrolled and engrossed bills, education, asylum, industrial home, etc., and labor. He was the author of Senate File No. 78. "The Anti-Oleomargarine bill."

HON. RICHARD SMITH,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.



THE subject of this sketch, Richard Smith, better known by his legion of friends as "Dick," was born at Belleville, Ontario, Canada, January 13, 1847. His father, a prominent contractor of Belleville, having met with financial reverses in the panic of 1857, accompanied by a failure in health, resulting in death, Dick was, at the early age of ten years, forced to assume the responsibilities of a breadwinner for a family consisting of his mother and two younger brothers, with no opportunity to acquire an education. He was compelled to begin the battle of life at an age when but few who have attained prominence were called upon to make the fight, the reward for which is that proud title, "a self-made man," a title which, as a successful business man, belongs to Richard Smith. After working in the saw mills of his native town for several years, in 1863-4 he engaged as a sailor on the lakes and driving team on the Erie canal in New York state. When seventeen years old, having impressed upon his mind the value of a trade, he became a plasterer's apprentice. After having mastered this trade, he became connected with building enterprises in Chicago, where he was engaged in building until his removal to Omaha in 1886, where he at once attained prominence as a brick manufacturer, builder, and general contractor, the business in which he is at

present engaged. Many of the public and private buildings of Omaha were erected by him; among others were the Lothrop and West Omaha public schools, and the rebuilding of Douglas county hospital. In 1889 the Builders' and Traders' Exchange of Omaha was organized, Mr. Smith being elected its first president, and was re-elected three times since, his last term having expired with the old year. At the meeting of the National Brickmakers' Association, held at Indianapolis, in February, 1891, Mr. Smith was elected first vice president of the association. In politics Mr. Smith has always been a stalwart republican, and likewise he has always taken an active part in politics, but has never held an office until he was elected state senator at the last election, and was chairman of committee on labor, and a member of senate committees as follows: public lands and buildings, military affairs, miscellaneous subjects, asylums etc., revenue, irrigation.

HON. JOHN C. SPRECHER,

SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTS the twelfth senatorial district, comprising Platte and Colfax counties. Mr. Sprecher was born in Ohio, March 9, 1864, and moved with his parents to Colfax county, Neb., in 1871, since which time he has lived there continually. The family was among the early settlers and passed through the hard times attendant upon the grasshopper visitations and other pioneer experiences, making a sod house their abiding place for many years. The son was educated in the country schools and took a term at the Schuyler High School. At the age of sixteen he began teaching and remained in school work six years, holding a state certificate for most of that time. In 1886 he established the *Quill* at Schuyler, and is still the editor and publisher of that paper. In 1891, November 11th, Mr. Sprecher was married to Miss Etta Woods, and a son was born to them on April 17, 1893. Although his district usually goes democratic by several hundred, and the populist vote is generally smaller than either that of the republicans or the democrats, Mr. Sprecher in the campaign last fall defeated his republican opponent by 346 votes, and the democratic candidate by 933 votes. Senator Sprecher is a Mason, being a member of the Blue Lodge as well as the chapter, and a pastmaster in the former. He is a member of the committee on military affairs, mines and minerals, and public printing.

HON. WILLIAM STUEFER,

WEST POINT, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR from the seventh district, was born January 12, 1847, at Watertown, Wis. In 1863 he moved to West Point, where he was county clerk in 1878. This office he held four years; he was also chairman of the town board for two years. He has been mayor of West Point, member of the school board for fifteen years, and is at this time presi-

dent of it. Mr. Stuefer is president of the West Point National Bank, and is one of the most enterprising citizens, as well as a good republican. He is chairman of the committee on accounts and expenditures, and is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, enrolled and engrossed bills, banks and currency, railroads, public charities, revenue and standing committees. Senator Stuefer was an industrious member of the senate and on committee work.

HON. HEMAN G. STEWART,

CRAWFORD, NEBRASKA.



MEMBER of the senate from the fourteenth district, was born on a farm in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, in September, 1854. His father was one of the early abolitionists. Mr. Stewart has been long connected with the farmers' alliance, and was for years one of its first officers. He assisted in the organization of the populist party in the state, and was sent to represent this party in the senate in 1893. He was their unanimous choice again in 1895. Mr. Stewart is a hard-working and successful farmer, and an uncompromising opponent of the gold basis. He is a member of the committees on irrigation, internal improvement, library, public charities, and mines and minerals. He is a forcible speaker and a good organizer, and one of the leaders of his party in the senate.

HON. ORLANDO TEFFT,

AVOCA, NEBRASKA.



HERE are few figures more familiar in the senate, or in Nebraska politics, than that of Orlando Tefft, of Avoca, Cass county, representative of the fourth senatorial district. Almost every year he is a delegate to either the state or congressional convention of his party, and he has sat in the senate three sessions previous to this one, those of 1879, 1881, and 1892. He has been prominently identified with republican politics in Nebraska in many ways and was looked upon as a strong candidate for lieutenant governor previous to the last republican state convention, but declined to permit his name to be used. Senator Tefft was born at Elgin, Ill., in 1843. He received an excellent education, and came to Nebraska with his parents in the territorial days. In 1867 he purchased the 480 acres which still constitute his homestead, and for a quarter of a century he has been looked upon as one of Cass county's most successful and most representative citizens. Being of a genial disposition and of unimpeachable integrity his friends are numerous, and his large majorities attest the fact that he receives votes from members of all political parties. His work in the senate is characterized by a close adherence to business principles and methods, and a jealous devotion to the welfare of the people. Senator Tefft was chairman

of the committee on public lands and buildings, and a member of the committee on judiciary, finance, ways and means, highways, bridges and ferries, railroads, university and normal schools, constitutional amendments and federal relations, and rules. He was a member also of the special relief committee.





HON. JOHN C. WATSON,

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR from the third district, has been a member of the Nebraska legislature oftener than any other member of the present session. He was first elected to the house in 1887, and was also in the house in 1889, 1891, and 1893. In 1889 he was speaker of the house, and as he is recognized as without a superior in the state as a parliamentarian, it is hardly necessary to say he filled that position admirably. Mr. Watson was born in St. Louis, September 20, 1850. When a boy he went to Miami county, Ohio. After graduating from the high school at the age of sixteen, he went to Memphis, Tennessee, and spent a short time in newspaper work on the *Memphis Daily Sun* and other papers. He then entered Ann Arbor, taking the classical course and graduating in the year of his majority. He studied medicine a year, then took up law, and graduated in 1873. He was admitted to the bar in Michigan and came west and located at Nebraska City in the year of his graduation. Two years later he was tendered the nomination for the legislature but declined it. In 1878 he was elected district attorney for Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, and Nemaha counties, and was re elected. He has also been city attorney of Nebraska City and county attorney of Otoe county. Mr. Watson was recommended by both houses of the legislature and by all the judges of the dis-

trict and supreme courts for assistant attorney general of the United States. He was appointed by President Harrison U. S. district attorney for Alaska but declined. Mr. Watson is a republican of the stalwart type, an organizer, an orator, and a fighter. He was elected president of the senate upon the organization of the present legislature. He is chairman of the committee on rules, and on military affairs and is a member of the committees on judiciary, library, miscellaneous corporations, university and normal schools, constitutional amendments and federal relations, and asylum and industrial home, etc. He has been judge advocate general with the rank of major of the Nebraska National Guards since 1887 and professor of criminal law in the State University for the past three years.

HON. JOHN B. WRIGHT,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



SENATOR from Lancaster, the twentieth district, was born at Rochester, New York, December 10, 1845. He moved to Buffalo in 1851 and for ten years attended school in that place. From there he went to Monroe, Michigan, where he continued to attend school. In 1868 he went to the frontier, in Montana, and engaged in mining and operating a cattle ranch. In 1875 he came to Lincoln and engaged in the grain and flax business, which he has conducted continuously and with conspicuous success up to the present time. Mr. Wright was married on May 4, 1890, to Miss J. E. Robinson, of Chicago, Illinois. Since taking up his residence in Lincoln, Mr. Wright has taken an active part in the politics of the city and county. He was a member of the city council from 1876 to 1879, and was mayor in 1880 and 1881. He was a member of the house of representatives from this county in 1885 and took a step up last November when he was elected to the senate. Mr. Wright is a conservative and hard-headed business man of strong convictions and great tenacity of purpose. Although a strong partisan his patriotism and integrity have never been questioned by his political opponents. He is chairman of the committee on university and normal schools, and a member of the committees on fi-

nance, ways and means, banks and currency, constitutional amendments and federal relations, medical legislation, asylum, industrial home, home for the friendless and institute for the feeble minded, immigration and revenues.

HON. JAMES ALLAN,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



OF the Douglas county delegation, representing the tenth district, was born June 8, 1854, at Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland. His parents were poor, living on a rented farm. At the age of five he entered the public school, and continued to attend them until fourteen years old, when he removed with his parents to the United States. They located at Prairie City, McDonough county, Ill., where they remained two years. They then removed to Cuming county, this state, and settled on a farm three miles from West Point. Mr. Allan was engaged in farming and stock raising for ten years. He was school director of school district No. 15 for six years, and was assessor of West Point for four successive terms. On January 19, 1881, he married Miss Josie B. Parker, fourth daughter of James M. Parker, of Kennard, Washington, county, Neb. In 1882 he removed to Omaha. He was time-keeper for the waterworks for six months, and foreman for the street commissioner for two years. In 1885 he was clerk of the committee on claims in the house. He held the position of sidewalk inspector of the city of Omaha for five years. In 1890 he was appointed special agent by the U. S. Government to collect statistics of manufactures, and filled the position with credit for the one year allowed by law for

the work. During 1892, 1893, and a part of 1894 he was foreman for the street commissioner of Omaha. He was elected to the twenty-fourth session of the legislature by the largest vote on the ticket. Mr. Allan is a member of the committees on railroads, manufacturing, and commerce, labor and benevolent institutions, and printing.

HON. WILLIAM ASHBY,

FAIRFIELD, NEBRASKA,



OF the forty-second district, was born April 15, 1867, at Champaign, Ill. He was educated at the high school of that place and the university of Illinois. In 1884 he came to Nebraska with his parents, with whom he has been engaged in farming ever since, in Spring Ranche township, Clay county, near Fairfield. During this time he has also taught

school several terms. He was elected to the legislature of 1894 as a Republican. Mr. Ashby is a member of the committees on accounts and expenditures, school lands and funds, and chairman of committees on live stock and grazing, penitentiary and special penitentiary committee. He is a genial gentleman, and has made many friends during the winter's session.

HON. FRANK BACON,
GOTHENBURG, NEBRASKA,



MEMBER of the house from the fifty-ninth representative district, was born in Winnebago county, Ill., in 1853. He became a citizen of Nebraska in 1884, when he moved to Dawson county and engaged in the business of raising cattle, in which he has been signally successful. Mr. Bacon is a married man. He is a republican from deep-

seated conviction and is recognized not only as one of the substantial pillars of his party in his district but also as a leading business man and citizen. That he has had no small hand in shaping the legislation of the present session may be inferred from the list of committees of which he is a member. Besides being on the special relief committee he holds the chairmanship of the committee on internal improvements, and is a member of the judiciary committee, the committee on constitutional amendments, the committee on irrigation, the committee on banks and currency, the committee on railroads, and the committee on telegraph, telephone, and electric lights. Representative Bacon is rather quiet in his manner, speaking not frequently but always to the point, like a conservative, clear-headed business man.

HON. PATRICK H. BARRY,

GREELEY CENTER, NEBRASKA.



AS the representative of the forty-ninth district, and is an old soldier who has earned the right to all that title of distinction implies. On September 6, 1861, he enlisted in company E, Sixty-third New York volunteer infantry, commanded by Capt. James Pendergast. This regiment was the third regiment of General Thomas Francis Meagher's

Irish brigade. While in this regiment Mr. Barry participated in the following engagements: the siege of Yorktown, battle of Fair Oaks, Gaines' Mill, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Cold Harbor, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, and Antietam. In the last of these battles he was wounded in the right ankle and discharged from service by surgeon's certificate of disability, in March, 1863. In June, 1863, Lee invaded Maryland, and Mr. Barry again volunteered, enlisting in company A, Twelfth Massachusetts Infantry, and added the following to the battles in which he fought during the war: Mine Run, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania court house, Bethesda church, North Anna river, Cold Harbor, Petersburg on the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th days of June, 1864. He lost his right arm on the 7th day of July, 1864, and was discharged from the service October 28, 1864. Mr. Barry was born in Currigoline, County Cork, Ireland, August

25, 1844. He came with his parents to the United States in May, 1849, and settled in Boston, where he was educated in the public schools. In 1856 his father died, leaving him to care for a mother, brother, and sister, which he did until the breaking out of the Rebellion. When he returned to civil life after losing his arm in 1864, he was an ardent greenbacker and a member of the executive committee of that party in Massachusetts. In 1880 he moved to Greeley county, where he has lived ever since and where, with his five sons, he owns and farms a section of land. Mr. Barry is vice president of the state board of agriculture. In 1890 he signed the call for the formation of the peoples' independent party. He was elected a member of the twenty-third session of the legislature where he served with much credit, being made by his party one of the members of the board of impeachment, and was elected chairman of that board. Mr. Barry is a good parliamentarian, quick in debate, and a hard fighter.

HON. HENRY S. BECK,

PIERCE, NEBRASKA,



OF the nineteenth district, was born at Lancaster, Ohio, April 12, 1837. He is of German descent, and received his education in the public schools of the Buckeye state. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Ohio infantry, serving under General Pope. He was in active service during the Rebellion, was early made captain of his company, and marched with Sherman to the sea. After the war he came to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1880, and engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1882 he commenced banking at Pierce, where he is now president of the First National Bank. Mr. Beck is a strong republican, and was elected to represent Pierce and Cedar counties by a plurality of 355 votes. Mr. Beck is an energetic, popular business man. He is a member of the committee on internal improvements, constitutional amendments, privileges and elections, library, school lands and funds, and claims—six of the important committees of the house.

HON. GUSTAVUS G. BECHER,

COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from district number twenty-four, consisting of Platte county, was born in Pilsen, Bohemia, August 11, 1844. Five years later the family came to America and located in St. Louis. The mother died soon after, and the son was taken to St. Joseph's Sister's Convent, where he stayed four years. In 1856 he entered Christian

Brothers' Academy in St. Louis and studied there two and a half years. In 1858 he came to Nebraska and the next year went to work for Hurford & Brother, hardware merchants in Omaha. He continued with them until 1867 when he went out with Major North's Pawnee scouts, serving with them three years as lieutenant and captain. His father died in Columbus in 1865, being at the time of his death republican nominee for county treasurer. In 1869 Mr. Becher was married to LeAnna Bradford. They have had three children. In 1870 Mr. Becher began business as insurance agent at Columbus, and in 1876 added the real estate and loan business. This business he is still engaged in as the senior member of the firm of Becher, Jaeggi & Co. This firm is doing an extensive loan business having loaned over two millions on farm mortgages. He has been assessor and councilman in Columbus, and in 1887 was elected county treasurer of Platte county and held

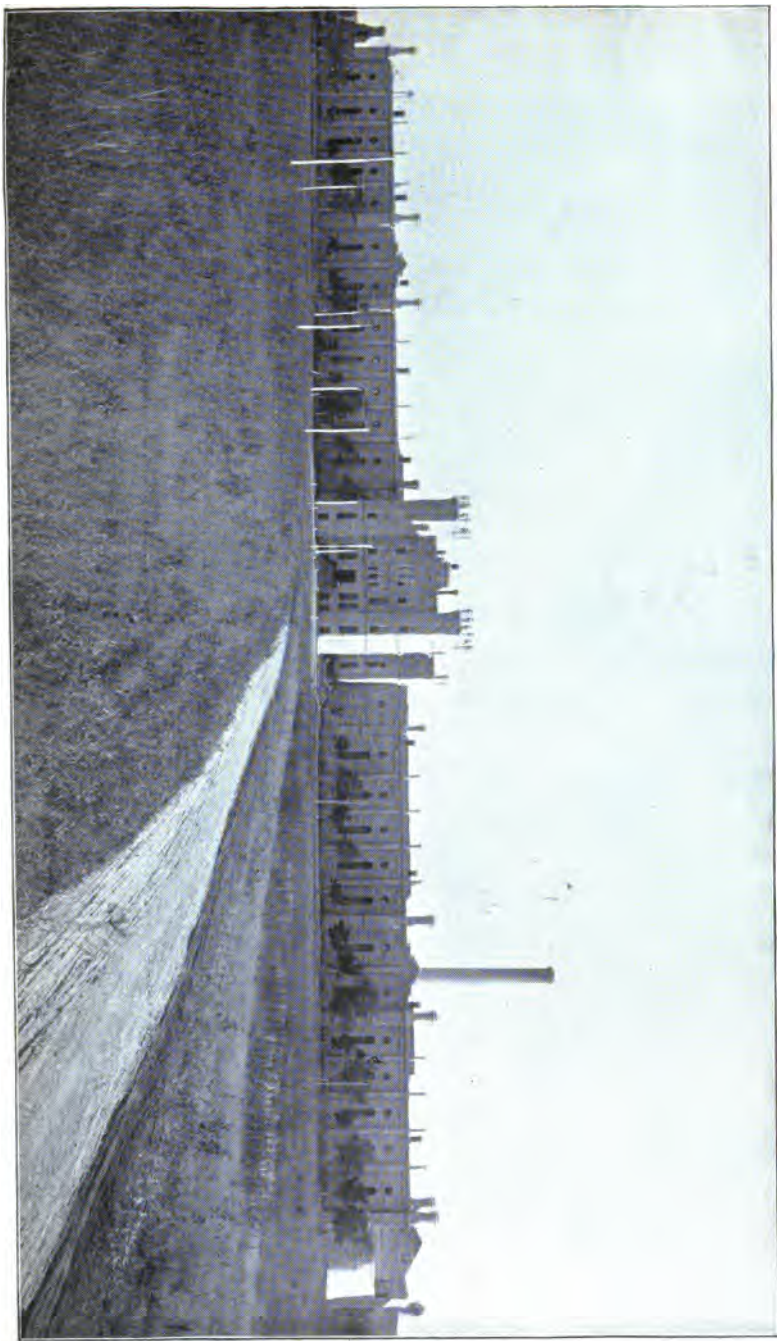
the office for two terms, although the county is a democratic one. He is one of the best known Masons in the state, having taken all the degrees. Mr. Becher is chairman of the committee on claims, and is a member of the committees on judiciary, county boundaries, county seats, and township organizations, university and normal schools, manufacturing and commerce, and telegraph, telephone, and electric light, and insurance.

HON. E. R. BEE,

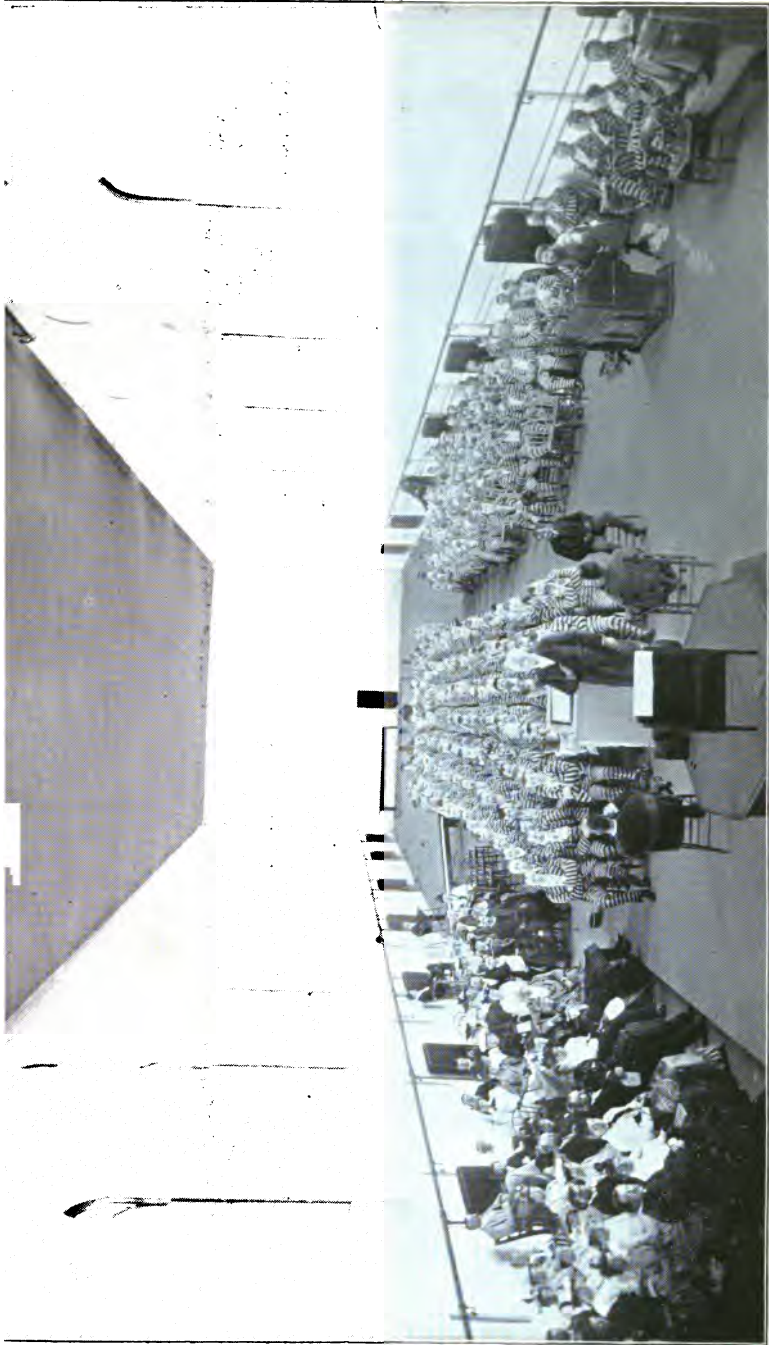
CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA,



THE republican member from the sixty-fourth district, was born at West Union, Doddridge county, W. Va., Sept. 3, 1854. He received a common school education, and began teaching and farming while still quite a young man, in Rounse county, W. Va. In 1882 he moved to Arapahoe, Nebraska, and shortly afterward located on government land in Union precinct, made proof on the same, and then moved to Cambridge, where he still resides. Here he was employed by the Frees and Hocknell Lumber Co., remaining with them for five years. He was appointed postmaster by President Harrison, and served for four years. In 1893 he went into the lumber business with A. V. Perry, at Arapahoe, Cambridge, and Holbrook. He was elected to the house after a close contest, and overcame a large majority in the county. Mr. Bee is a married man and has two children, a boy and a girl. He is a good speaker and a hard worker. His sympathies are strongly with the agricultural and working classes, and his course on all questions is dictated rather by his own judgment than by strict party considerations or the leadership of others. Mr. Bee is the chairman of the committee on accounts and expenditures, and is a member of the committees on corporations, school lands and funds, claims, and irrigation. Besides these standing committees, he is a member of the special relief committee.



STATE PENITENTIARY, LINCOLN.



CHAPEL, STATE PENITENTIARY, LINCOLN.

HON. EMERSON BENEDICT,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the members of the tenth district, was born on a stock farm near Princeton, Ill., September 22, 1853. He attended district school when small, and afterwards the Princeton High School. When twenty-one years old he went to Chicago and engaged in the wholesale grocery business on River street. This business he sold out in 1878, to go "on the road" for a Boston shoe house, in which pursuit he remained until 1885. Mr. Benedict came to Omaha in 1886, and became interested in the Western Pottery Company, of which he was made president. In 1890 he sold this business to the Nebraska Paving Brick Company. Since 1887 he has been a contractor for Paving and Public Works, besides filling the position of general manager of the Omaha Portland Cement Pipe Company in which he is also a stockholder. He married Miss Ida Chamblin, of Mason City, Ill., in 1882. Mr. Benedict has always been a republican, and an active worker in politics, though this is the first time he has held office. He is a genial companion and is very popular with his fellow members in the house. Mr. Benedict is a member of the committees on militia, public printing, apportionment, and labor and corporations.

HON. JAMES J. BERNARD,

LEWISTON, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the two representatives from the second district, was born on Prince Edward Island, October 3, 1852. In 1870 he moved to Black Hawk, Col., and was engaged in mining until 1878, when he began blacksmithing in Leadville. At the close of the boom period of Leadville, in 1884, he moved to Pawnee county and settled on a farm of 480 acres, near Lewiston, where he still resides, engaged in farming and feeding cattle. In 1882 Mr. Bernard was married to Miss Mattie Morrison, at Monroe, Ia. Mr. Bernard's services in the legislature are those of a practical kind such as would be expected from a level-headed and conservative business man, and he is one of the reliable working forces of the republican majority. He is a member of the committees on constitutional amendments, public schools, miscellaneous subjects, labor, apportionment, and insurance.

HON. JOHN BRADY,

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA,



THE republican member from the fifty-eighth district, Buffalo county, is one of the most active members of the twenty-fourth session. Besides being a member of the special relief committee, he is chairman of the penitentiary committee, and a member of the committees on public lands and buildings, finance, ways and means, and accounts and

expenditures. Mr. Brady was born on a farm in Columbia county, Wisconsin, in 1851, and is, therefore, forty-three years old. He spent his boyhood working on the farm and attending public school and the state university. After leaving the university he turned his attention to educational work, and served several years as principal of high schools and was county superintendent of schools in Fillmore county, Minnesota, ten years. He came to Buffalo county, Nebraska, in 1886, locating in the city of Kearney, where he has lived ever since. He is now engaged in farming and stock raising, being one of the most extensive land owners in Buffalo county. Mr. Brady has always been a consistent republican, although of rather independent habits of thought, doubtless due to the fact that he is a close student of the living questions of the day. He is of an optimistic, social disposition, and has a wide acquaintance and many friends among the members of the house

HON. JOHN M. BROCKMAN,

STELLA, NEBRASKA,



FROM the first representative district, was born in Morgan county, Ill., August 20, 1841. His parents, Samuel Brockman and Sarah Smedley, were from Kentucky and were both from long lived families, his grandfather Smedley having lived to be almost one hundred and eleven years old, while both grandmothers lived to about ninety years of age.

Mr. Brockman was educated in the common schools, supporting himself in the meantime by teaching. In 1861 he moved to Brownville, this state, and enlisted in the first battalion Nebraska cavalry, afterward merged into the fifth Iowa cavalry. He served over three years, about one year of the service being as scout for General Crook and General George H. Thomas. In 1867, Mr. Brockman was married to Miss Minerva A. Mitchell, in Cass county, Ill., and returned to Richardson county this state. Most of the time since then he has lived on his farm in that county. He served one term of three years as County Commissioner of that county and was elected to the twenty-third session of the legislature and re-elected to the present session. He has always been a true blue republican and led the ticket by a good majority each year. Mr. Brockman has two children, Ida and Ross Wallace, born in Nebraska. He was elected to the po-

sition of president of the Old Settlers' Association of Southeastern Nebraska, which he has held continuously since its organization ten years ago. Besides a reputation as a fair opponent and a sound thinker Mr. Brockman is known as the best natured man on the floor of the house. His committees are the university committee, of which he is chairman, and the committee on agriculture, militia, constitutional amendments, and school lands and funds.

HON. WM. A. BROKAW,

SEWARD, NEBRASKA,



WAS a democrat until 1890; then believing that the principles of the independent party was the right one, he has ever since strongly advocated them. He was born in Fulton county, Ill., near Fairview, June 12, 1842, and was raised a farmer, and in 1869 took a homestead in Seward county, Neb., about one mile of the village of Ruby, where he now resides. Was married October 14, 1863, to Miss Jane A. Hageman, at Lewiston, Ill. Has been elected to the offices as assessor, town treasurer, and two terms as county supervisor, received the nomination for the legislature in 1894 by the democrats unknown to himself, but afterwards nominated for same position by acclamation by the independents in convention, and was elected and served on the following committees in the house, viz.: privileges and elections, labor. Mr. Brokaw is a quiet gentleman, and is well respected by his neighbors, and is not anxious for notoriety.

HON. RAINSFORD C. BROWNELL,

MORSE BLUFF, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the twenty-seventh district, is past the thirty-fourth year of his age, his birth having occurred in the year 1860—January 12th—so that ere we go press he will celebrate his thirty-fifth birthday. He is a native of New Brunswick, N. S., and came from there with his parents to Saunders county, Neb., April 22, 1872. He has

made his home in Saunders county ever since. Mr. Brownell is one of Nebraska's representative, energetic, thorough-going farmers and stock raisers. He is especially interested in standard-bred horses, and is at the present possessed of a number of fine young animals that promise well. Mr. Brownell is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother, seemingly taking great pride in making her declining years pleasant for her. His home is near Morse Bluff, in Saunders county, and is recognized as a hospitable shelter for all who pass that way. He has a large, well improved farm, in the conduct of which he takes great pride, and is very successful. In politics Mr. Brownell is and always has been a staunch republican. He has never been known as an office seeker, and has never before held any elective office; his election this time by an overwhelming majority in a populist stronghold denotes to some extent the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. Mr. Brownell is a member of the Modern

Woodmen of America, having held responsible positions in the society since its organization. He was appointed by the speaker on the following standing committees of the house: apportionment, county boundaries, county seats, and township organizations, library, and public printing.

HON. J. C. BURCH,

WYMORE, NEBRASKA,



AS one of the representatives from Gage county, the thirty-second district. He was born in Niagara county, New York, October 11, 1852, and moved with his parents to Fayette county, Ia., in 1855. His early life was spent on a farm near the town of Fayette, where he attended the public schools, and afterwards entered the upper Iowa university, from which institution he graduated with the class of 1874. He immediately commenced a journalistic career, and, with the exception of a few years he was engaged in teaching, his time was devoted to country newspaper work until about the year 1882. Very few men have been more successful, especially from a business point of view, as editors and managers of a country newspaper. In 1882 Mr. Burch located at Wymore, Neb., and engaged in the banking business, where he has remained ever since. Though taking an active part in all public matters he has not been considered one of the politicians of his county nor in any sense an aspirant for office. He served his town as a member of the board of supervisors in Gage county for four years, during which time he was one of the members of the building committee which had charge of the construction of the new court house. In politics he has always been a republican, and it may be said to his credit

that, though a banker in an agricultural county, he was nominated by the almost unanimous support of the farmers who were delegates to the convention, and at the polls received the largest vote of any candidate on the ticket. He was a prominent candidate for speaker of the house and has been an active member, being a thorough business man, a good speaker, and an industrious worker. He is chairman of the committee on fees and salaries, and a member of the committee on accounts and expenditures, county boundaries, county seats and township organization, and banks and currency.

HON. DAVID W. BURKE,

BANCROFT, NEBRASKA,



DAVID W. BURKE born in Perth, Lanark county, Canada, September 15, 1839, was raised on a farm, receiving a country school education. In 1865 came to the United States and worked in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. In 1867 came west and was an employee of the Union Pacific railroad as bridge builder. In the spring of 1869 he went to Cuming county, Nebraska, and located on a homestead, northwest quarter, section 3, township 23, range 6 east. He remained there during the summer breaking prairie. The following winter, as foreman of a bridge gang, he was employed on the M. P., Ft. Scott and Gulf railroad, then returned to his homestead and was married to Miss Isabella Gilmour, also of Canada. His wife died October 15, 1882, leaving him with four small children, all of whom are living. He taught the first school in what is known now as Logan township in his own house, during the winter of 1870-1. In 1887 was elected supervisor from Logan township, and chosen chairman of the first board of supervisors of the county in January, 1888, and afterwards served on the board as a member of the road and bridge committee. In the spring of 1894 he leased his farm and moved to Bancroft, Nebraska, where he now resides; was elected to the house of representatives the same year from the fifteenth district. Mr. Burke is a modest gentleman, and made a good record in the standing and special committees of which he was a member.

HON. EDWARD C. BURNS,

SCRIBNER, NEBRASKA,



THE republican representative from the fourteenth district, was born in Ontario county, N. Y., November 13, 1838. His father moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, soon after, where the family lived until the subject of this sketch was ten years old, when Coldwater became their home. The father died in 1850, and the family moved to Fremont, Ind., where Edward learned the blacksmith's trade, and worked at it until the war broke out. He enlisted with Michigan troops at Adrian and served through the four hard years following. He was in Virginia in engagements at Fairfax Station, Bull Run, and was on the Peninsula, at Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Gaine's Hill, Savage Station, at Gettysburg, and in the November after was taken prisoner at Mine Run, Va., and kept at Libby four months, when he was sent to Andersonville, where he was held until November 20th, when he was paroled and mustered out of service at the end of the war. In 1869 Mr. Burns came to Cuming township, Dodge county, Nebraska, and farmed until 1888, when he moved into Scribner to secure better educational advantages for his children. He was postmaster at Scribner under Harrison, and was six years a member of the board of commissioners of Dodge county, and served faithfully in both capacities. He is a popular man in his locality.

and has the esteem of all parties. Mr. Burns is chairman of the committee on manufacturing and commerce, and is a member of the committees on public lands and buildings, county boundaries, county seats, and township organization, and cities and towns.

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HON. JOSEPH BURNS,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in the County Roscommon, Ireland, on the 12th day of March, 1848, the fourth child of a family of nine children. He emigrated with his father to this country when he was twelve years old and located at Hartford, Conn., where he went to work on a farm at \$3 a month and board. At thirteen years he could neither read nor write. At this time he realized his ignorance as compared with other boys of his age. He made up his mind at once he would spend his evenings in trying to learn to read and write. The farmers' children about his age volunteered to assist him; he spent not only his evenings, but long into the night, mastering his self-imposed lessons. From the farm he went into trading for himself in a small way, and was picked up by a merchant of Meriden, Conn., where his industry and intelligence made him many friends amongst the best people of the city. He stayed there until he was married in 1869. Believing the opportunities were greater in the West he moved with his wife to Monticello, Ia., without any other capital than a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed. The first two years was the usual fate of eastern men without money—hard work and scant living—but he never gave up. Seeing the difficulty with which water was obtained, he invented and patented

what was then known as the Champion well auger, or what is better known in Nebraska as the section well auger. This immediately placed him on his feet, so to speak. As there was a great demand for the machines at that time, through unfortunate speculations of his partner, Mr. Burns, when he thought he was rich, found himself broke and again without a dollar and \$1,000 in debt, without money to pay it, his money and credit gone. He went to work by the day and saved enough to pay his debts and ten per cent interest, thus meeting his obligations. He lived in Keokuk and Fort Madison, Ia., came to Lincoln in February, 1883, and engaged in the well and windmill business at which he was successful, and later conceived the plan of turning the old salt basin, one mile west of the city, into a lake. As in everything else, he went into this to make it a success. Not having sufficient capital to construct what he wanted, he formed a company comprising Mr. Ed. Bignell, B. R. Cowdery, John Steen, and himself. They planned and created what is now known all over the west as the beautiful summer resort, Burlington Beach. Mr. Burns served two years in city council, and this is his second term in legislature.

HON. JOHN B. CAIN,

AURORA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Morgan county, Ohio. His father moved with his family to Appanoose county, Iowa, when the subject of this sketch was ten years old. The lad's father lost his sight soon afterwards, and the boy was early obliged to assume heavy responsibilities. They moved to Nebraska in 1872 and settled on a homestead in Hamilton

county. Mr. Cain's education was obtained by hard study at night, with some opportunities at the district school. He joined the republican party, and has taken active part in its campaigns. The forty-first district sent him to the legislature in 1892, and he was re-elected in 1894 by an increased vote of his constituents. He was married in 1878 to Miss Mary Evans. Mr. Cain is a director in the Aurora State Bank. He is chairman of the committee on miscellaneous subjects, and he is a member of the committees on railroads and penitentiary. He is an earnest and conscientious servant of his constituents, a quiet but effective worker, and devoted to the interest of the people of Nebraska.

HON. ROBERT W. CAMPBELL,
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,



WHO represents the people of the fortieth representative district, was born at Fairfield, Iowa, April 7, 1860. His youth was spent in the place of his birth, where he was educated in the public schools and completed his education at Parson's College. In 1881 Mr. Campbell moved to Nebraska and engaged in stock business. In the following year he purchased a ranch in the western part of Merrick county, where he resides. Mr. Campbell is a man who is thoroughly acquainted with the details of his occupation, besides being a good, clear-headed, all-round business man, and it is hardly necessary to say that he has made stock raising a success from the beginning. Although a staunch republican, he has been twice chosen supervisor from Vieregg township, the only democratic township in Merrick county. Mr. Campbell is a good worker on the floor, and a gentleman of cordial and social characteristics which make him many warm friends among his associates. Although a resident of Merrick county his postoffice is Grand Island.

HON. OSCAR CARLSON.

AXTELL, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the sixtieth district, was born in Sweden in 1850. He came to America when twenty-one years of age and lived on a farm in Henderson county, Ill., for eight years. In 1879 he came to Nebraska and bought a quarter section of land two miles east of Axtell, where he now lives. Mr. Carlson has developed his farm into a fine property, and is a popular man in his community. He is a married man with six children. He is a devout member of the Lutheran church, and is a good, straight republican. He is a member of the following committees: privileges and election, insane hospital, banks and currency, immigration, and miscellaneous subjects.

HON. C. D. CASPER,

DAVID CITY, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE of Butler county, the twenty-eighth district, is serving his fourth term in the legislature of Nebraska. His first election was as a member of the eighteenth session. He was promoted to the senate, representing Butler and Polk counties in the nineteenth session, and was again elected to the house of representatives two years

ago, and re-elected last fall. Mr. Casper was born near Red Lion, Newcastle county, Delaware, December 10, 1845. He was raised on a farm and educated in the country schools. He enlisted on November 2, 1862, at Wilmington, as bugler of Co. B, First Delaware Cavalry, and served in that capacity for two years and eight months. He also served three years in Co. I, Twenty-second U. S. Infantry after the war, at Forts Randall, Rice, and Sulley, having enlisted at Zanesville, O., July 12, 1866. In 1873 he moved to David City, Butler county, Nebraska, and established the *Butler County Press*, which he has published ever since. Mr. Casper has always been a strong anti-monopolist and advocate of economy, and was elected to the present legislature by a fusion of the democrats and populists. His work in the legislature is characterized by industry, stubborn adherence to his constituents, and devotion to the interests of the common people. He is a member of the committees on constitutional amendments, public printing, and school lands and funds.

HON. CHARLES H. CHACE,
STANTON, NEBRASKA,



Represents the seventeenth district, consisting of Wayne and Stanton counties. He was born in Ohio, February 20, 1855, of parents who came from the old Puritan stock of Massachusetts. When six years old he went with his parents to Buchanan county, Iowa. In 1869 he again found a new home in Barton county, Missouri, and in 1884, he came

to Nebraska, locating on a farm on the Humbug in Stanton county, where he engaged in farming and feeding cattle on a large scale. He has also bought and sold a great deal of land and is considered one of the most successful farmers in Stanton county. Two years ago he moved to the town of Stanton, to secure better educational advantages for his family. Mr. Chase has never been a politician, but has always taken a lively interest in educational matters, and is an ardent republican. He has always taken a great interest in all matters pertaining to agriculture, and has held the office of president of the Stanton county agricultural society for the last two years. Four years ago the republicans of his county tendered him the legislature nomination but he declined it. Mr. Chase is a good judge of the probable effect of legislation on the interest he represents and is a careful, conservative, and hard working member. He is chairman of the committee on roads and bridges, and belongs to the committees on agriculture, accounts and expenditures, live stock and grazing, and apportionment.

HON. W. O. CHAPMAN,

CRETE, NEBRASKA,



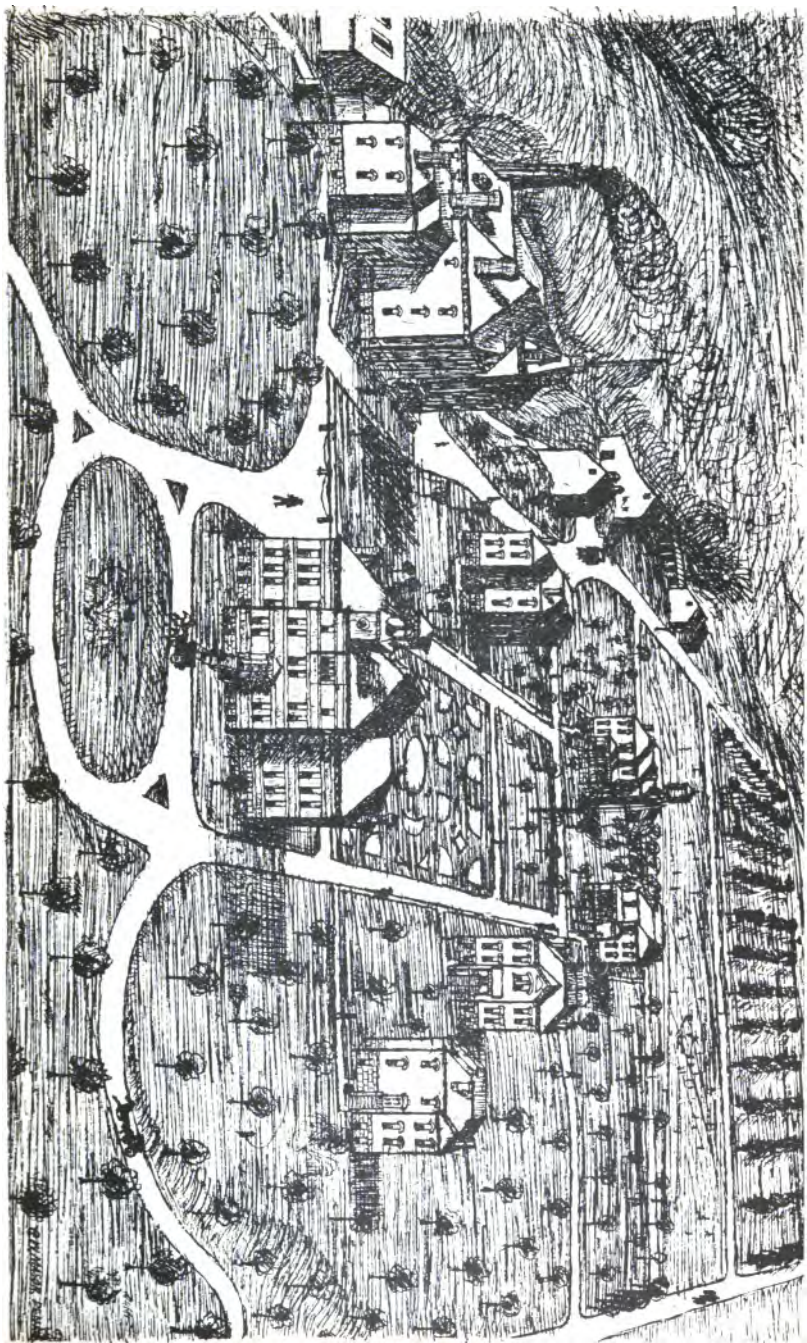
REPRESENTATIVE from district No. 31, consisting of Saline county, is one of the new members whose names were prominently mentioned for the speakership. He had the strong endorsement of the newspaper men of the state, among whom he is one of the most active and popular. Mr. Chapman was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 8,

1863, and began his newspaper training early as a newsboy in that city from 1873 to 1876. In June, 1876, he moved to Illinois, and in October, 1877, he entered a printing office to learn the trade, and has since been engaged in that business. For ten years he has been in active newspaper work and is one of the editors and publishers of the *Crete Vidette*, a republican paper which exerts a large influence on republican politics in Saline and in Southern Nebraska. He is well posted on all matters of public interest, is an alert and watchful member of the house, speaks readily, and has decided opinions of his own. Mr. Chapman belongs to the committees on privileges and elections, library, revenue, and taxation and rules. He was married to Miss Eva Reese at Broken Bow, Nebraska, January 28, 1892.

HON. JOHN W. COLE,
CULBERTSON, NEBRASKA,



WHO represents the sixty-seventh district, consisting of Hitchcock, Dundy, Hayes, and Chase counties, was born in Vermillion county, Indiana, in 1848. He was raised on a farm, and received his education in the common schools of his state. At the age of twenty-one he entered the grain and contracting office of Chandler & Co., of Danville, Illinois, as weighmaster and shipper, where he remained until 1872, when he took up the study of law. He was admitted to the bar in 1875. In 1888 Mr. Cole came to Nebraska and located at Culbertson, which has been his home ever since. He has been engaged in the practice of law ever since moving to Nebraska, taking a hand now and then in politics as a stalwart republican. In 1870 he was married to Miss Sarah E. Voss, at State Line City, Indiana. Mr. Cole is a good lawyer, well informed as to the needs of the West, and a ready speaker. He is chairman of the committee on immigration, and a member of the committees on judiciary, engrossed and enrolled bills, railroads, public printing, miscellaneous subjects, and irrigation.



STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, KEARNEY. (DRAWN BY INMATE.)



HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS (MAIN BUILDING), LINCOLN.

HON. J. B. CONAWAY,

YORK, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the two republican representatives from York county, the thirty-eighth district, was born September 17, 1840. His parents, Aaron and Dorcas Conaway, are of Scotch-Irish descent and are still living. Dr. Conaway was raised on a farm near Lacysville, O., and there received a common school education. After the close of the Rebellion he had a thorough training at Hopedale College, which, ten years later, conferred upon him the honorary degree of A.M. He was a member of the 5th Ind. Batt. O. V. C., and helped recruit the 13th Regiment O. V. C. His promotions were for meritorious service from the battle of the Wilderness to Five Forks, Va. He graduated in medicine and surgery from the eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati, O., and also from Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill. Dr. Conaway is a gentleman of social disposition and pleasant manners, a ready speaker, and an earnest servant of his constituency. He is chairman of the house special relief committee and of the standing committee on engrossed and enrolled bills. He is also member of the committees on railroads, insane hospitals, university and normal schools, and medical societies.

HON. ALFRED S. COOLEY,

EAGLE, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Johnson, Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1846; at the age of eleven years went to Lafayette county, Wis., worked on a farm, attended school during winter at the district schools. Was married to Miss Rosalia M. Smith, in 1870. Moved to Ringold, Iowa, where he bought a farm of 120 acres, and on account of sickness he remained there only seven months, and in November, 1872, he disposed of his farm and came to Nebraska and bought a farm in Cass county, where he now resides, consisting of 160 acres nicely improved. Has held the positions of school director, road supervisor, appraiser on the C., R. I. & P. R. R.; is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen of America; was elected to the legislature from Cass county, for the years of 1892-3; was re-elected for the years of 1895-6 with largely increased majorities; has been a strong advocate of the republican party, and is a zealous worker for its principles; attends nearly all state and county conventions of his party, and is untiring in his efforts for his friends. His first vote was cast for U. S. Grant, for president of the United States in 1868, and he has voted the ticket straight ever since although his father was a rockribbed democrat.

HON. JAMES O. CRAMB,

FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA.



REPRESENTATIVE from the thirty-fourth district, is serving his second term in the Nebraska legislature, having sat as a member of the twenty-second session, elected by the same constituency which he is now representing. Mr. Cramb was born in Parsonsfield, York county, Maine, September 9, 1833. His father died before he was one year old. His mother, left without means, did what she could in giving him the elements of an English education, and at ten years of age he went to live with a cousin for two years, going to school two months in the winter. At the age of sixteen he learned the shoemaker's trade and worked at it for four years, going to school about six months during that time. At the age of twenty-one he came west to Illinois. After working on a farm for two years he resolved to become a minister, having joined the M. E. church in 1857. He accordingly entered Fowler Institute, at Newark, Illinois, and after studying a year there attended the Garrett Biblical Institute, at Evanston, Illinois, for three years. After graduation, he commenced his work, preaching continuously in northern Illinois until 1880, when he came to Fairbury, Nebraska, and has followed the occupation of farming ever since. In 1890 he was nominated for speaker of

the house by the republicans, but the party being in the minority he failed of election. Mr. Cramb has been a republican ever since the birth of the party. He voted for John C. Fremont in 1856, and has supported every republican candidate for president from that time to the present. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln before his nomination to the presidency and knew Owen Lovejoy, General Grant, and a host of other prominent men of war times.

HON. JOSEPH CROW,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the representatives from Omaha, was born at Greencastle, Indiana, April 21, 1856, and received his education in his native town, graduating there from DePauw University in June, 1876. He took the degree of bachelor of science. At the age of twenty-one years he was admitted to the bar, and immediately began the practice of law. In

1881 he was elected city attorney of Greencastle, was twice re-elected, and finally resigned in 1886, to leave the city. He moved to Cheyenne county, Kansas, assisting in the organization of the county, and was elected county attorney there in May, 1886, to which position he refused re-election. In October, 1886, Mr. Crow married Miss Helen Jennings, the daughter of L. H. Jennings, Esq., of New Castle, Ind., one of the leading manufacturers and business men of eastern Indiana. He moved to Omaha, in 1889, where he has continued the practice of law to the present time. Mr. Crow is a republican, and was appointed chairman of the committee on finance, ways and means. He also belongs to the committees on judiciary and federal relations. He is a courteous gentleman, a conservative and conscientious legislator, and has established pleasant personal relations with his fellow members in the house.

HON. JOHN A. DAVIES,
PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE of Cass county, served his maiden term as legislator two years ago and attained much prominence by his eloquent and scathing arraignment of the hoodle methods that had prevailed for so many years in the management of the state institutions. He was one of the leaders in that house and is bound to be a prominent

member of the coming session. He received a college education in the Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, class of 1883, and graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University, class of 1885. Born November 3, 1858, at Glenwood, Iowa, came to Plattsmouth, Nebraska, in 1885, and at present is city attorney of that city. His abilities as a law maker are universally recognized, and is serving the seventh legislative district a second time in the house of representatives of Nebraska. Unmarried.

HON. M. C. DELANEY,

BRAINARD, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the two representatives from Butler county, the twenty-eighth district, was born in 1843 in Washington county, New York. His parents moved thence to Waukesha county, Wisconsin, where he worked on the farm and attended the district school and the high school at Horricon, Wisconsin. He began teaching school at an early age, and continued in that profession until the spring of 1870, when he moved to Jasper county, Iowa. He taught in Iowa for the next two years, and in 1872 was married to Miss Catherine Hanna. After spending the winter in Wisconsin he returned to Iowa and sowed and harvested a crop in Jasper county. The next year he taught school in Des Moines, and then, renting a large farm near Des Moines, taught in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer. In 1879 he moved to Butler county, upon a farm he had bought in 1872, and has lived there since. In 1881 he was elected county superintendent of public instruction on the democratic ticket, although the republicans were in the majority in the county. He was re-elected in 1883. In 1886 he declined a nomination to the legislature. In 1888 his party again nominated him, and he was elected. In 1890 he was again nominated and was defeated by a

fusion of the independents and republicans. He has served as school director of his district for fifteen years, and has been a member of the board of supervisors and justice of the peace.

HON. WILLIAM. DEMPSEY,

ALLIANCE, NEBRASKA,



WAS born of Irish parents, at Madison, Wisconsin, April 6, 1861. He is one of ten children, and is still single. He was educated at the district school and the Wisconsin Academy. For four years he was town clerk of Blooming Grove, Wisconsin, after leaving school. In 1886 he took a homestead in Box Butte county, which he has since farmed. For three years he was in the retail grocery business at Alliance, where he still lives. He was elected by the people's independent party to represent the fifty-third district in this legislature. Mr. Dempsey is a member of the committees on federal relations, county boundaries, county seats, and township organization. His work is done rather in the committee room and by a quiet influence with members personally than in debate.

HON. JAMES F. ELY,

AUBURN, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the third district, was born at Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y., May 18, 1843. His father was a farmer, and his boyhood days were spent on the farm, where he received a good business education. When the war broke out he volunteered in the 24th New York Cavalry. His most active and exciting army experience was in the battle of the Wilderness and in the conflicts from there to Petersburg. At Petersburg he was severely wounded, June 18, 1864, and was confined to the hospital for several months. In 1868 he caught the western fever, and, coming to Nebraska, located in Nemaha county, four miles from Auburn, on a farm of eighty acres. In the following year he was married to Miss Mary De Lay. As prosperity increased he purchased more land, until at present he has 480 acres well improved. Besides his Nebraska farm, he has land in other states, and is also engaged in raising fine horses. Mr. Ely's family consists of six bright children. He is a strong methodist and an enthusiastic believer in the grand old party. Mr. Ely is a member of the committee on federal relations, university and normal schools, labor, apportionment.

HON. NICK FRITZ,

PENDER, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the sixteenth district, was born in ———, Germany, 1847; came over to America in 1866; located at Erie, Pa., and worked there on a farm; moved west one year later, and located at Council Bluffs, Iowa. He got married in 1874; stayed on the farm, nine miles south of Council Bluffs, Iowa, till 1875, when he

moved to Thurston county, Nebraska. Mr. Fritz is a strong democrat, as most of our German citizens are, but is personally very popular in his county, as is shown by the fact that he has been twice elected county treasurer by a fair majority, though the county is republican. Mr. Fritz has made his home in Pender for the last ten years, and is justly gratified by the confidence placed in him by his constituents. Mr. Fritz is a member of the committees on corporation and mines and minerals. Postoffice Pender, Nebraska.

HON. ISAAC N. GOAR,

CALLAWAY, NEBRASKA,



IS one of the two populist representatives from Custer and Logan, the fifty-sixth district. He was born in Tipton county, Indiana, April 29, 1851. His father was a native of West Virginia, and his mother of Kentucky. His father is a farmer and still lives on the farm he pre-empted forty-eight years ago. Mr. Goar himself has always tilled the soil for a livelihood. He was married on October 25, 1874, to Mary J. Thomas. In 1883, in the month of April, he removed to Nebraska and made homestead entry upon the land upon which he now lives. He is strictly a self-made man, his educational advantages, with the exception of a few weeks' attendance elsewhere, having been limited to the common schools of the country district in which he was raised. He was trained to believe in the principles of the republican party in his youth, but since 1873 has voted independently, believing that a man should be governed by his convictions and live issues rather than traditions. Mr. Goar is a member of the committees on mines and minerals, labor, and medical societies

HON. PETER GRIFFITH,

JUNIATA, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from Adams county, the forty-fifth district, was born in Wyoming county, N. Y., September 15, 1836, being the youngest of a family of nine children. His father, Aseph Griffith, was a soldier of the War of 1812, and was a man of many sterling traits of character, chief among which was strict integrity. The subject of this sketch lived

in New York, receiving the benefits of a common school education until in his nineteenth year, when he moved to Mercer county, Ill. After attending school in Rock Island, Ill., for some time he engaged in teaching, which occupation he devoted himself to most of the time until 1862. In that year he enlisted in Co. K., 102d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served his country until the close of the war. Upon returning from the army he attended commercial college at Davenport, Iowa; then again entered the school room as a teacher, devoting part of his time, however, to tilling the soil. In March, 1874, he moved to Adams county, this state, and took a homestead where he still resides. October 15, 1869, Mr. Griffith married Miss Jennie Eckley, of Fulton county, Ill. Mr. and Mrs Griffith have a daughter, Anna May, who has devoted some time to teaching. They are also rearing two orphan children, Lloyd B. and John W., who take the name of

Griffith, and one of whom is fifteen years of age and the other seven. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and daughter are all members of the M. E. church, and he has served his church in many important positions. Mr. Griffith was a member of the twenty-third session, and was re-elected last fall. He is a close observer of legislative proceedings, well posted on Nebraska laws and Nebraska interests, and a hard worker for his constituents. He is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, public lands and buildings, constitutional amendments, claims and apportionments.

HON. DAVID GUTHRIE,

SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA,



AS the representative from the forty-third district. He was born of Scotch parents, in western Ontario, Canada, on a farm, in 1836. His early advantages were limited to the district schools, and he continued to farm in Ontario until he came to Superior, Nebraska, in 1878. He engaged in the milling business here, and still continues in it. Mr.

Guthrie has been a member of the city council ever since the city was organized, and has been mayor for the past two years. He has not sought politics, but the people's independent party sent him to the legislature this session without regard to his preferences. Mr. Guthrie would much rather devote his time and attention to his private interests. He is a member of the committees on judiciary and public schools.

HON. ELMER E. HAIRGROVE,

SUTTON, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the two representatives from Clay county, the forty-second district, was born on the seventh day of August, 1861, at Jacksonville, Morgan county, Ill., and lived in that county until he came to Nebraska and settled in Clay county in April, 1888. His early life was spent on a farm near Waverly, Ill., where he went to school in the winter and did

farm work in the summer. He attended the high school at Waverly for a while and also attended Whipple Academy at Jacksonville, for a short time. For several years he taught school in Sangamore, and Morgan counties, and afterward studied law in the office of Judge Layman, in Jacksonville. In the fall of 1883 he entered the legal department of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, from which he graduated with the degree of B.L., in 1884. He returned to Waverly and was elected city attorney of that place, and was re-elected for a second term in 1887, but resigned upon deciding to come to Nebraska. He has held the office of city attorney of Sutton for two terms, and is now engaged in the law practice there. Mr. Hairgrove is a member of the K. P., I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., M. W. A., and D. of H. lodges. He is a republican of rather strong tendencies. He is chairman of the committee on library, and belongs to the committees on judiciary, claims, rules, and apportionment.



HOME FOR THE FRIENDLESS (CHAPEL), LINCOLN.



INSTITUTE FOR FEEBLE MINDED YOUTH (MAIN BUILDING), BEATRICE.

HON. W. D. HALLER,

BLAIR, NEBRASKA,



REPUBLICAN representative from the eleventh district, was born in 1847, and reared on a farm in southeastern Wisconsin. At the age of nineteen he began working in a drug store of Dr. J. H. Cooper, of Burlington, Wisconsin. After several years, with another young man, he came west and began business for himself, in which he has been very successful. In 1871 he located at Blair, which is still his home, and engaged in the drug business. Mr. Haller is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association, and is an examiner on the state board of pharmacy, and is president of the Haller Proprietary Company. He is also of high rank in the Masonic lodge. What his fellow citizens think of him is shown by the fact that he has been elected mayor several times. Mr. Haller was elected to the legislature two years ago, and was re-elected to the house the present session. He gives close attention to the proceedings of the house and frequently occupies the floor. Mr. Haller is a member of the committees on constitutional amendments, insane hospital, medical societies, and apportionment.

HON. HENRY HARKSON,

DAVEY, NEBRASKA,



MEMBER of the house from the thirtieth district, was born in Denmark, January, 3, 1863. He came to this country in 1882, and, locating in Lincoln, worked on a farm near the city for a time. Later he attended the Elkhorn College, Iowa, for a winter. He next clerked in various stores in Lincoln for about two years, when he bought a farm near Davey, and also engaged in the mercantile business in that town. Under Harrison, Mr. Harkson served as postmaster for four years. He is a married man. Mr. Harkson has always been an active republican, and has done good work for his party in the county. He is a member of committees on labor, fish culture and game, and soldiers' home, privileges and elections. He is a good business man and well posted on matters concerning agriculture and labor interests.

HON. R. D. HARRIS,

OGALALLA, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the fifty-fourth district, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, July 26, 1848. He came to Nebraska first in 1866, but, remaining only a short time, went to California, where he attended the medical department of the state university. He practiced medicine in that state for eight years, and then entered the army in 1876,

being with General Miles in Montana three years. In 1879 he returned to Ohio, but returning to St. Louis, Mo., graduated at the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1880. After this he practiced in Ohio until 1886, when he came to Ogallala, Keith county, where he has lived ever since. Dr. Harris has been coroner two terms, and president of pension board. He is a member of the State Medical Society, a Knight Templar, an Odd Fellow, a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the G. A. R. In 1878, at Fort Keogh, Montana, he married Miss Edith B. Cary, of Zanesville, Ohio. Dr. Harris is chairman of the committee on medical societies, and belongs to the committees on railroads, other asylums, public printing, and irrigation.

HON. WILLIAM H. HARRISON,

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Morris, Ill., May 19, 1860. His parents located near Falls City, Nebraska, in May, 1864, settling on a farm. In 1872 they moved to a farm in Pawnee county. Mr. Harrison attended the district schools during the winter terms, attended high school for five months, and graduated from Bryant's business college at St. Joseph, Mo., in 1878, after one month's attendance. He was in the employ of Linn & Cooper, at Table Rock, from January 1, 1879, to December 31, 1884. He then entered the employ of S. R. Howell & Co., of Chicago, as western auditor and manager, having sole charge of thirty-one lumber yards and investment of three-quarters of a million dollars. In sixteen years he did not lose a day's work or salary. In 1891 he purchased the yards at Grand Island, Elba, North Loup, and Ord, and still owns them. He was married in 1881 to Miss Emma E. Jones, a Nebraska girl, and the union has been blessed with five children—four sons and one daughter. He was a member of the city council of Grand Island in 1891 to 1893, and was defeated for the position he now holds in 1892 by only sixty-one votes, by a fusion candidate. Harrison was always a republican, and as representative of the forty-seventh district is one of the leading members of the house. He is an acute business man, a good parlia-

mentarian, and the possessor of an immense fund of energy and vitality, with a tendency to sacrifice methods to ends rather than ends to methods. Mr. Harrison is chairman of the committee on school lands and funds, and a member of the committees on agriculture, public lands and buildings, manufacturing and commerce, and rules.

HON. A. C. HARTE,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ANOTHER of the nine representatives from Douglas county, the tenth district, was born August 13, 1860, at Louisville, Kentucky. He came to Nebraska in 1864, with his parents, and received his education in the common schools of the state. In 1877, at the age of seventeen, he engaged in the carpenter trade, which he followed until 1888. Since that

time he has been in the building and contracting business, and in that business has constructed many of the principal buildings in Omaha and the state. Mr. Harte is a staunch republican, but has always devoted his attention to his business instead of politics, and the office which he is now holding marks his first appearance in public life. He is a sound business man and well posted on matters pertaining to the relations of employers and employees. He is a member of the committees on engrossed and enrolled bills, miscellaneous subjects and claims, and public lands and buildings.

HON. JAMES HAVLIK,

ALBIE, NEBRASKA,



THE people's independent representative from Saunders county, the twenty seventh district, was born in Braidwood, Illinois, September 9, 1868. Two years later his parents moved to Nebraska and settled in Saunders county. He has grown up among the constituency which he represents, receiving his education in the common schools. For

nearly seven years he was engaged with various firms in this and adjoining states as clerk or bookkeeper. Although he has traveled a good deal over different parts of the United States, he found no place which suited him better than Saunders county, where he finally returned and established himself as a permanent citizen by marrying and settling down on a farm, where he still lives. Mr. Havlik is a member of the committees on miscellaneous subjects and apportionments.

HON. WILLIAM P. HIGGINS,

WESTCOTT, NEBRASKA,



POPULIST representative from the fifty-sixth district, was born in Harrison county, Mo., January 18, 1864. In 1875 he came with his father's family to Custer county, Douglas Grove township, and he is still living there. He attended the common schools, and later entered the Baptist Seminary at Gibbon in 1882, where he remained two

years, after which he went one year to the Methodist Episcopal college at York. His father's death made it necessary for him to return home in the spring of 1885 to take charge of the farm, and he is still farming near the town of Westcott. Mr. Higgins was elected supervisor on the county board in the fall of 1886, as a republican, but joined the populists in 1889. In 1892 he was sent to the legislature from his district, and he was re-elected in the fall of 1894. Mr. Higgins serves on the committee on engrossed and enrolled bills, and public lands and buildings. He is greatly interested in the relief work of the legislature and in all legislation pertaining to irrigation. On these subjects he frequently takes the floor and always talks briefly and to the point.

HON. EDWIN B. HINDS,
ODELL, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the three staunch republicans from Gage county, the thirty-second representative district, was born in Vermont in 1842. In 1855 he came with his father's family to Clayton county, Iowa. In 1862 he enlisted in the 1st Iowa Cavalry, with which he served three and a half years, receiving his discharge at Austin, Texas. It was while in the army he cast his first ballot, voting the republican ticket for Lincoln. After clerking in a store for two years, he became a successful farmer in Allamakee county, Iowa. In 1881 he moved to Odell, Gage county, Nebraska, where he still resides. Here he first engaged in the hardware business, and for the last two and a half years has been dealing in real estate and taking farm loans. Mr. Hinds has always been a progressive citizen, and a strong republican. He has been a member of the board of education in his district since its organization, and treasurer for the last ten years. Recently he was re-elected for three years. Two years ago he was elected to the legislature, and the present session he was returned without opposition to succeed himself. Mr. Hinds is chairman of committee on railroads, and is a member of the committees on militia, cities and towns, apportionment, and immigration.

HON. GEORGE HORST,

OSCEOLA, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from Polk county, the thirty-ninth district, is serving his third term in the Nebraska legislature. He was the only independent member of the session of 1887 and was one of the few who cast their votes for C. H. Van Wyck from first to last. He was again elected to the session of 1893 and was a member of the penitentiary

investigating committee. A strong effort was made to defeat his return to the present session, but he was elected in spite of the concentration of the opposition against him. Mr. Horst was born of German parents, in Brown county, Wisconsin, May 13, 1854. He lived on the farm with his parents until 1871, when they moved to Polk county, this state, where they settled on a farm again. He had very limited school privileges in his boyhood, and from 1873 to 1875 attended normal school at Galena, Illinois. Since that time he has lived on the farm in Polk county, teaching school the greater part of the time. The two years from 1880 to 1882 he spent in Oregon teaching in the public schools. Mr. Horst cast his first vote for the constitution of 1875. He voted for Hayes in 1876 and for Hancock in 1880. Since then he has been successively identified with the anti-monopoly, union, labor, and populist movements. On Christmas, 1894, he was

married to Miss Emily Buchta, of Edwardsville, Illinois. Mr. Horst is a good parliamentarian, a persistent fighter, and an earnest worker. He is chairman of the committee on mines and minerals and a member of the committees on privileges and elections.

HON. EDGAR HOWARD,

PAPILLION, NEBRASKA,



HOWARD represents the ninth district, is one of the first democrats in the house, and the only member of either house elected on a straight democratic ticket. He was born in Iowa in 1858. At the age of thirteen he became a newspaper "cub," and although after he was educated in the common schools he took a law course at Drake University, his predilection for the newspaper business has never left him, and he has been printer, reporter, and editor for the greater part of his active life. He has always been a staunch democrat in politics although his parents were Quakers of strong abolition propensities. In 1883 he bought the *Papillion Times* and has conducted it ever since as a democratic newspaper. Mr. Howard has never held a public office and never been a candidate for any office up to the time of the campaign, which resulted in his election to the legislature. While the democratic party in the house is not formidable as to numbers, it is fully up to the average in character, and the position of leader of that faction is one of which Mr. Howard has no reason to be otherwise than proud. His committee work is done on the special relief committee, and the judiciary, claims and revenue, and taxation committees. A ready speaker, very outspoken and fearless, an original thinker and possessing a

keen sense of humor, Mr. Howard's personality is impressed strongly upon the house of which he is a member.

HON. O. HULL.

ALMA, NEBRASKA.



THE sixty-second representative district, which consists of Harlan county, entrusted its interests in this legislature to O. Hull, a member of the people's independent party. Mr. Hull was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1849. In 1858 his parents moved to Mahaska county, Iowa, taking him with them, where his early youth was spent on a farm and in attending the common schools. After completing his common school education, he took a three years' course at a normal school at Oskaloosa, Iowa. The most of the following seven years was spent in teaching. February 22, 1872, Mr. Hull was married to Miranda Clark, and in 1876 moved to Lancaster county, Nebraska, where he lived until two years ago, when he moved to Harlan county. Mr. Hull has been more or less identified with reform movements all his life. He joined the alliance movement early in its history and was state lecturer of the Nebraska alliance one year. He is an earnest worker, a good talker, and well posted on all matters pertaining to the interest of the farmer and the laboring classes in general. He is on the committees on apportionment and insane hospital. Mr. Hull's postoffice address is Alma.

HON. EDGAR M. JENKINS,

ALEXANDRIA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born near Washburn, Woodford county, Ill., September 9, 1848, on a farm. He was educated in the common schools, and lived on a farm until 1867, when he moved to McLean county and engaged in the grain and lumber business. In 1879 he came to Alexandria, Nebraska, and opened a drug store, besides which he spends a good deal of

his time in raising fine hogs of the Poland China breed. Mr. Jenkins was married to Miss Emma A. Sandham in 1872, and has one child, Euclid Foss, thirteen years of age. He began his political career by serving in the legislature of 1892, as representative of the thirty-fifth district, being one of the few republicans then in the house, and his constituents of that district re-elected him last fall. He is chairman of the committee on corporations, and a member of the committees on privileges and elections and banks and currency.

HON. RICHARD H. JENNESS,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born at Lindenwood, Ogle county, Ill., in 1857. Two years later his father moved to Ottawa, Kansas, where Richard H. grew to manhood. In Ottawa the lad learned the printer's trade, and for six years past he has been employed on the *World-Herald* at Omaha, which city is now his home. During the session of 1878 and 1879 Mr. Jenness was door-keeper in the Kansas legislature, of which his father was a member at the time. He has never been a politician, but has always been a republican, was nominated by the republicans of the tenth district, and was elected by a good majority. Mr. Jenness is chairman of the committee on insurance, and is a member of the committees on revenue and taxation, labor, and telegraph, telephone and electric light. He takes an active interest in all legislation tending to benefit all classes.

HON. BARNETT J. JOHNSTON,

AUBURN, NEBRASKA,



POPULIST member from the third district, was born April 12, 1829, ten miles east of Kansas City, Mo. He was reared on a farm, and has lived on one the greater part of his life. He has often been over the country on which Kansas City now stands before even a town was there. From the Missouri line to the Pacific coast was all the territory of the Indians until he was a grown man, so that Mr. Johnston has seen a great deal of pioneer life. For about sixteen years he did freighting for the government, and for the last twenty years he has been a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Few men have been better situated for observing the great changes in this section of the West during the last fifty years than has Mr. Johnston. When a young man he did a good deal of contracting for the government, and during those years his experiences were most varied and interesting. Mr. Johnston now lives on a farm near South Auburn, though, as the "school-house preacher" of Nebraska, he is much away from home. He is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, accounts and expenditures, and immigration.

HON. JOHN W. JOHNSTON.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA.



REPUBLICAN representative from Douglas county, is a native of Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in 1882 and immediately began the practice of law at Kirksville, Mo. Within a year he was elected city attorney, which position he filled for three successive terms. In 1885 he was elected district attorney and re-elected in 1888. His popularity is

shown by the fact that he had no opposition in the nomination or election. He moved to Omaha, his present home, in 1891, where he has practiced law ever since. Mr. Johnston is a fluent speaker and thoroughly alive to the interests of his constituents. He has always been a republican, and takes active part in the politics of the community in which he resides. Mr. Johnston is chairman of the committee on cities and towns, and is a member of the committee on judiciary, engrossed and enrolled bills, and immigration.

HON. THOMAS P. JONES,

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA,



BORN in Pennsylvania in 1828 of Welsh parents. His father moved with his family to Ohio in 1837. Mr. Jones was married 1853 to Miss Elizabeth M. Williams. He came from Ohio in 1855 to Johnson county, Ia., worked on a farm about seven years, went into the army in 1862, was mustered in Co. I., Twenty-second Iowa Infantry, was discharged in 1863 on account of sickness; again entered the service in July, 1864, and discharged at Nashville, Tenn., in January, 1865. Moved to Omaha, September, 1865, and worked at his trade of carpenter, and was one of the gang that did the first work on the Union Pacific railroad in 1865, and continued in that business for one year. Then moved to Sarpy county, Neb., where he resided about seventeen years farming. In 1864 he disposed of his farm in Sarpy county and moved to Richardson county, Neb., where he purchased a large farm and resides there at this time. Mr. Jones has several other good properties in this state and Kansas; served five years as county commissioner in Sarpy county, Neb., and has just closed a five years' term as county supervisor of Richardson county, Neb.; was elected to the legislature for the years of 1895 and 1896.

HON. LUCIUS P. JUDD,

CEDAR RAPIDS, NEBRASKA.



OF the twenty-second district, was born at Schuyler's Lake, N. Y., April 20, 1858, on the farm which descended to his father from the English ancestors, who took up the land when the state was first settled. He was educated in the public schools, and finished with some time spent studying in Utica and Richfield Springs. In 1878 he entered the drug business in his native town. He came to Boone county, Nebraska, in 1880 and took up the same pursuit at Albion, where he remained for four years, selling out at the expiration of that time, and going to Cedar Rapids, where he now resides. Mr. Judd is proprietor of a drug store, as well as manager of a real estate agency. In 1889 he was elected county treasurer on the republican ticket, and, though the county was strongly populist, he was re-elected by a good majority in 1891. He has always been a strong republican, and was elected to the house by a fair majority, though in a populist county. He is chairman of the committee on revenue and taxation, and a member of the committees on medical societies, telegraph, telephone and electric light, banks and currency, county boundaries, county seats and township organization, and finance, ways and means.

HON. WILLIAM KAUP.

WESTERN, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the two republican representatives from Saline county, is an adoptive citizen of the United States, having been born in Germany, December 9, 1847. He came with his parents in 1862 to Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand most of the time. Having a strong desire to own a farm for himself, he took a homestead in Saline county.

In 1871 he went to work for Dawes Bros. in Crete, and remained with them for about three years. In 1875 he located at Western, in Saline county, where he conducted a country store and postoffice for five years. He then returned to the occupation of farming, locating in Jefferson county. In 1884 he returned to Western and engaged in the pump and windmill business which he has followed ever since. This is Mr. Kaup's second term in the legislature, having been elected in 1892 and returned to this session. He is a member of the committees on militia, immigration, live stock and grazing, and insurance.

HON. JNO. J. LAMBORN.

INDIANOLA, NEBRASKA,



REPUBLICAN representative from the sixty-fifth district, was born in Knox county, Ohio, March 21, 1853. In 1853 his parents moved to Mahaska county, Iowa, where his father died the following year, leaving his mother the care of six children, the fourth of which was the subject of this sketch. He had only a common school education, and lived on a farm, until he came to Indianola, Nebraska in 1880. His change of residence was made on account of his health, and Indianola is still his home. For a while Mr. Lamborn worked at the carpenter trade, afterwards clerking in a flour and feed store. In July, 1882, he was appointed assistant cashier of Red Willow County Bank, and the following year was made cashier. This position he held until the First National Bank was organized, when he became cashier of that. Upon the reorganization of the bank as a state bank he continued in his old position, which, however he was obliged to resign in 1892 on account of poor health. Since that time Mr. Lamborn has been engaged in the real estate and loan business. He has taken some interest in the politics of his county, but has not been a candidate for office before this fall. In 1889 and 1890 he was a member of the state central committee, and has also been a member of

the congressional committee for some years. He is chairman of the committee on federal relations, and is a member of the committees on railroads, manufacturing and commerce, claims, insurance, and irrigation. Mr. Lamborn was appointed by Gov. Holcomb delegate from Nebraska to the Russian Thistle convention which was held at St. Paul, Minnesota, beginning February 14, 1895.

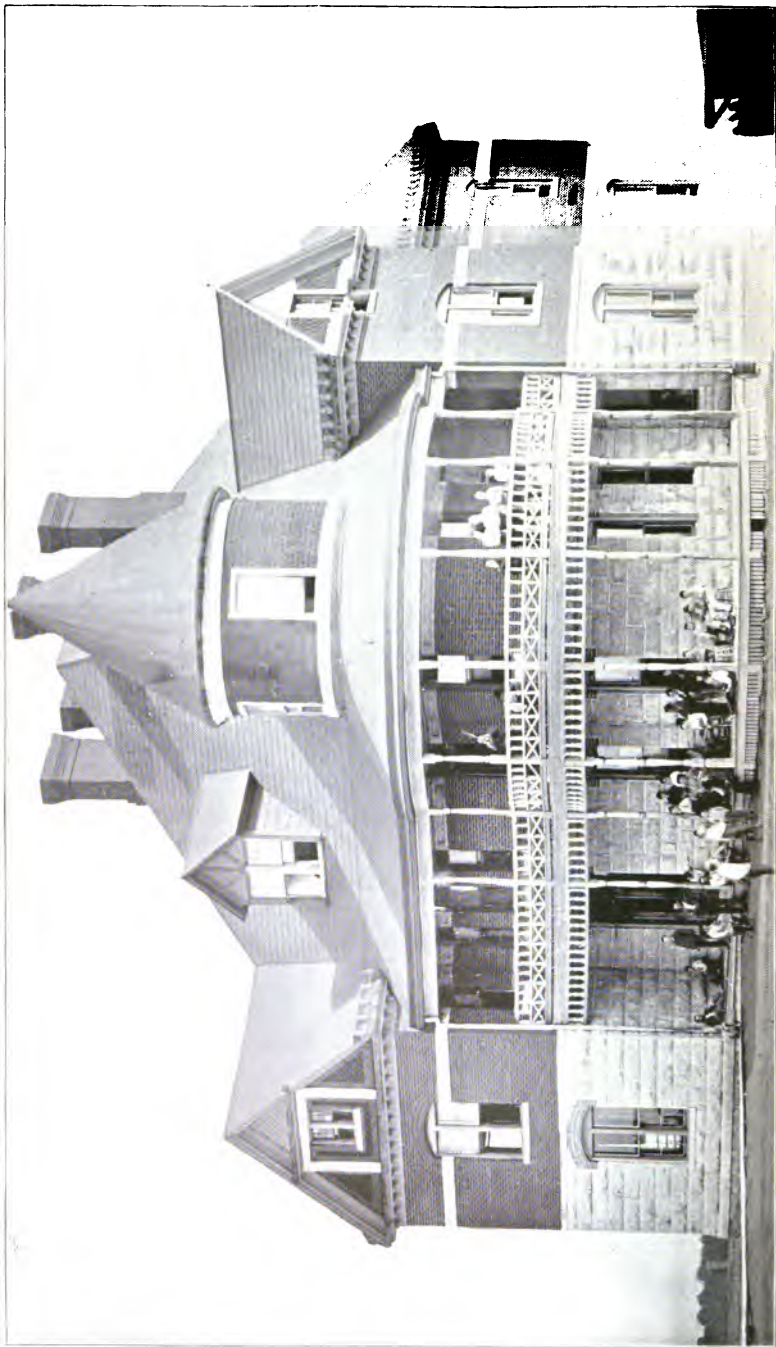
HON. HENRY LANGHORST,
OHIOWA, NEBRASKA,



REPUBLICAN representative from the thirty-seventh district, was born in Germany, March 30, 1845. He attended the public schools in that country, and engaged in farming as soon as he was old enough to begin steady work. In 1866 he came to this country, locating in Cook county, Ill., where he lived till 1870. In that year he came to Fillmore county and homesteaded the farm upon which he now lives, about five miles from Ohiowa. Mr. Langhorst has been a very successful farmer, and has great faith in Nebraska soil, keeping his investments in farm land. The esteem in which his neighbors hold him is well shown by the fact that they have kept him in the office of assessor in his township for the last six years. He has never been an office-seeker, and it is the upright traits of character in which his county trust, and not political wire pulling, that have brought him office. Mr. Langhorst is a member of the committees on public lands and buildings, penitentiary, and immigration, and fish and game.

INSTITUTE FOR FEIBLE MINDED YOUTH (GIRLS' COTTAGE), BEATRICE.





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HON. GEORGE MATTISON.

PONCA, NEBRASKA.



HE representative of the eighteenth district was born at Monroe, Wis., January 9, 1851. He has seen much of frontier life in the northwest, having gone with his parents to Iowa, and soon afterwards to Dakota territory, when he was quite young. Asa Mattison, his father, was a member of the first legislature in Dakota, just before the great

Minnesota massacre, in 1862 and 1864, from Union county. When a boy of fourteen years he was left the head of the family, by his father's death, with very light resources beyond a "claim," as it was commonly called, and he experienced all the privations to which the early settler is usually subject. In 1872 he moved to Dixon county, near Ponca, where his home has been ever since. Mr. Mattison first engaged in the saw mill business, but since 1887 he has been farming. He owns 1,550 acres of land, and has given his time and attention to developing it heretofore, having taken no active part in politics until his republican constituents placed him in the house this session. Mr. Mattison is a married man, and has four boys. He is a very popular man in his section of the state. Mr. Mattison is chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, and belongs to the committees on roads and bridges, and county boundaries, county seats and township organizations.

HON. DANIEL L. McBRIDE.

QUICK, NEBRASKA,



POPULIST representative of the sixty-sixth district, was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1849. He came of Scotch-English parentage. When he was four years old his parents moved to Kent county, Delaware, where the youth was reared. In 1865, though a mere lad, he enlisted in the army and served the last nine months of the war. After being mustered out he became a sailor, and remained on the water until he was nineteen. He then entered the Wyoming Seminary, Wyoming Delaware, and continued a student for two years, during which time he joined the Baptist church and became a member of the ministry of that denomination. In 1873 he married in Illinois, and in 1890 he came to this state, which has been his home since. Mr. McBride is now pastor of the Baptist church of McCook, and is also interested in stock farming in Frontier county, near Quick. Mr. McBride is a member of the committees on railroads and irrigation.

HON. WILLIAM McFADDEN,

M'COOL JUNCTION, NEBRASKA,



AS a republican member of the house from the thirty-eighth district. He is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Fayette county on a farm November 11, 1843. When he was nine years old his mother brought her children to a farm in Livingston county, Ill., where he lived till he enlisted in the army in July, 1861. He served three years, and was discharged at Atlanta, in September, 1864. He was in Captain John B. Russell's company, and was under General Lyons at the battle of Pea Ridge, Mo. He served also in the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Missionary Ridge. After his discharge Mr. McFadden returned to the farm in Livingston county, Ill., where he remained until 1869. In the fall of that year he came to this state and took up a homestead near McCool Junction in York county, where he still resides. Mr. McFadden is a strong republican, as are most of the old soldiers, and possesses the entire confidence of his constituents. He is a member of the committees on live stock and grazing and public schools.

HON. RANDOLPH McNITT,

RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE of the forty-sixth district, comprising Webster and Adams counties, was born in Sandusky, Ohio, early in 1870. In 1874 he came to Red Cloud, Nebraska, which has been his home up to the present time. After receiving a common school education, he attended the state university and was admitted to the bar in

Lincoln. He began the practice of law at Red Cloud in 1891, and has been continuously engaged in that profession since. Although one of the youngest members of the legislature and without previous experience in legislative work, Mr. McNitt was a strong candidate for speaker. That this recognition was due to his ability and qualifications rather than to factitious political conditions has been fully demonstrated by his work during the session. He has been recognized as one of the closest and best read lawyers in the house, a particularly concise and ready speaker, and a hard worker. The occasions when he has been called to the chair have demonstrated that the house would have made no mistake if it had elected him speaker, having shown that he has especial qualifications for that position. He is chairman of the committee on public schools and a member of the committees on judiciary, engrossed and enrolled bills, constitutional amendments, rules, and fees and salaries.

HON. WILLIAM J. McVICKER,
NORTH BEND, NEBRASKA,



OF the fourteenth district, was born in New York City in 1850. In 1854 the family moved to Ohio, whence they came to Nebraska ten years later. While a young man Mr. McVicker worked on a farm, and when older he engaged in farming on his own account. In 1878 he went to the Black Hills and became interested in mines there. Since that time

he has spent several years in the mines of South Africa, to which country he went in 1888, though he has considered Nebraska his home for the last thirty years. He married Miss Jennie H. Miller in 1872. Mr. McVicker has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in North Bend, Dodge county, since his return from Africa, though he has heavy mining interests to which he devotes considerable time. He has always been a democrat, and is serving his second term in the legislature, having been a member of the house in 1877. The confidence he merited from his constituents is shown by the fact that he was sent to represent them again in the present session. Mr. McVicker is a member of the committees on militia, and telegraph, telephone and electric light.

HON. HOMER J. MERRICK,

ADAMS, NEBRASKA,



Q S one of the republican members of the house from the thirty-second district. He was born at Pleasantville, Pa., November 18, 1846, and attended the public schools until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in the war and served until its close. He was in the battles of Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, and was at the siege of Atlanta and with Sherman's march to the sea. After the war he attended the State Normal school one year, and finished his education with a course at Bryant & Statton's business college, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1869 Mr. Merrick came to Nebraska and took up a homestead near Adams, where he still resides. To his homestead he has added land until his farm comprises 560 acres, which has been improved until it is one of the finest farm properties in the state. Mr. Merrick being one of the early settlers of the state has known all the trials of such pioneers, and has proved himself well worthy the esteem and honor in which he is held by his neighbors in Gage county. Mr. Merrick is no office hunter, and was tendered the nomination without any solicitation on his part. This is the second time he has been chosen to fill an office of trust, and all who know him are confident that his work will prove straight and clean as heretofore. Mr.

Merrick is a member of the committee on finance, ways and means, public lands and buildings, engrossed and enrolled bills, live stock and grazing, soldiers' home and penitentiary.

HON. FRANK W. MILES,

DEWITT, NEBRASKA,



THE representative from the thirty-third district comes of New England stock, though born at Jackson, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1858. He was reared on a farm, and attended the district schools until his sixteenth year. At that age he began teaching in the winters and working in a country store the rest of the time. After two years of this the young man entered the Keystone Academy, where he was graduated at the end of three years, having supported himself by teaching part of the time, besides keeping up with his classes. In 1879 Mr. Miles came to Fairbury, Nebraska, in whose school he taught one year. From there he went to Wichita, Kansas, and spent two years in the same vocation. After a short stay on a Mexican ranch, he returned to Nebraska, locating at DeWitt, where he still lives. Here he engaged in the land and insurance business in 1882; this he changed for banking three years later, being a partner still in the private bank of Miles & Fishburn. Mr. Miles is a good republican, but has never held office before except to serve on the school board. He was elected by a large majority over the populist nominee. Mr. Miles is chairman of the important committee on banks and currency, and is a member of the committees on railroads and public schools.

HON. HENRY MOEHRMAN,

MACON, NEBRASKA,



OF the sixty-first district, is a native of Germany, having been born near Hamburg, August 10, 1863. When he was four years old his father brought the family to America, and settled near Davenport, Iowa, but in the same year moved to Nemaha county, Nebraska. Here the family lived on a farm, and young Moehrman remained with his father until he was sixteen, when he left to carry on a farm near Stella, in Richardson county. In 1892 he moved to Franklin county, near Macon, taking his widowed mother with him. Here he still resides on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, and is engaged in stock raising and farming. Mr. Moehrman has not been a politician, and was never a candidate for office before, and his popularity is shown by the fact that he was nominated by the republicans, and elected, though the county is strongly populist. He looks closely after the interests of his constituents, and is well posted on the issues under discussion. Mr. Moehrman is a member of the committees on other asylums, immigration, live stock and grazing, and fees and salaries.

HON. THOMAS C. MUNGER,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the five republican representatives from Lancaster county, is thirty-three years of age. He was born in Ohio, but received his literary education at Iowa college, and his professional education at Union College of Law, Chicago. He was admitted to the bar in 1885, and soon after moved to Nebraska, locating in Dundy county where he was appointed to the office of county attorney in 1886. In the same year he came to Lincoln, and, despite the difficulties confronting a young lawyer in building up a practice in a city, he soon became recognized as one of the strongest of the young attorneys at the bar. While he has never been a candidate for office until last November, he has always taken a lively interest in public affairs. Mr. Munger is chairman of the judiciary committee, and his especial fitness for that position is demonstrated by the fact that his opinions on all legal points are received almost without question by the house. Besides being a thorough lawyer, Mr. Munger is a widely informed man on all topics, one of the hardest workers, and one of the most effective speakers in the house. Besides being chairman of the judiciary committee he is a member of the committees on railroad and insurance.

HON. ERNEST L. MYERS,

NEWPORT, NEBRASKA,



WHO represents the fifty-first district consisting of Brown and Rock counties. Mr. Myers was born in Union City, Erie county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1863. He received his education at the public schools of that place, after which he took a thorough business college course of three years. Afterwards he engaged in a manufacturing enterprise at Union City, but sold out his interest before moving to Nebraska in the spring of 1888, and engaged in farming and stock raising, but for the last five years has been in the lumber, coal, grain, and implement business. On November 4, 1885, Mr. Myers was married to May E. Tillotson, of Union City, Pennsylvania, and they have one child, Ruth, now seven years of age. The nomination for representative came to him unsolicited, but upon receiving it he made a vigorous canvas and was elected by a large majority over his opponent who ran on a fusion ticket. In recognition of the location of Mr. Myers' district and of his enthusiasm and thorough information on matters pertaining to irrigation, he was given the chairmanship of the irrigation committee, a new committee but one of the most important in the house. He is also a member of the committees on accounts and expenditure, revenue and taxation, and cities and towns. Mr. Myers is a good worker on the floor and in committee and will return home after this session with a large addition to his list of friends.

HON. STEPHEN W. ORTON,

WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the eighth district, Otoe and Cass counties, was born June 2, 1844, in Washington county, N. Y. When he was five years old his parents moved to Fulton county, N. Y., and when he was fifteen his father died, and he was thrown on his own resources. He attended school three years at Hudson River Institute, Claverack, N.

Y. January 4, 1863, he enlisted in Battery F, Thirteenth New York Heavy Artillery, and was discharged August 24, 1865, from Battery L, Sixth New York Heavy Artillery. In April, 1867, he started for the West, stopping a short time in Bureau county, Ill. On July 28, 1867, he arrived in Omaha, Neb., and in the fall of that year homesteaded a piece of land in Cass county. He lived on the farm until 1881, when he formed a partnership with Dr. J. W. Thomas, at Weeping Water, Cass county, in the drug business. In 1886 Mr. Orton bought out his partner, and in 1890 sold an interest to J. M. and I. W. Teagarden, who are still associated with him in the business. Mr. Orton held the office of assessor eight years, and was a member of the city council three years. Mr. Orton, in the intervals of his other occupations, has taught school twenty-one terms, nine of which were in one district in Cass county. Mr. Orton is a member of the committees on roads and bridges, railroads, corporations, and medical societies.

JOSHUA M. PERKINS,

FAIRMONT, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the representatives from the thirty-seventh district, was born on a farm in Bedford county, Penn. He attended the public schools until he was twenty years old, besides working part of the mines and smelters of that locality. He married in his twenty-fourth year, and continued work in the mines until the next year, when he was apprenticed as smelter and engineer. Mr. Perkins comes of patriotic stock, his grandfather having served in the Revolutionary War, and three uncles having been engaged in the war of 1812. His grandfather lost a leg in battle. Three of his own brothers were in the Civil War, two of whom lost their lives in the service, and the third one suffered the loss of both eyes. Mr. Perkins himself was rejected on account of his health or he would have accompanied his brothers when they enlisted. In 1873 he came to Grundy county, Ill., where he began farming. He was very successful in this pursuit, and nine years later he came to Nebraska and purchased the farm upon which he now lives in Fillmore county, near Fairmont. While still in Illinois he was elected to various local offices by his neighbors, serving three years as county commissioner, two years as county supervisor, and four years as justice of the peace. Mr. Perkins has been a member of

the board of county supervisors for the past seven years in his present home and is chairman of that body. He has always been a republican, and has never been defeated when a candidate for any position in the gift of his neighbors. Mr. Perkins is a member of the committees on agriculture, engrossed and enrolled bills, and cities and towns, and benevolent institutions.

HON. JOHN H. POHLMAN,

JOHNSON, NEBRASKA,



OF the fifth district, was born in Germany, August 25, 1839, and came to America with his parents in 1857. The family settled at Peoria, Illinois, and his parents still reside there. Until 1861 he worked on a farm, and then enlisted in the army, company C, Forty-seventh Illinois, Volunteers, from which he was discharged in 1863 on account of loss of health. In 1864 he married Miss Elizabeth Crawford, of Knox county Illinois, and has eleven children living. He came to Nemaha county in 1867 and took a homestead four miles southwest of Johnson, which he has converted into a well-improved and valuable farm, where he now resides. Mr. Pohlman has voted the straight republican ticket for thirty-three years. He was county commissioner of Nemaha county for nine years, three terms, and has been twice elected to the legislature. The first time in 1890, and again in 1894, when the republicans resumed control of the house. Mr. Pohlman is chairman of the committee on militia, and is a member of the committees on roads and bridges, penitentiary, other asylums, and immigration.

HON. DELERANE D. REMINGTON,

BEE, NEBRASKA,



POPULIST member from the twenty-ninth district, was born in Rock county, Wisconsin, May 7, 1849. He was reared on a farm, and educated in the public schools, with a few terms at Evansville Seminary later. At the latter place Senator Pettigrew was a pupil at the same time. When eighteen years old he came with his parents to Nodaway county, Missouri, whence he came to Page county, Iowa, in 1869. Here he cast his first vote for U. S. Grant for president. He married Florence L. Morgan, of Holt county, Missouri, in 1879, and has four children, a boy and three girls. Mr. Remington lived fourteen years in Iowa, during most of which time he served either as a township clerk or assessor of his county. In 1883 he moved his family to Seward county, where he still resides on one of the finest farms in the county near Bee. Here he has served on the board of supervisors, and was chairman of the same during most of the term. In 1889 Mr. Remington joined the farmers' alliance, and from this time on began to fall away from the republican party, with which he had heretofore affiliated. He was president of the local alliance and secretary of the county alliance for a number of terms. In 1891 was a delegate to the industrial convention at Cincinnati. He was one of the reception committee for the Omaha

convention of 1892. In 1890 he was nominated for representative by the populists and received one thousand and sixty votes, with six candidates in the field. This winter he was nominated by the same party and endorsed by the democrats.

HON. HENRY F. RHODES,

YALE, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from Valley county, the fifty-fifth district is serving his second term as a member of the house, having represented his district in the twenty-third session of the legislature. Mr. Rhodes was born in New York, April 16, 1856. He came to Nebraska April 23, 1877, locating in Omaha for nine years, then on account poor

health he bought a farm in Valley county, and upon which he still devotes his attention to farming and stock raising. He is a married man. As a member of the twenty-third session Mr. Rhodes was among the leaders of the populist party and occupies the same position in the present session. He is generally regarded as the best posted member of the house on parliamentary laws. He is an industrious worker in the house and in committee, is very much in earnest in the performance of his duties, and is recognized as fair, honest, and conscientious alike by his political friends and opponents.

HON. CHARLES L. RICHARDS,

HEBRON, NEBRASKA,



SPEAKER of the house of representatives, was born at Woodstock, McHenry county, Ill., March 21, 1856. He was educated in the district schools until 1874, when he entered the University of Illinois, at Champaign. From this institution he was graduated in 1878. After leaving school, Mr. Richards followed farming for some years, and then en-

tered the Union College of Law at Chicago. He was admitted to the bar, after graduating in law, in Illinois, June, 1884. Almost immediately afterwards he came west, and located at Hebron, Nebraska, which place is his home at this time, and where he has been very successful in the practice of his chosen profession. In 1886 he was elected county attorney, holding the position for four years. Although this is Mr. Richards' first term in the legislature, he was elected speaker after a somewhat protracted contest during the days preceding the republican caucus. He has proved himself admirably adapted to the place, being prompt, of great decision of character, clear-headed, and well versed in parliamentary law. He is also a ready and forcible speaker, and always takes a prominent part in the debates in committee of the whole. According to the usual custom, the speaker is chairman of the committee on rules, but is member of no other committee.

HON. FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON,
BATTLE CREEK, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from Madison county, was born near Rockford, Ill., July 31, 1844. Moved to Clayton county, Iowa, in 1849, where he lived until 1861, when he enlisted in the 13th United States Infantry, Wm. T. Sherman's old regiment, from which he was discharged after three months' service, on account of sickness. In the fall of 1862,

enlisted in Company G, 21st Iowa Infantry, and served until the close of the war. Was orderly sergeant of his company from 1863, and held a second lieutenant's commission, but was not mustered in for reason that the company did not contain enough men to entitle it to three commissioned officers. Was married in 1867 to Miss Emily Bartlett; has ten children living, five girls and five boys. Came to Madison county, Nebraska, in March, 1869, and took a homestead near Battle Creek, where he now resides. Was elected county treasurer of Madison county in 1881, and re-elected for second term in 1883; was twice elected and served as county clerk of his county for years of 1890-91-92-93. Was elected representative for the twenty-third district at last election by a plurality of 397 votes on the republican ticket.



NORFOLK INSANE HOSPITAL, NORFOLK.

HON. MATTHEW O. RICKETTS,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the nine republican representatives from Douglas county, was born of slave parents, in Henry county, Kentucky, April 3, 1858. He came with his parents to Missouri in 1866, where they located at Booneville and sent him to the public schools. After completing his public school course he graduated at Lincoln Institute in 1876. He then taught two years, and in 1880 moved to Omaha. The same year he entered the Omaha Medical College as janitor, and in March, 1884, graduated from the college with the honors of the class. October 1, 1884, he opened an office and began the practice of medicine. On November 12th of the same year Dr. Ricketts was married to Miss Alice Nelson, of Omaha, and three children, Richard, Alma, and Helen have blessed the union. In 1892 Dr. Ricketts was elected to the legislature, and was re-elected to the present session. Dr. Ricketts is one of the best speakers in the house as well as a ready debater. On the occasion of the election of Hon. John M. Thurston as United States senator, the house paid Dr. Ricketts the high compliment of ordering that his speech upon explaining his vote be spread upon the record. His committees are other asylums, cities and towns, insurance, telegraph, telephone and electric light, and medical societies.

HON. JOHN A. ROBERTSON,

JOY, NEBRASKA,



POPULIST representative from the fiftieth district, was born in Jackson county, Indiana, January 22, 1867. He attended the public schools in this state when a child, and came to Nebraska in 1883. For three years Mr. Robertson lived in Knox county, and since then he has resided in Holt county where he is engaged in farming. He was married in 1885, and the fine farm, his present home, is near Joy, Nebraska. Mr. Robertson has never been a candidate for office before, but was returned by the populists to the legislature this winter, by a good majority. He has always been a populist. He is a member of the committees on county boundaries, county seats, and township organizations, and cities and towns.

HON. WILLIAM D. ROBINSON,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from Lancaster county, the thirtieth district, enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of the legislature, his birth past-dating by a few months that of Representative McNitt, of Webster county, who was born in the same year. Whatever advantages his fellow citizens of Lincoln may have over him in the matter of

age, however, there are few who can lay any claim to priority of citizenship. Whatever he lacks in this respect is no fault of his own, as he was born in the city of Lincoln, in August, 1870. His father was Seth Robinson, a brilliant lawyer of the pioneer days and the first attorney general of the state of Nebraska. In 1874 the subject of this sketch moved to San Francisco with his parents and remained there until the death of both his parents in 1878. Thence he went to Illinois and resided with his mother's relatives and worked on a farm until he reached the age of sixteen. In 1886 he began a two year's course at Whipple Academy, Jacksonville, Illinois, preparatory to entering Illinois College at the same place, from which he graduated in 1892. Immediately upon graduation he took up his residence in Lincoln, where he has since become associated in the practice of law with C. O. Whedon, a former law partner of his father. Mr. Robinson was married December 19, 1894, to Miss Fay Marshall, of

Lincoln. He is an ardent republican and a good parliamentarian. He is a member of the committees on rules, university and normal schools, claims, revenue and taxation, and resolutions.

HON. PATRICK RODDY,

NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA.



AS one of the republican members from Otoe county, the sixth district. He is Irish, having been born in Westmeath county, Ireland, July 12, 1842, and was reared in the same county. In 1862 he came to America, and drifting west followed steamboating on the Mississippi river and its tributaries for about ten years. At that time the river traffic was in its prime, and a river life afforded material attractions to the ambitious young man prospecting for a vocation. In 1872 Mr. Roddy gave up steamboating for a more quiet life, and settled on the farm near Nebraska City, where he now lives. He has prospered in farming, and, unlike most of our citizens from his native country, he is a good republican. Mr. Roddy is a member of the committees on public lands and buildings, university and normal schools, and telegraph, telephone and electric light. He is quite often heard on the floor of the house, and his speeches are always of a pointed and original character that spices the dull monotony of the routine proceedings.

HON. FRANK ROTHLEUTNER,

KILGORE, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the fifty-second district, was born in Bergstadt, Austria, in 1858, and remained a subject of the Emperor Francis Joseph until he was sixteen years old. He was educated in Vienna, one of the most famous seats of learning in the world. In 1875 young Rothleutner came with his parents to the United States, and soon afterwards came to Columbus, this state, where he clerked in a store for several years. He then moved to Holt county and lived there for eleven years. Two years ago he became a resident of Cherry county, and is still living there near Kilgore. He is engaged extensively in farming and stock raising, and was elected by the populists to the house in the fall of 1894. Mr. Rothleutner is a member of the committee on benevolent institutions. He takes a keen interest in all legislation pertaining to agriculture and labor, and votes steadily on the side of masses on any question involving an issue between the masses and the classes.

GEORGE LOTHROP ROUSE,

ALDA, NEBRASKA,



MAS born in Ottawa county, Ohio, and spent his boyhood and youth on the old home farm, attending the district schools in the winter. At the age of sixteen years, he entered the Baldwin University, at Berea, Ohio, and remained there for two terms. He next attended Oberlin College, Ohio, for two years, and began teaching soon after, when twenty-one years old. He taught for five years, at the end of which time in 1872, he came to Nebraska, and located near Alda, where he still lives. In 1873 he married Susanna Augusta Rexroad, and has seven children, four boys and three girls. Mr. Rouse first bought 320 acres of land for farming, but has increased his holding until he owns 640 acres, which he has improved into a very fine farm. Mr. Rouse and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and are highly respected by all who know them. He is a Knight Templar, member of Tangier Temple, Mystic Shrine, and also a member of the A. O. U. W., and has been a member of the board of supervisors of Hall county, of which board he was chairman for three terms. He has always been a stanch republican, and a worker for his party, which elected him one of its representatives from the forty-seventh district in the fall of '94. Mr.

Rouse is chairman of the committee on county boundaries, county seats and township organizations, and is a member of the committees on constitutional amendments, penitentiary, fees and salaries, and irrigation.

HON. HARRY SCHICKEDANTZ,

ST. PAUL, NEBRASKA,



REPUBLICAN representative from the forty-eighth district, was born in 1860, at Hamburg, Germany. He received a college education, and came to America in 1881, locating in Omaha. In 1882 he moved to Grand Island, and from there he went to St. Paul the next year. Here he engaged in the grain business, and also handled farm machinery.

He is still in the same business. In 1887 he was elected a member of the city council, and was re-elected in 1894. Mr. Schickedantz is chairman of the committee on apportionment, and is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, penitentiary, revenue and taxation, insurance, and irrigation. He is a close student of legislative measures, a hard committee worker, and one of the members whose opinion carries with it the weight due to wide information, business experience, and good judgment.

HON. ANDREW J. SCOTT,

KEARNEY, NEBRASKA.



AS one of the populist members of the legislature, serving a second term, as he was first sent from the fifty-eighth district in the fall of 1892. He was born in West Virginia in 1849, and lived there with his parents till he was twenty-one years old, when he came west. His home was in Moulton county, Illinois, for seven years, during which time he bought grain for a Chicago firm for three seasons, spending the remaining time in farming. In 1872, while still in Illinois, he married, and four years later he moved to Nebraska, where he has lived near Kearney ever since. Mr. Scott had held various offices of trust in his locality, before serving in the legislature, having been for three years town clerk, justice of the peace for two years, and for two years a member of the board of supervisors. So faithfully did he look after the interests in his care that he has gained and kept the respect and confidence of all the citizens of his district. He has been a consistent member of the Christian church since 1865. Mr. Scott is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, agriculture, and railroads.

HON. JOHN H. SHOOK,

BARADA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Maccupin county, Ill., July 31, 1838. He lost both parents when quite young, and lived with an older sister, on a farm, until 1859, when he came to Nebraska and entered a quarter section of land in Richardson county. In 1861 he enlisted in the Iowa Infantry and went to the war. He was in many skirmishes besides thirty-six regular battles, among which were "Pittsburgh Landing," "Siege of Vicksburg." He went with Sherman to Atlanta, and then on to the sea, and was mustered out and sent home by way of New York at the close of the war. In 1865 he began again the pursuit of farming in Nemaha county, where he lived until 1891, when he moved into Richardson county. While in Nemaha he married Miss Ella Pike in 1870, and has four children, all boys. He served as county commissioner in Nemaha county for twelve years. Mr. Shook has farmed on a large scale, often running thirty teams a day, and probably has employed more men than any one in southeastern Nebraska. He has always been a republican, and is one of the three members from the first district. He was postmaster for seven years in Hillsdale, treasurer of the Masonic lodge for twelve years, and has been a Mason for twenty-five years, and member of the school board for twenty-three. Mr.

Shook is a member of the committees on finance, ways and means, revenue and taxation, other asylums and soldiers' home.

HON. EDWIN F. SISSON,

TEKAMAH, NEBRASKA,



REPRESENTATIVE from the twelfth district, was born in Huron county, Ohio, May 3, 1846. In 1855 his parents moved to Barry county, Michigan, where he was reared, working on the farm in the summer and attending the district schools in the winter. He supplemented his slight opportunities by hard study at night. In 1869 he married and

lived on a farm in the same county for several years. He removed to Burt county, Nebraska, near Tekamah, where he still lives. Mr. Sisson has always been a farmer, and has also held many positions of trust in his locality. He was twice elected assessor of Riverside precinct, and in 1884 was made county commissioner, serving for two terms in that capacity. In 1892, Mr. Sisson was elected to the legislature by the republicans, and was returned again in 1894. During his residence in Michigan he was at one time interested in the lumber business for three years, in connection with farming, but relinquished it to devote his time entirely to his farm, and the various political interests entrusted to his care. Mr. Sisson is chairman of the committee on insane hospital, and belongs to the committees on live stock and grazing, revenue and taxation, and soldiers' home.

HON. GILBERT F. SMITH,

EWING, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Delaware county, New York, in 1847. Jay Gould was born in the same county, and Mr. Smith has always thought that the reason he failed to rival Jay's success was because he took Horace Greeley's advice to "Go west, young man!" He attended school at Sidney Plains when a child, and at the age of sixteen entered the

army, enlisting in the 144th New York Volunteer Infantry, and took an active part in the unpleasantness which then existed between the North and South. He served until the close of the war and was honorably discharged. He then attended the state normal school of New York for a time, which ended his educational advantages in school. In 1869 he married Miss Annette B. Shutts, being persuaded that it was not good for man to be alone. In 1870 he moved to Virginia and engaged in farming, but soon afterwards came west to Iowa. Tarrying there only a short time the family moved to Galesburg, Illinois. In 1879 thinking they were not far enough west, he brought his family to Holt county, Nebraska, where they have lived ever since. Mr. Smith is now farming, raising stock, and fine fruit. He has at various times been in the lumber business and on the railroads, and has enjoyed several offices of great honor and small profit, such as justice of the

peace and high school director. He has been an Abe Lincoln republican and a Jeffersonian democrat, but at present he is an independent first, last, and all the time. In 1892 the populists sent him to the legislature from the fiftieth district, where he served on five committees, and suited his constituents so well that he was nominated unanimously and returned in 1894.

HON. ERICK SODERMAN,

BERTRAND, NEBRASKA,



AS a member of the legislature held in high esteem by the independents, this being the third session to which he has been returned by that party. He was born in Sweden, March 17, 1850, and was left an orphan before he was eighteen months old. However, he fell into good hands and was given advantages of education to the extent that when fifteen years old he could begin teaching school. Three years later he came to this country, locating at Moingona, Iowa. Here he was treasurer of the school district for three years and councilman for two terms. In 1876 he married and has now eight children, five boys and three girls. In 1879 he moved to Phelps county on to the homestead which he still makes his home. As a republican he was elected county surveyor in 1883, and kept the position for two terms. He cast in his lot with the people's party later, and was elected to the legislature by them in 1890, and has been returned to both the twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions by them. Mr. Soderman belongs to the committees on mines and minerals and live stock and grazing.

HON. EDMUND B. SPACKMAN,
FULLERTON, NEBRASKA,



POPULIST representative from the twenty-fifth district, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His ancestors were English Quakers who settled there when William Penn was proprietor of the province. Until the lad was sixteen years old he lived on the home farm, going to school in the winters. He was graduated at the Northwestern State

Normal School in Pennsylvania, and taught for twelve years. In 1879 he came to Nebraska, and the next year he came to Fullerton, Nance county, where he still resides. The fourteen years of his life in Nebraska have been spent in farming and in the hardware business. Before coming to this state he was a republican, but the exorbitant freight rates he was forced to pay, being in many cases eight times trans-Missouri rates, made him an anti-monopolist. He took an active part in the farmers' alliance, and helped to form the independent party.

HON. EDSON R. SPENCER,

FIRTH, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in the Empire state in 1861. He moved with his parents to Jo Davies county, Illinois, where he received the best educational facilities to be reached in that neighborhood. At the age of seventeen, Mr. Spencer began life as a teacher in the Illinois schools. In the spring of 1879, with the tide of immigration which brought thou-

sands into Nebraska, Mr. Spencer came to the state and settled in Richardson county. He afterwards moved to Lincoln. Finding an excellent business opening at Firth, in Lancaster county, he located in that town, and has been engaged in the banking business there ever since. He is a man of much public spirit, and two years ago was nominated by acclamation to a place on the republican legislative ticket. He was renominated in 1894 without opposition and was easily re-elected. In politics he is a dyed-in-the-wool republican and served the state faithfully as a member of standing committees of the house as follows: finance, ways and means, agriculture, internal improvements, cities and towns.

HON. LEWIS HENRY SUTER,

NELIGH, NEBRASKA,



WAS born upon a farm in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1850. He received a common school education. Becoming tired of farming among the rocks and stumps of the Allegheny Mountains he concluded to go west; consequently, in October, 1869, he went to Indiana where he worked until the following spring, when he went to Iowa,

where he was engaged upon a farm until October, 1871, when he concluded to take advantage of the homestead act. After spending a month in looking over the wilds of Nebraska he located in Antelope county, three miles from the present beautiful city of Neligh. From this time up to 1876 he improved his farm in summer and taught school in winter. During the summer of 1875 Mr. Suter went to Iowa and married Miss Jerusha A. Coulter, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer residing near Marshalltown. The newly married couple returned at once to the homestead in Nebraska, where they have resided up to the present time. One son and three daughters have been born to them. Mr. Suter now owns 240 acres of the finest improved land in the famous Elkhorn Valley. Originally L. H. was a democrat, but in 1889 he helped to organize the independent party and has since that time been a staunch supporter of those principles. In 1892 his friends

brought his name before the convention as a candidate for representative to the state legislature, for which position he was not only nominated, but was elected by a handsome majority, and served Antelope county in that capacity in the 1893 session. In 1894 Mr. Suter's name was again brought into the convention, and he was unanimously renominated on the first formal ballot, and in spite of the great republican landslide, he again, by an increased majority, represents his county in the 24th session of the Nebraska legislature.



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HON. ABRAHAM L. SUTTON,

SOUTH OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the republican members from Douglas county, was born at Oregon, Wisconsin, in 1866. His parents soon moved to Charles City, Iowa, where he passed his boyhood. He attended the public schools of the town and later entered Olivet College, which he attended for three years. Upon leaving college he taught school for

several years, and then came to South Omaha in 1888, where he began reading law the following year. When twenty-three years of age he was elected justice of the peace, and in 1891 he was admitted to the bar. Mr. Sutton is regarded as one of the leading young lawyers of Omaha. In 1892 the people of both parties voted for him, as representative from South Omaha, and he was nominated by acclamation for his second term this fall, proving the high estimation in which he is held by his district. He has worked well for the interests of his constituents, and is well up on the various issues under discussion in the house. Mr. Sutton is a member of the committees on federal relations, corporations, public schools, and fees and salaries.

HON. WILLIAM SUTTON,

TABLE ROCK, NEBRASKA,



WAS born near Galena, Jo
Davies county, Ill.,
April 7, 1844, where he resided
on a farm until seventeen years
of age. In September, 1861, he
enlisted in the volunteer army,
in an independent battalion
known as the Fremont Rang-
ers, and served with this
organization until General
Fremont was removed from
command in the West. The

independent battalion was then consolidated with the 3d Missouri Cavalry and became a part of that regiment until the close of the war. Mr. Sutton was engaged in scouting and Guerrilla war-fare in Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and took part in most of the important engagements of that department; was discharged in 1865, and came to Nebraska territory in 1866, settled on a homestead in Nemaha county, and has been actively engaged in farming and stock raising ever since. The Table Rock Creamery Association was organized in the fall of 1883, and Mr. Sutton accepted the position of its superintendent in the spring of 1884, and has by perseverance and industry succeeded in building up one of the most successful enterprises of the kind in the state, doing a business of two hundred thousand dollars a year. Mr. Sutton became a member of the Nebraska State Dairymen's Association at the time of its organization, and has been

one of its active members ever since; has been honored by being elected its president and a member of its board of directors. Mr. Sutton has always been a staunch republican, but never took an active part in politics until 1891, when he was made a member of the county central committee and secured the largest republican vote ever polled in Table Rock precinct. He was rewarded for his diligence and perseverance by being elected chairman of the Pawnee county republican central committee. In this position he successfully managed the campaigns of the party for two years, and secured the nomination by acclamation 1894 for the house of representatives, and was elected over the demo-pop combine by an overwhelming majority after the hardest fought campaign ever made in Pawnee county. He served on the following committees in the house: chairman committee on agriculture, member committees on miscellaneous corporations, and soldiers' home.

HON. ALEXANDER N. THOMAS,

AURORA, NEBRASKA,



FROM the forty-first district, Hamilton county is one of the old soldiers among our law makers. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 5, 1839. In 1854 he came west to South Bend, Indiana, after spending a year in Ohio. He attended the public schools of that state and was in college when the Civil War broke out. He enlisted in the seventy-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He was for a while orderly sergeant, and later first lieutenant in Company C, and had charge of the entire company during the battle of Murfreesboro. In 1867 he was elected recorder of St. Joseph county, Indiana, on the republican ticket, and was re-elected in 1871 for another term. He was also mayor of South Bend one term. In 1882 he moved with his family to Hamilton county, where he has resided for the past nine years. Mr. Thomas has served both as councilman and mayor of Aurora, and gained the thorough confidence of his constituents in both positions. The sequel is seen in his present position to which he was elected last fall. Mr. Thomas is chairman of the committee on soldiers' home, and belongs to the committees on library and benevolent institutions.

HON. HERMAN TIMME,
BENNINGTON, NEBRASKA,



AS one of the republican members from Douglas county. He is one of the many good citizens our country owes to Germany, having been born in Salzgitter-Hanover, Germany. He graduated at the Collegium Carolinum, at Brunswick, and just afterwards came to this country with his father in 1854. Here he attended Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and Chicago and was graduated at that institution. In 1856 he came to Nebraska, and engaged in farming for several years. Leaving Nebraska for Chicago in 1860, he there entered mercantile life, and remained in Illinois for four years. He returned to this state at the end of that time, and was employed for a time in the quartermaster's department at Omaha. In 1869 he became a farmer again on the Papillion, Douglas county. He lived here for a number of years, but moved to the town of Bennington, in 1887 and opened a general store. He still carries on a large business in general merchandise at this place. Mr. Timme is chairman of the committee on fish culture and game, and is a member of the committees on internal improvements and insane hospital.

HON. JNO. C. VAN HOUSEN,
SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA.



VAN HOUSEN was born at Lexington, Green county, N. Y., February 23, 1844. He was reared on a farm, but at the age of twenty-one went to the lumber woods of Pennsylvania, and worked at White Haven in that state for three years. On March 4, 1868, he married Mary C. Baldwin, and in the following February came to Nebraska, locating at Schuyler,

Colfax county. He soon after lost his wife, and this period was one of the gloomy periods in his life. Left bereaved, with no resources, and twenty-one dollars in debt, the outlook was not encouraging. He borrowed enough to pay his small debts, however, and took a homestead near Schuyler. In the fall of 1869, he was elected superintendent of Colfax county. In September, 1870, he married Kate A. Mohr. In August, 1872, he went to the silver mines in the mountains and after spending three years there returned to Colfax county, and has farmed in that county ever since. Mr. Van Housen's sturdy integrity of character has been repeatedly shown on the part of his fellow citizens by his election to various offices in their gift. He has served as assessor seven years, was a member of the state senate in 1891, and of the house in 1893, and was re-elected to the house last fall. Mr. Van Housen lives two miles southwest of Schuyler on a farm of 320 acres

which he declares is the best in Colfax county. He has one son and four daughters. He has always been a democrat and holds fast to that faith. He is a member of the committees on public lands and buildings and internal improvements.

HON ADDISON WAIT,

SYRACUSE, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the staunch republican members of the house, was born at Woodstock, Ohio, May 26, 1846. Here he was educated and lived until he was eighteen years old, when he enlisted in the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went from Camp Chase, Columbus, to Washington, where he was placed in the army of the Potomac, in which he served until the close of the

war. He had all the varied experiences and escapes that accompany a life on the battlefield. From Ohio he came to Nebraska City in 1870, where he was first employed as telegraph operator on the Midland Pacific railroad. He has lived in Otoe county ever since he came to the state. Mr. Wait is now engaged in the wholesale produce business at Syracuse, which place has been his home for some years past, and from which city he has been returned as representative of the sixth district. Mr. Wait is chairman of the committee on public printing, and belongs to the committees on militia and cities and towns.

HON. MORRIS H. WART,

CREIGHTON, NEBRASKA,



WAS born March 27, 1835, at Boylston, New York. His father was a farmer, and young Wart lived on the farm until grown to manhood. His education was received in the public schools of Oswego county. He married here, and with his wife and two children lived on a farm in the same county until 1867, when he brought his family west to

Woodford county, Illinois. Here he remained engaged in farming until 1889, when he moved to a farm near Creighton, Nebraska which is his present home. Mr. Wart cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, and voted with the republicans until 1876, when he voted for Peter Cooper. He has never been an office hunter nor an office holder, and was much surprised when the nomination for representative was given to him by his Knox county friends. He has belonged to the populist party for nearly ten years, though in no sense of the word a politician. Mr. Wart belongs to the committees on mines and minerals and apportionment.

HON. LEWIS C. WEBER,

ARLINGTON, NEBRASKA,



WAS born at Louisville, Ky., forty-nine years ago. He received his education in the high school and commercial college, after which he clerked in a dry goods store for a time. In 1862 he enlisted in the Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteers, and served till the close of the war. He was engaged in a number of battles, and wounded seriously at Bean

Station, East Tennessee, December 14, 1863. In the fall of 1866 he married at Evansville, Ind. In 1869 he moved to Washington county, this state, where he settled on a farm. From the trouble his old wounds caused, he was obliged to give up farming in 1881. He then moved to Arlington, where he has since been engaged in the drug business, in connection with general merchandise. He has been school director for seventeen years, member of the village board for a number of years, for some time its chairman. He has also been chairman of the county board. Mr. Weber is a member of the G. A. R., having joined in 1866, soon after its organization. He is a Mason of high standing. He was elected to the legislature as a strong republican, by the thirteenth district. Mr. Weber is a member of the committees on internal improvements, library, benevolent institutions, and fees and salaries.

HON. TRUMAN G. WILDER,

COWLES, NEBRASKA,



REPUBLICAN representative from the forty-fourth district, was born in Jefferson county, New York, August 30, 1839. When he was sixteen years old he came with his parents to Illinois, where they located in Whiteside county. During the war the young man served in the Union army from September, 1861, to September, 1864, in the 8th Illinois Cavalry.

He was in a number of engagements, some of which are Rappahannock, Williamsburg, the seven days siege of Richmond, Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and others, besides many skirmishes. Throughout the war he was with the army of the Potomac, twice receiving serious wounds. After the war, in 1865, he married Miss Orrel L. Congue, of Whiteside county. In 1869 the family moved to Iowa, where they resided for ten years, going from there to Republic county, Kansas, which was their home for four years. In 1883 Mr. Wilder again moved his family to Webster county, Nebraska, and settled at once on his present farm in Pleasant Hill township. He comes of sturdy republican stock, and has followed in the footsteps of his elders, politically. He is a member of the G. A. R., and was county supervisor for three years, and the last year was chairman of the board. Mr. Wilder is a member of the committees on internal improvements, revenue and taxation, and fish culture, and game.

HON. JAMES W. ZINK,

LOUP CITY, NEBRASKA,



A POPULIST member of the lower house, was born in Sullivan county, Ind., in 1846. He has always been a farmer, and took his first homestead in Clay county, Iowa, in 1871. He moved to Nance county, this state, in 1880, where he lived for eight years, going at the end of that time into Sherman county, where he has resided ever since.

Mr. Zink is still farming, and is also largely engaged in stock raising. He formerly belonged to the democratic party, but was interested in the greenback movement, and later allied himself with the independents in 1890, being one of the strong promoters of the party. He took an active part in the convention at Ravenna in 1890, being always an aggressive worker for his party. He belongs to the committees on penitentiary, and fish culture and game.

HON. VALENTINE ZINK,

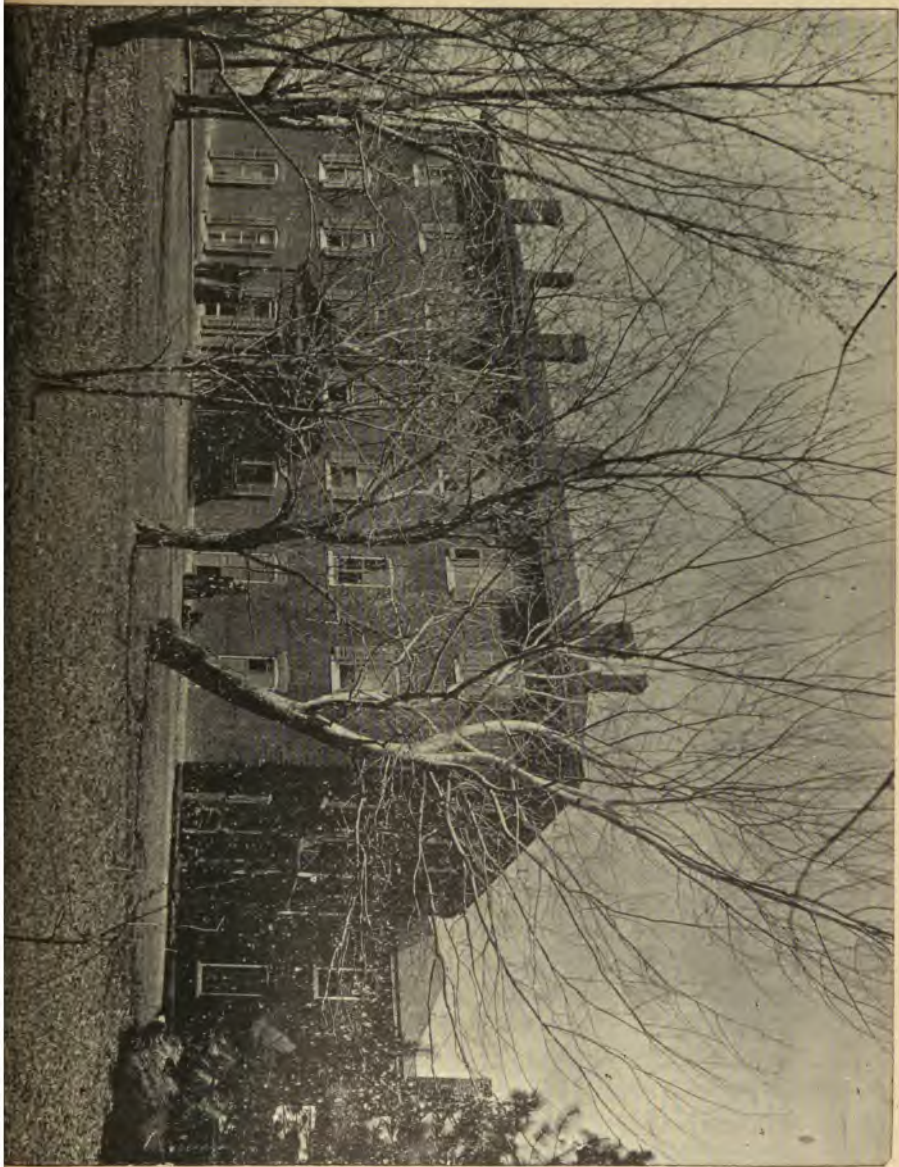
STERLING, NEBRASKA,



ZINK was born in Baden, Germany, in 1844. Came to America with his parents in 1847, where they settled in Henry county, Ohio, where he resided until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company B, 38th Ohio Volunteer Infantry in July, 1861, in which company he served until the close of the war, and was mustered out

of the service near Louisville, Ky., July 12, 1865. When mustered out he was in the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 14th Army Corps. He was one of the seventeen of the original one hundred men that left Napoleon, Ohio, in 1861 to return with his company. The most important battles in which he participated, were: Wild Cat Mountain, Mill Springs, Perryville, Ky., Shiloh, siege of Corinth, Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, campaign in front of Atlanta, and Jonesborough, Ga. Marched with Sherman to the Sea, and through the Carolinas to Richmond, thence to Washington, D. C., and was on grand review of Sherman's army. He cast his first vote for our lamented Lincoln, for second term, and has ever since been a republican. He was married to Jennie L. Bales in 1866, and came to Nebraska the same year, and in 1867 removed to Johnson county, and Sterling precinct where he has ever since resided. Has four sons. Has never held any public office except postmaster, under the late

Harrison's administration. He was a candidate before the republican county convention for representative and was nominated on the first ballot. He defeated his demo-pop opponent in nearly every precinct in the county, and was one of John M. Thurston's first supporters for the U. S. senate. Was a member on the following house committees: public lands and buildings, accounts and expenditures, and public printing.



HON. SILAS ALEXANDER HOLCOMB,

BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA,



MAS born in 1858, in Gibson county, Indiana, and was raised upon a farm, where he worked during the summer, and went to school in the winter. His education was finished at a Normal school. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school, which he followed for four years. During this time he prepared himself for college. In 1878 his father died, left him the head of the family. He came to Nebraska in 1879, and settled in Hamilton county, with his mother and younger brothers and sisters. There he worked on a farm for a year and then entered the law office of Messrs. Thummel and Platt, at Grand Island, Neb. He remained with them two years and was then admitted to the bar. In 1882, he was married to Miss Martha Alice Brinson, of Cass county. One year later he moved to Broken Bow, Neb., where he now resides, and has practiced law ever since. In 1891, he was elected judge in the twelfth judicial district, defeating F. G. Hamer, a republican. His career, both as a judge and as a lawyer, has been absolutely without reproach. In politics Judge Holcomb is independent, and in 1894 received the unanimous nomination at the populist state convention for governor, and was endorsed by the democrats at their convention held in Omaha a few weeks later, and was elected by a flattering plurality, notwithstanding the

balance of the republican state ticket was elected by majorities from 5,000 to 9,000. The campaign was fought bitterly, and in the face of the republican landslide everywhere Governor Holcomb's election was one of the most remarkable things in the campaign—a testimonial to his personal worth almost without precedent. Even the dread appellation "populist," could not shake the confidence which the people felt in the good judgment of such a man as Governor Holcomb, and, with his experience as one of the best district judges on the bench, he will fill the position as chief executive of the state of Nebraska with credit to himself, his party, and the state. He and his estimable wife are members of the Christian church and will make many warm and ardent friends in the community where they will reside. Three beautiful children are the joy of the Holcomb household: Harold, nine years; Marion, aged seven years, and Nettie, five years, and are loved by all who know them.

HON. ROBERT E. MOORE,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



LIEUT. GOVERNOR of Nebraska, was born in Clark county, Illinois, October 22, 1849, in a log cabin. His father was a Methodist minister, and the family resided in various towns of that state until he was twenty one years old. He was educated in the common schools until sixteen years of age, at which time he entered the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, where he remained for four years and was graduated in the classical course in June, 1869. He then divided his time for two years between teaching school and studying law, and was admitted to the bar at Champaign, Illinois, in 1871. He came to Lincoln at once and opened a law office in the latter part of April. In 1873 he was elected police judge, and the next year he formed with Amasa Cobb and T. M. Marquette a partnership for the practice of law which continued for four years. He was mayor of Lincoln for two years, during which time taxes were lower than before, or than they have been at any time since. It was conceded by all that the business of the city was honestly and economically done during Mr. Moore's term of office. He has since been three times elected to the senate from Lancaster county. He has always been a careful business man, and has at various times been president of the First National Bank of Red Cloud, president of the Union

Savings Bank of Lincoln, and vice president of the Lincoln National Bank of the same city. He has also done a great deal of business in Nebraska securities. Mr. Moore's official record must have proved very satisfactory to his constituents and others, as he was elected to the position of lieutenant governor in 1894, in which position the state may expect to profit by his fine executive and business ability.

HON. JOSEPH S. BARTLEY,

ATKINSON, NEBRASKA,



STATE TREASURER, was born October 28, 1858, in Dearborn county, Indiana. He was reared on a farm, and his education, like that of most of the boys who grew up on the farm a generation ago, was acquired in the common schools of the place of his birth. From Indiana he moved to Kankakee, Ill., and from that place he came, in 1880, to Holt county, in this state, and engaged in the stock business and in farming. In this occupation he developed a business ability which was evidently capable of being used in a wider field, and in 1884 he began a banking business at Atkinson, Holt county. His success in this business and his popularity and ability as an organizer brought him into prominence in state politics, and soon made him a prominent candidate for state treasurer. When the state convention of 1892 met it was evident that Mr. Bartley's following made his nomination a certainty, and the event of the ballot confirmed the predictions. His renomination and reelection in 1894 was, of course, a foregone conclusion. As the head of the banking board Mr. Bartley's services through the panic year were invaluable, and evinced his sound financial judgment and unusual executive ability. In the performance of his duty Mr. Bartley has several times taken positions which have

subjected him to temporary criticism, but without exception, when the issues have been carried to the supreme court, his course has been vindicated, and the soundness of his views confirmed.

HON. ARTHUR S. CHURCHILL,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ATTORNEY GENERAL of the State of Nebraska, was born in Erie county, N. Y., February 2, 1844, and came with his parents to Wisconsin in 1846. He was reared on a farm, and went to school in the winter, until he was fifteen years old, when he went to the high school, Monroe, Wisconsin, a year, and afterwards spent one year at the Evansville Academy, Evansville, Wis. In 1862, he enlisted in the 22d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. He was captured at Spring Hill, Tennessee, and had a taste of Libby prison. He was exchanged later, and went south in 1863, under Rosencrans, and subsequently served under Grant at Lookout Mountain, and also marched with Sherman to Atlanta and to the sea, remaining with the army until the close of the war. He then entered the Chicago university, and took the classical course. In 1869 he was admitted to the bar at Newton, Iowa, and began practicing law at Atlantic the same year. He practiced there, both in the State and Federal courts, until 1885, when he moved to Omaha, where he continued the practice of his profession. Mr. Churchill has always been a republican, and has taken active part in the politics of his section. In 1886, he was a member of the republican judicial committee from Douglas county, and in 1892 was chair-

man of the Douglas county republican central committee. In the fall of 1894, he was nominated and elected to the office of attorney general.

HON. HENRY RICHMOND CORBETT,

YORK, NEBRASKA,



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION was born at Trenton, Illinois, in 1864. His father was a minister, and, his health failing in 1878, he moved with his family to Nebraska and engaged in mercantile business at Nelson, Nuckolls county. The son was soon afterwards sent back to an academy in Vermont to school. On account of his

father's poor health, he returned to Nebraska the next year. The family next moved to a farm near Nelson, and the young man farmed in the summer and taught school in the winter. Some time later he went to Ames, Iowa, and entered the agricultural college there. At the close of his junior year he was called home by the death of his father, which left him the head of the family. He took his last year in college at Hastings College, and was graduated in the class of '89. Since that time he has taught constantly in this state, both in the institutes and as superintendent of city schools. Mr. Corbett is a republican and became state superintendent in January, 1895. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and, being a single man, lives with his mother and sisters in this city.

HON. EUGENE MOORE,

NORFOLK, NEBRASKA.



WAS born at Dahlonga, Wapello county, Iowa, July 13, 1853. He lived at Ottumwa, in the same county, until twenty-two years old, and obtained his education in the common schools. He clerked in various mercantile and business institutions several years of his early life, besides farming four years and teaching school two years. Before he moved to Cass county, Neb., in 1877, he had become a professional stenographer, and soon after settling at Plattsmouth in that year, he was appointed official court stenographer by Judge Valentine, for the court of the sixth judicial district. Upon receiving this appointment he removed to West Point and served as court reporter under Judges Valentine, Barnes, Crawford, and Norris, until January 1, 1893, when he resigned to qualify as auditor of public accounts. Mr. Moore's vigorous, honest, and fearless administration of the affairs of his office for the first term resulted in his nomination and election for a second term in 1894. Mr. Moore was married on June 11, 1879. He was admitted to practice in the district courts of Nebraska in 1885, and has served as United States commissioner and master in chancery. He has always been a staunch republican, ready to help his party by vote and work. In the administration of his office he has been watchful and thorough, and has made it a rule never to approve

any claims against the state until satisfied there was warrant of law for such action as well as precedent, or the statement of somebody else as to its correctness and legality. While this course has occasionally invited the criticism of those whose interests were directly or indirectly involved, it has met the approval of the voters and taxpayers of the state.

HON. JOEL A. PIPER,

ALMA, NEBRASKA,

**S**ECRETARY OF STATE

was born in Oxford county, Ontario, June 3, 1851. He removed with his father, Joseph B. Piper, to Nemaha county, Nebraska, when he was seventeen years old. His father bought and improved the farm on which South Auburn is now located. As soon as he became of age, in 1872, he went to Harlan

county, this state, and took up a homestead near the head of Methodist creek, about six miles northeast of Alma. Mr. Piper was a young man of energy and divided his time between school-teaching and farming, and as soon as the land adjoining him was patented, he purchased land, until at one time, he had nearly two thousand acres in a body, which he had well stocked, but as stock raising became less profitable he sold off his stock and most of his land. But the place still retains the name of the "Piper Ranch." Mr. Piper has been one of Harlan county's favorite sons. In 1875, he was elected sheriff, which office he held for one term, declining a renomination for that office. In 1879 he was elected to the office of superintendent of public instruction, and in 1881, while serving in that capacity, was elected county clerk, which office he held until January, 1892. Mr. Piper has always been a staunch republican and for the last four

terms of office for county clerk, he received his nomination by acclamation at the hands of his party, and was generally elected by very handsome majorities, which resulted from his always being at his post and his fair dealings with all parties. When he retired from public office in 1892, he opened an abstract office in Alma, having the only complete set of abstract books of Harlan county, which business he was conducting when he was elected secretary of state. Mr. Piper was married, February 22, 1877, to Miss Jennie E. Proctor, a favorite school teacher of Harlan county. They have three bright children, Jennie, Nellie, and Elsie, who are just turning to womanhood.

HON. HENRY C. RUSSELL,
SCHUYLER, NEBRASKA,



COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS AND BUILDINGS, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, November 26, 1843. When he was about ten years of age his parents moved to Washington county, Iowa, where he lived until he came to the "Tree Planters" state to make his permanent home. This was in 1876. April 18, 1861, he enlisted in the 2d Iowa Infantry, and was at the capture of Fort Donaldson. He was wounded at Shiloh and again, while on special service, was shot clear through the body, the ball lodging near the spine, and it is there yet, often, by no means a gentle reminder that he was once a soldier. He was mustered out of the ranks in 1864, but remained in the service on special duty until 1867. On his final leave from the army he went to Memphis, Tenn., for a year. He then studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1872, on his return to Washington county, Iowa. In 1870 he was sergeant-at-arms in the Iowa legislature. In 1876 he came to Schuyler, Neb., where he has lived ever since. He was elected county judge in 1876, and served two terms. His decisions were upright, and his character for justice unimpeachable. He has always been in active political life, and came honestly by his love of politics, for his father, "Sam" Russell, as everyone called him, was one of the most prominent and ardent republicans in

his part of Iowa, very widely known as a legislator and as an active and fearless friend or foe, and the son takes after him. He was captain of Company I, 25th Iowa Infantry, after he was forty-five years old. In the late campaign Judge Russell canvassed the entire state. He is a forcible speaker, and no doubt helped the ticket in many places. He is the author of the phrase "stand up for Nebraska." He first used it at a state central committee meeting and later in a public speech at Lincoln.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL (LIBRARY), PERU.





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HON. JACOB B. ERION,
SOUTH OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Tiscarawas county, O., August 29, 1842. He is of German descent, and lived on a farm near Mt. Vernon, O., with his parents until he was grown. He enlisted in the army upon the breaking out of the war, when eighteen years old, and in 1861 was in the infantry of the Army of the Potomac where he served through the war. In 1864 he married Miss Mary Leonard, and soon afterwards moved to Linn county, Ia., where he farmed for some time. Five years later he moved to Bates county, Mo., where he still farmed, but besides taught school and filled the office of justice of the peace. He returned to Iowa in 1876, and soon afterwards engaged in the publishing business in that state. In the fall of 1885 he sold his paper, the *Lewis Independent*, and moved to South Omaha, where he owned and edited the *Weekly Globe* for a few months, and then established the *Daily Stockman*. This paper he sold in 1888, and has since been connected with the *Omaha Bee*. After the election of Governor Crouse he was appointed deputy commissioner of labor and industrial statistics, which office he filled until his successor was appointed by Governor Holcomb. Mr. Erion has lived in South Omaha for ten years, and has always been much interested in the city's welfare and growth.

HON. JAMES HARLEN EDMISTEN,

EDDYVILLE, NEBRASKA,



SO of Texan nativity, being born in Cook county in 1855. When fifteen years of age he removed with his father from the Lone Star state, and has since resided in Nebraska. His energy and ambition were early displayed by a courageous and successful effort against obstacles to secure a good education. After a course of study at the State Normal school at Peru, Neb., he taught school for several years. He married Miss Belle Higgins, of Nemaha county, when he was twenty-one years of age, and, after living a few years in Nuckolls county, removed to Dawson county, in order to fulfill his ambition to own and operate large farming interests. In his business he was successful, and he won the esteem of his fellow citizens of Dawson county. In the fall of 1886 he was elected county commissioner on the democratic ticket in a strong republican district, and the following year he was further honored by election as treasurer of the county. Despite the determined opposition of favored politicians, he was re-elected two years later and made an efficient officer. In 1890 Mr. Edmisten endorsed the principles of the people's party and has been an active worker for the populist cause since then. He successfully managed Congressman's Kem's canvass in 1892 in the sixth district. As chairman of the state central committee he labored

successfully for the election of Governor Holcomb. Being of a genial temperament, social and agreeable, Mr. Edmisten has a host of friends, while his fearless advocacy of the people's cause make him respected by his political opponents. The first appointment made by Governor Holcomb outside of the executive office force was that of Mr. Edmisten, of Eddyville, Dawson county, as state oil inspector, to take effect February 1, 1895. It had been generally conceded that Mr. Edmisten would be given the coveted place on account of his popularity in the party and his able management of the campaign as chairman of the populist state committee. His ability, efficiency, and unquestioned integrity insure an honest and capable administration of the duties of the office.

GEN. JAMES DUDLEY GAGE,

FRANKLIN, NEBRASKA,



ADJUTANT GENERAL of the state, a lineal descendant of two Massachusetts governors, Joseph Dudley and Thos. Gage, was born at Bethel, Vt., June 27, 1842. His parents died when he was six years old, and he was bound out to a Canadian for eleven years after their death. He attended school only eleven weeks during these years. He worked on a farm near Manchester, N. H., for two years, and in 1861 enlisted in the 1st New England Cavalry, and transferred to the 1st Rhode Island Cavalry, April, 1862, and 1st New Hampshire Cavalry, 1863. He served in the Army of the Potomac, and took part in thirty-three battles from Bull Run to Appomattox, and was at various times under several of the most distinguished cavalry leaders, among them Buford, Bayard, Kilpatrick, and Custer. He was wounded three times, and was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, and spent some time in the palatial quarters of both Libby and Belle Island. He was made lieutenant in 1863, and led the regiment at Five Forks, Va. In 1865 he was made harbor master of Richmond, and a year later he was given command of the U. S. Burial Corps, at the same place. He laid out the national cemeteries at Ft. Harrison and Richmond, and was finally discharged in October, 1867. He came to Nebraska in 1871, and took a homestead in Franklin county, and built the first mill in the Re-

publican valley, at Naponee, Neb. General Gage was appointed adjutant general, March 24, 1893, by Governor Crouse, serving two years. February 20, 1895, he was appointed assistant adjutant general of the department of Nebraska. He is a strong republican, and is always a firm advocate of party principles. General Gage married Miss Estella E. Douglas in 1874, and has two children, a boy and a girl.

HON. WILLIAM A. DILWORTH,

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA,



SECRETARY of the board of transportation, was born at Lewiston, Illinois, in 1854. In 1870 he came to Lincoln, Nebraska, and lived there for three years, and attended the state university when it was first established. In 1874 he went to Phelps county and lived on a home-
stead farm for some years. While in Phelps county he served as county clerk for four years, and then in 1881 he was also admitted to the bar. Two years afterwards he came to Hastings, and that city is his home at the present time. He was appointed secretary of the board of transportation in 1891, and holds this position now. He was made grand chancellor of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias in 1893. In politics, Mr. Dilworth has always been a strong republican. His address in Lincoln is 1821 Prospect street.

HON. JOSEPH W. JOHNSON,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



MEMBER of the state board of transportation was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1850, and came to Nebraska in 1875. He was admitted to the bar in 1875, but never entered upon the practice of law. He taught in the schools of Rulo, Falls City, and Sutton. After giving up this work in the schools at Sutton, he entered into the real estate business

at that place and continued in the business for twelve years, covering the period of greatest activity in Nebraska farm lands. During two years of this time he was postmaster of Sutton, and was for some time editor and proprietor of the *Sutton Advertiser*. As a newspaper man, Mr. Johnson became known as one of the brightest writers and closest observers of men and events in this state. These qualities enabled him to render valuable service to the republican party, and in 1891 he was appointed member of the state board of transportation, a position which he has held continuously since that time. Mr. Johnson is thoroughly posted on railroad matters and is exceptionally familiar with the history and details of Nebraska politics.

HON. JASPER NEWTON KOONTZ,

PALISADE, NEBRASKA,



WAS a native of Ohio. Born April 9, 1844. Educated in the common schools, except three terms at Mount Union College. He enlisted in the army, July, 1861, at the age of seventeen years; served through the war as a private in the Fifth Indiana Battery; came to Nebraska in 1884 and took a homestead in Hayes county, and still holds the same

as his home place. Represented the twenty-ninth senatorial district at the twenty-second session of the Nebraska legislature; was appointed secretary of the state board of transportation in 1891, and served four years. Senator Koontz has made a large number of warm friends during the past six years, and made an efficient officer of the state board of which he was a member. Independent in politics, married, and has great faith in Nebraska. Is a member of the K. of P., F. O. P., and G. A. R.

HON. T. L. NORVAL,

SEWARD, NEBRASKA,



BY virtue of his seniority of service chief justice of the supreme court of Nebraska, was born in Fulton county, Ill., August 26, 1847. He became a resident of Nebraska in March, 1872, when he moved to Seward county. Judge Norval early gained recognition as a leading member of the Nebraska bar. In 1879 he represented Seward county in

the state senate. In 1883 he was appointed by Governor Dawes judge of the sixth judicial district, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Geo. W. Post. He was elected to the same office at the expiration of the term for which he was appointed in the fall of 1883, and was re-elected in 1887. In 1889 Judge Norval received the nomination of the republican party for judge of the supreme court and, upon his election to that office, resigned his position as district judge, in which he had served continuously to that time.

HON. A. M. POST,
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA.



JUDGE of the supreme court of the state of Nebraska, was born in Washington county, Penn., August 10, 1846. His father was a Presbyterian minister, and his paternal grandfather a Connecticut Yankee of English descent. His mother's relatives were all Scotch-Irish. He entered Ohio University upon completion of his common school education, and graduated from that institution in 1869. He was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1870, and practiced law in that state until December, 1876, with the exception of two years, during which he was in the consular service of the United States. He was appointed judge of the fourth judicial district in March, 1883, and upon the expiration of the term for which he was appointed was elected for the full term in November, 1883, and was re-elected in 1887. At the republican convention in the summer of 1891 he was nominated for judge of the supreme court and was elected in November. Judge Post has made an excellent record during his long service in judicial positions, and is looked upon as one of the ablest of Nebraska's jurists.

HON. T. O. C. HARRISON,
GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the three judges of the supreme court of the state of Nebraska was born in New Burlington, Clinton county, O., May 22, 1849. He became a resident of Nebraska in March, 1873, when he moved to Hall county, and located at Grand Island. In 1876 the office of county judge of Hall county having become vacant by the resignation of the incumbent, Mr. Harrison was appointed to that office for the unexpired term. At the end of this term he was elected to the office and was subsequently re-elected for another term. He served in the legislature of 1883 as state senator from Hall and Hamilton counties. In April, 1887, he was appointed judge of the district court, of the eleventh judicial district, by Governor Thayer. When the term for which he was appointed expired in the fall, Judge Harrison was elected his own successor. He was re-elected in 1891, and continued to hold the office until he resigned to assume the duties of judge of the supreme court of Nebraska, to which he was nominated in the fall of 1893 by the republicans of the state, and elected in November. Judge Harrison has preserved, throughout his service in the several judicial offices he has filled, a reputation for impartiality and strict integrity, as might be confidently inferred from his continuous service and steady promotion.

HON. ROBERT RYAN,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



THE republican member of supreme court commission, was born in Washington county, New York, July 27, 1842. After completing his general education he entered upon a course of law, and upon graduating was admitted to the bar in the supreme court of Iowa in 1867. When he moved to Nebraska he located in Lincoln, where he soon became a member of the bar. When the act creating the supreme court commission went into effect in 1893, providing that no two of the members of the commission should be selected from the same political party, Mr. Ryan was appointed as the republican member of the commission.

HON. FRANK IRVINE,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the three supreme court commissioners, was born at Sharon, Pa., in 1858. He had good school advantages during his youth, and after the usual preparation entered Cornell University, from which he graduated in 1880. After finishing his literary course at Cornell he took a law course at the law school of the National University at Washington, from which he graduated in 1883. In the same year he was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and for one year after admission to practice was one of the assistants to the United States district attorney for the District of Columbia. In 1884 Mr. Irvine moved to Omaha. In 1891 he was appointed judge of the district court by Governor Boyd, and was elected for the full term in November of that year. When the constantly increasing accumulation of cases in the supreme court led the legislature of 1893 to create a supreme court commission of three to serve for two years in assisting the court to clear up the docket, Mr. Irvine was appointed one of the commissioners. In the fall 1893 he was a candidate for judge of the supreme court on the democratic ticket, and was defeated by the usual democratic majority.

HON. JOHN M. RAGAN,

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA,



MEMBER of the supreme court commission, was born in Illinois on Christmas day, 1851. He obtained his education in that state, and studied law there after finishing his general education. In 1876 he was admitted to the bar of that state, and after two years' practice there came west and located at Hastings. This was in October, 1878, and he has been a resident of Hastings ever since. Mr. Ragan has been constantly engaged in the practice of law, and has taken a high place among the members of the Nebraska bar. He has represented many important interests, and has exerted an important influence in political matters in his district. Upon the creation of the supreme court commission in 1893, he was selected one of the three members of that body, in which capacity he has served for the last two years.

HON. DAVID A. CAMPBELL,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.



REPORTER of the supreme court and also clerk of the supreme court and state librarian, was born at Miller's Station, Harrison county, O., October 5, 1857. He was educated in the public schools of his native state and at Hopedale College. He moved to Kansas in 1877 and remained there one year. In 1878 he came to Nebraska and located at Plattsouth, Cass

county. In 1885 was elected treasurer of Cass county, and was re-elected in 1887. In 1890 he was appointed reporter of the supreme court of the state for a term of four years, and was reappointed in 1895 for another term. Mr. Campbell is an accomodating and pleasant gentleman in both his private and official capacity, and his special qualifications for the position he occupies are universally recognized by the attorneys of the state, and others with whom his office brings him into contact.



NEBRASKA WORLD'S FAIR SCHOOL EXHIBIT.

HON. CHARLES H. MORRILL,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



REGENT of the state university, and chairman of the republican state central committee, was born in Concord, New Hampshire, July 14, 1842. At the age of twenty years he took up arms in the defense of the Union, enlisting in the 11th New Hampshire Volunteers, in September, and serving until the close of the war. In 1862 he married Hattie

C. Currier. In 1866, he removed to Hamilton County, Iowa, and settled on a farm near the town of Stratford. In 1871, he came to Nebraska, settling in Polk county, where the town of Stromsburg now stands. In 1879, Mr. Morrill was appointed private secretary to Governor Albinus Nance, and served in that capacity during Governor Nance's term. In 1881, he established the first bank in Stromsburg. In 1889, Mr. Morrill was elected regent of the state university on the republican ticket, and in 1892 was made president of the board. In 1894, he was placed at the head of the republican organization in Nebraska as chairman of the state central committee. Mr. Morrill has been a successful business man, is an enthusiastic republican, takes great pride in the state university, and the good name and standing of the state at large, and is a tireless and systematic worker in any undertaking in which he engages.

HON. HENRY D. ESTABROOK,

OMAHA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Alden, New York, on the 23d of October, 1854. He is the son of Hon. Experience Estabrook and Caroline Augusta Maxwell Estabrook. With his parents and sister, Caroline Augusta, now Mrs. Robert Clowry, whose husband is vice president and general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, the subject

of this sketch came to Omaha in 1855, when, of course, he was a mere child, and here he has lived ever since. Henry's education was received in the public schools of this city, except a year or two in Washington University, St. Louis. His first distinctive employment was on the Omaha *Bee* and *Herald* as reporter. He afterwards studied law, graduating with distinction from the St. Louis Law School in 1876. During the same year of his graduation from the St. Louis Law school, Mr. Estabrook was admitted to practice, in Omaha, in all the courts, state and federal, having since established a reputation as a lawyer and orator of which he may well feel proud. He was married on his twenty-fifth birthday to Miss Clara C. Campbell, a school-mate in the Omaha High School, and daughter of O. C. Campbell, formerly assistant postmaster. They have one child, a daughter, Blanche Deuel Estabrook, born January 1, 1881. It is not too much to say that

Mr. Estabrook "bounded" into a national reputation as a lawyer by his connection with the celebrated case in the supreme court of the United States, entitled, "James E. Boyd, plaintiff in error, *vs.* State of Nebraska, *ex rel.* John M. Thayer, defendant in error." This is the well known case of "Thayer *vs.* Boyd," a contest for the governorship of Nebraska. Mr. Estabrook is now an honored regent of the State University of Nebraska and an able and efficient exponent of education. As a speaker and orator he has few equals, and has a national reputation as an able lawyer.

HON. E. A. HADLEY,

SCOTIA, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Hillsdale county, Michigan, on the 8th of January, 1851. His parents was of the Puritan stock and is considered a Yankee. He was brought up on a farm, and it was there he was taught what he now considers the best part of true education, "self reliance." Strict attendance at the district school with the daily admonition to "fetch," his books home at night did, after what seemed a long time, resulted in his being placed among the "Preps," of Hillsdale College, at the time Poet Carlton was earning his "sheepskin." Owing to the fact that football and baseball were but little known, he was able to secure an education sufficient to teach school several years, and fill the office of school inspector. In 1872 Mr. Hadley was married to Miss Mattie Dunn, of Hillsdale, Mich. He came to Nebraska in 1878 and purchased a farm in Dodge county. Moved to Greeley county in 1887, and has followed farming and cattle raising ever since. In November, 1891, was elected by the populists as one of the regents of the state university of Nebraska, and his close attention to the duties of the office has been beneficial to the interests of the entire state.

HON. J. L. H. KNIGHT,

LEES PARK, NEBRASKA,



ONE of the regents of the State University of Nebraska, was born at Sun Prairie, Dane county, Wisconsin, May 11, 1857. Was raised on a farm and attended the graded schools as far as possible until nineteen years of age. He was a student two years in the Beloit College. At the age of twenty-one he attended the agricultural college at Lansing, Michigan, receiving the degree of B.S. In 1881 he came to Nebraska and purchased a tree claim at Lees Park, Custer county, and not long afterwards he purchased his father's farm of 320 acres adjoining, and settled down to farm life. In May, 1884 he was married to Miss Mary McKee, of Michigan, and his family now consists of one boy and five girls. Mr. Knight is largely interested in fine blooded stock, cattle and hogs, taking an active part in agricultural pursuits. Was secretary of the Custer county agricultural society several years. In 1889 he was elected regent of the state university on the republican ticket, and has always taken quite an interest in the college farm. Mr. Knight is an ardent republican and has made a faithful officer of the university, and is popular with all his acquaintances of either party

HON. CHARLES WESTON,

HAY SPRINGS, NEBRASKA,



SON of American parentage, and was born in New York City, July 4, 1853. Parents removed to Illinois when he was quite young and settled in Champaign county. His early schooling was obtained in the public schools of Champaign and Chicago, Ill., and he graduated from the "University of Illinois" in 1876, having completed with very creditable

standing a four years' course in the college of literature and science. After leaving college he taught two years in the public schools of Illinois. In 1878 he commenced the study of law in the office of Judge J. W. Langley, of Champaign, Ill., and subsequently studied with William H. King, of Chicago. Was admitted to the bar by the supreme court of Illinois in 1879. Was for five years engaged in the practice of law in the city of Chicago. In 1884 he removed to Washington territory, and was for a time editor of the Lewis County *Bee*. Came to Nebraska in 1886, and has since resided in the state, being engaged in the mercantile and banking business most of the time. In addition to his business pursuits, during the greater portion of President Harrison's administration, he was editor of the *Northwest News*, a republican paper then published at Hay Springs, Neb. He has resided at Hay Springs most of the time since coming to the state, and has al-

ways been interested in educational matters, and has been almost continually identified, in one capacity or another, with educational interests. Has always been a republican in politics, and in 1893 was elected regent of the state university. Has been successful in business. In addition to business and professional pursuits, has been a student all his life, with special inclination and progress along the lines of history, political science, and public finance. He is at present engaged in mercantile and banking pursuits, being president of the Northwestern State Bank, Hay Springs, Neb.



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF CAMPUS AND BUILDINGS, STATE UNIVERSITY.

HON. C. W. KALEY,

RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Union county, Pennsylvania, December 12, 1846, and when seven years old removed with his parents to Carey, Ohio, where he was raised on a farm. Here he received a thorough education in the high schools of that place, and Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, and spent four years after completing his studies teaching school. In 1874, he came to Nebraska and pursued the study of law in the office of his brother, Hon. H. S. Kaley, of Red Cloud. He was admitted to the bar in 1876, and formed a copartnership with his brother. Since then he has been steadily in the practice at Red Cloud, and has been successful financially as well as building himself up in the esteem of those around him. Mr. Kaley has several times received evidences of the confidence and esteem of the people of Webster county. He was elected to the office of county judge in 1879, and in 1881, after the death of his brother, he was elected to fill his unexpired term in the Nebraska legislature, and served in the special term of 1882. He was appointed by Governor Nance a member of the state normal school board. He proved so efficient in his work that he was twice re-appointed by different governors, his term of service extending over twelve years. His term expired in July, 1893. In the fall of the same year he was nominated and elected to the office of regent of the state university.

HON. JAMES HULME CANFIELD,

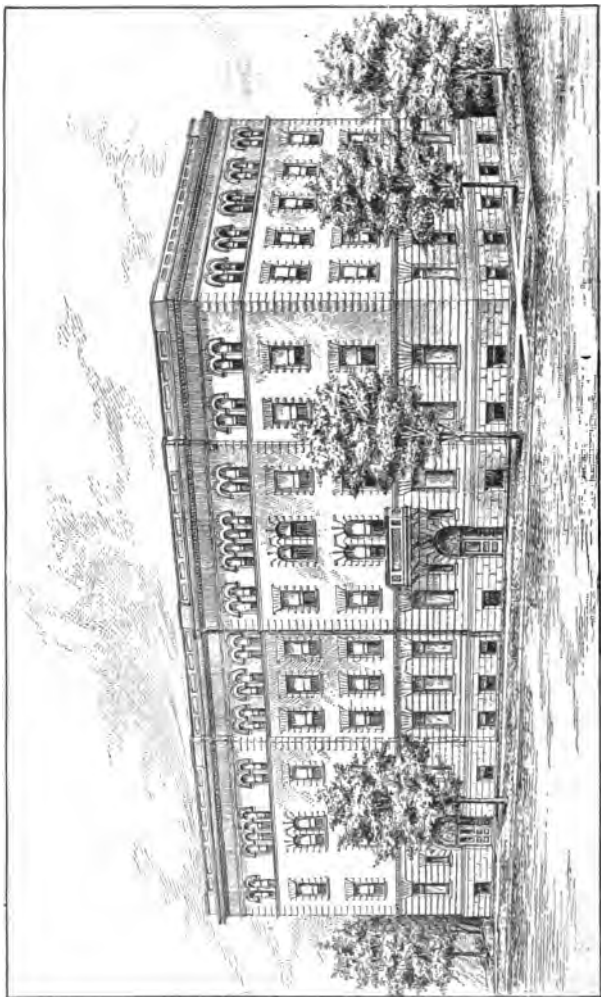
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



MAS born in Delaware, Ohio, March 18, 1847. His mother died when he was eight years old, and he was brought up by his parental grandmother on a Vermont farm. He prepared for college in the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y. He was graduated at Williams College, Massachusetts, in 1868. Desiring to

know something of men and affairs before he should either teach or (possibly) preach, he engaged in constructive railroading in Iowa and Minnesota, 1868-1871, beginning at the very lowest round of the ladder. He was admitted to the bar of Michigan, at Jackson, in 1872, and practiced at Saint Joseph, in that state, 1872-1877. During three years of this time he served the city (gratuitously) as superintendent of public instruction. In 1877 he was called to the University of Kansas. Here he remained as professor of history and English language and literature, then of history and political science, then of American history and civics, until 1891, when he became chancellor of the State University of Nebraska. He was for four years secretary of the National Education Association, and one year its president; has been president of the state teachers' associations of both Kansas and Nebraska; is a member of the American Historical Society, Ameri-

can Economic Association, American Association of Civics, Cambridge Political Economy Club, National Council of Education, and minor educational and civic organizations. Chancellor Canfield is a member of the Episcopal church, and has always been prominent in its councils.



THE NEW CONSERVATORY.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

In their purpose and development, institutions of learning differ as the men differ who direct or control or inspire them. Some restrict the work to the simpler forms of instruction; the faculty is a faculty of teachers; and the chief end seems to be the imparting of information, with such general culture as can be secured in connection with this process. Others add to the work of instruction that of investigation. Two classes of workers are found in their ranks, the teacher and the investigator; or else each teacher is expected to be an investigator as well. In these schools scientific work is pushed to the front, laboratories and appliances are multiplied, the perceptive faculties of the students are quickened—they think for themselves; and while gathering perhaps even less information, their development is far more rapid, and their ultimate power and value is much greater. The third class of institutions add to all this what may properly be called the work of application. In these there are teachers and there are investigators—possibly again united in the same persons, but not long so united; but sooner or later there is a practical turn given to all work, and applied knowledge is held in quite as high esteem as any other form. The University of Nebraska rather belongs in this last class, and perhaps is one of the most notable examples of this kind of work and development that is to be seen in the American educational world to-day.

Its teaching force now numbers in all one hundred and twenty-three. Of these sixteen are full professors at the head of departments as closely organized and as vigorously administered as is any private business. Departmental activity is one of the crowning characteristics and attractions of the university. There is a healthful and wholesome rivalry which has not yet broken out in ill feeling or jealousy, but which simply keeps each and all spurred to the uttermost. There is striving after students, but not simply for the sake of numbers, and not with any lessening of the disciplinary side of hard work. These heads of departments must necessarily be possessed of much executive ability, and must give much time to the consideration of the details of departmental work. Each man has a voice in naming his assistants, and each is held entirely responsible for the successful working of his department. To each department is allotted such



NEBRASKA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, GRAND ISLAND.

share of legislative appropriations as the regents think best ; and while the expenditures of these moneys are made through the executive office, and all purchasing and accounting is looked after with greatest care, still, heads of departments, and these only, are finally responsible for the wise administration of these funds. It often happens that these expenditures run up to thousands of dollars, and cover the latest and best apparatus that the world knows. It is readily seen that the head of a department must have wide and accurate information, must be quick witted and thoroughly alive to all that is going on in his part of the educational world, must have the latest information as to his work, and must know the forms, uses, and makers of the most modern appliances and apparatus. It is not infrequently necessary for the head of a department to make long journeys and to visit distant laboratories in order that he may more successfully equip his own. During last summer these journeyings and this expenditure of time and money were peculiarly noticeable, some professors even crossing the ocean in order that they might know the very latest and best that the world had in store for them. These journeyings are not taken at university expense; the burden falls directly upon the instructor. But they are undertaken cheerfully and heartily and earnestly in behalf of the best service that can possibly be given to the state.

Next to full professors come associate professors, and beneath these adjunct professors and instructors. The line between the last two is largely that of salary and length of service, their duties and privileges being about equal. It is the policy of the university not to place a man in the full chair until he has accomplished something worthy of note, has acquitted himself more than usually well in his chosen field, has secured far more than a mere local reputation, has in every sense of the word "won his spurs". It often happens, therefore, that an associate professor is practically the head of a department; though it is generally understood that such departments are not fully developed. Each of the instructors in these different grades works with large independence as to methods, the only requirement made of him being results. It is customary, however, in departments carrying a large number of instructors, to hold weekly conferences of all workers in the department, in order that there may be unity of purpose, and, as far as possible, of method as



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well. Something of this kind is necessary because students are liable to wish to pass from division to division, or instructor to instructor, and the differences between these, therefore, may not become too great.

The practical beneficence of the university, and its hold upon the confidence of the state, is shown by the way in which the various state organizations cluster about it, as well as by the at-



GRANT MEMORIAL HALL.

titude of individuals who are seeking for expert, unbiased, and unpurchasable knowledge and information. For many years the state board of agriculture has held its annual meetings at the university, and has spread its "Corn Show" in Grant memorial hall. The office of the secretary of the state horticultureau society is in Nebraska hall, the science building, and the members of this society come up to the campus yearly for their annual program and for their exhibit of Nebraska fruits. The State Historical Society has placed its library and its collections

in the basement of the new library building where it is destined to find, in the near future, most rapid growth and increasing fame. The State Dairymen's Association turns to the chapel of the university for its mid-winter meeting, and this organization also makes an annual display in the armory of the products of Nebraska dairies. The members of the State Bee-Keepers' Association, dripping with wisdom and honey, assemble at least annually in the botanical lecture room for the discussion of the matters of such deep interest in their daily lives; while the State Teachers' Association would feel itself lost if "headquarters" were elsewhere than university hall. All these constantly bring the people of the state into closer and closer contact with the university; and bring the children of the state, who are at the university, into keener appreciation of what the best and most honest and sincere men and women of the state are trying to accomplish in their respective spheres. This recognition of mutual interests, this standing assertion of the dignity of labor, these repeated opportunities for actual contact with what is being accomplished in an industrial way throughout this state must, in the long run, tell in a most helpful and inspiring manner upon the thought and lives of the youth of Nebraska. No other university has been so wise and active in these directions, and none has such a strong hold upon the confidence and esteem of what are sometimes called the common people.

And so this crowd of the great system of public and free education is rapidly reaching the point where it will completely answer Ezra Cornell's definition of a university—"A place where anybody can learn anything." It stands to day unchallenged as the center of the best thought, the most active intellectuality, and the most beneficent planning in Nebraska.

THE NEW CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

The regents have long felt that the establishment of a complete school of music in connection with the university was exceedingly desirable. Heretofore persons desiring extended study along music lines have been obliged to go much farther east and at considerable expense.

Some two years ago the regents outlined with great care the conditions under which alone they felt a conservatory could be established in connection with the university. This was a departure, perhaps, from the original thought, when instruction in

music was first offered by the university, but the change seemed necessary under all existing conditions. As the board had not the means with which to erect a building or pay a corps of instructors they recognized that, although under the direction and control of the university, this movement would necessarily be largely of the nature of a personal venture.

It was felt that the first step necessary to the success of a conservatory was to secure a director possessing both musical talent and training, and executive ability, and able to bring to his work the assurance of success which comes with an unquestionable record in technical skill, in tact and managerial ability, and in financiering. After careful examination of the music field the board selected Prof. Willard Kimball, then of the Iowa Conservatory of Music at Iowa College, Grinnell, as satisfying all these conditions.

The university authorities are at no more expense in connection with this new school of music than they were when all the work was carried by two instructors. Mr. Kimball, either in person or through his teachers, care for the music at daily chapel exercises, carries the four free courses of music offered to the students of the university: sight singing, choral training, orchestral training, and band training; furnishes all the music for public occasions; and also answers all reasonable requests for music numbers in connection with programs of student entertainments. The erection of the new conservatory building and the equipment of the school, the total already representing an expenditure of some \$25,000, an amount which will be more than double before the present plans are perfected, represents the private enterprise of the director.

The members of the faculty of the conservatory and the courses of study are chosen and determined by and with the consent of the board of regents. For the present year the conservatory faculty is as follows: Willard Kimball, director, instructor pipe organ; Martinus Sieveking, Susie Scofield, and Emily Metcalf Perkins, instructors, piano; John Randolph, instructor, voice; August Hagenow (leader of university orchestra), and Emily Hagenow, instructors, stringed instruments; David F. Easterday (leader of the university cadet band), instructor, wind instruments; Mrs. P. V. M. Raymond, instructor of university choruses; Edward L. Mouk, instructor, piano tuning; Clara Spencer, librarian.

HON. LORENZO CROUNSE,

FORT CALHOUN, NEBRASKA,



WAS born at Sharon, Schoharie county, N. Y., January 27, 1834. His grand parents on the paternal side come from Wittenburg, Germany, and on the mother's side, from Holland. His father was a tanner, and Lorenzo worked in the tannery during a portion of his youth. To a common school education he added two terms in the New

York Conference Seminary, at Charlotteville, Schoharie county. After completing this course of study he taught school to obtain the means with which to pay for the seminary schooling and to begin the study of law. In 1855 he removed to Ft. Plain, N. Y., and entered the law office of Jacob Wendell, and in 1857 was admitted to practice. In 1861 he married Mary E. Griffiths, of Ft. Plain, and four children—three daughters and one son—were born to them. The eldest daughter is the wife of G. M. Hitchcock, of Omaha. In 1861 Mr. Crouse entered the army as captain of Battery K, 1st Regiment New York Light Artillery, and was in the battle of Cedar Mountain and other conflicts. While holding Beverly's Ford on the Rappahannock in the second battle of Bull Run, under Pope, he was wounded, and, being disabled for a long time, resigned. In 1864 he removed to Nebraska, and in the following year was elected to the territorial legislature which met the first of the year, 1866. In that session

he served on the judiciary committee and on the committee to draft a constitution for the proposed state. At the republican convention to select a ticket for the prospective state he was nominated, at the age of thirty-two, as one of the three justices of the supreme court, and in March, 1867, took his seat as a member of that bench, and for a time was also reporter of the court. At the expiration of the term, in 1872, he was elected as a republican to the forty-third congress. He was returned to the forty-fourth congress and declined a further nomination. In 1876 Judge Crouse was a prominent candidate for the United States senate. In 1879 President Hayes appointed him collector of internal revenue, and he served in that position for four years. In 1891 he was appointed assistant secretary of the treasury by President Harrison. In 1892, while in the treasury department, he was nominated for the office of governor of Nebraska. The nomination was without his solicitation and rather against his wishes. For the first time in its history the state had a democratic governor (James E. Boyd), and the legislature of 1891 was largely populist. The independent or populist party having nominated ex-Senator C. H. Van Wyck, the republicans called upon Judge Crouse, as a man of unassailable reputation and anti-monopoly record, to head the ticket of his party. He resigned his position in the treasury department and made a vigorous campaign. The joint debate to which Van Wyck invited the republican candidate for governor attracted much attention, and did much to insure republican success. Governor Crouse's administration of his office was marked by a fearless and independent policy, and he was generally urged to accept a renomination, but declined in a letter written some time before the republican convention of 1894.

HON. ROBERT WILKINSON FURNAS,

BROWNVILLE, NEBRASKA.



FEW names are more familiar to those who are conversant with Nebraska's history than that of Ex-Governor Furnas. Few men's lives have been more actively interwoven with the development of the state and the promotion of its chief industry, in the establishment of its fame, and the preservation of its good name, than his. Gov-

ernor Furnas was born on a farm near Troy, Miami county, Ohio, May 5, 1824. His parents were both Friends, or Quakers, from England. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the printing trade at Covington, Kentucky. In 1845 he was married at Cincinnati, Ohio, to May E. McComas, and of the eight children which have sprung from the union five are still living. He conducted a printing and publishing house in Cincinnati, and afterwards published and edited the *Times*, at Troy, Ohio. He was subsequently a railroad conductor, and then was railroad and express agent at Troy. In the spring of 1856 he came to Brownville, this state, with a printing office and published and edited the *Nebraska Advertiser*. Public spirited, energetic, and aggressive, he began at once to take an important part in the public offices of the state. He was a member of the council branch of the territorial legislature in 1857, 1858, 1859, and 1860. In 1861 he was commissioned by President Lincoln colonel in

the regular army, and organized and commanded a brigade of three regiments of Indians. He served in the war of the borders in southern Missouri, Kansas, and the Indian Territory. Resigning from the regular service, he came to Nebraska with a commission from "Jim Lane" to recruit. He assisted in recruiting the 2d Nebraska Cavalry, was appointed its colonel by Governor Saunders, and served under Gen. Sally in the famous campaign against the hostile Indians in North Dakota up to the British possessions. After being mustered out he was appointed agent of the Omaha, Ponca, and Winnebago Indians. In 1872 he was elected governor of Nebraska, and served a term in that office. He was commissioner for Nebraska to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, to the Cotton Centennial at New Orleans, and as commissioner-at-large to the World's Fair, at Chicago, and has done more than any one citizen of Nebraska to bring the advantages and resources of Nebraska to the knowledge of the world. The general recognition of Governor Furnas's intimate knowledge of and connection with the state's history and chief activities may be inferred from the fact that he has been president of the State Board of Agriculture, the state horticultural society, the state historical society, and the state soldiers' union, regent of the state university, and vice president of the American pomological society, and is now president of the international association of fairs and expositions, the western district fair association, and the Nebraska pioneers' association. He has also been secretary of the state board of agriculture for several terms, and is known as without a superior, if not without a peer, in the United States as an organizer and manager of fairs. He has

also filled all the offices, subordinate and grand, in both the Masonic and Odd Fellows' orders. He lives upon his farm near Brownville, where he is engaged extensively in raising fruit and forest trees. Governor Furnas never attended school twelve months, all told, in his life, and the activity and usefulness of his career has been the outgrowth of his excellent natural ability, good judgment, energy, fine constitution, buoyant disposition, and broadminded character.

HON. JOHN M. THAYER,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



AS a native of Norfolk county, Massachusetts. Came to Nebraska in 1854, and engaged in farming. The first territorial legislature provided for the organization of militia and volunteers for the public defense, and elected Mr. Thayer Brigadier General in command. This imposed upon him the defense of the frontier against hostile Indians. The legislature at the next session enlarged his duties and made him a major general. This appointment added arduous labors upon General Thayer. He made several visits to Indian villages, and held councils with chiefs in the interests of peace. He also raised volunteers and was in command on several expeditions against the hostiles, and while in command the campaign was made against the Pawnees, and he captured the entire tribe, which resulted in peace being ever afterwards maintained by this tribe to the whites. This line of duty imposed upon General Thayer kept him thus engaged from 1855 until the War of the Rebellion. He then assisted and was instrumental in organizing the 1st Regiment of Nebraska Infantry, and was commissioned as its colonel, and was with his men all through the battle of Fort Donelson and during the critical period of the fight on the last day of the engagement. He, with his brigade, turned the scale in favor of the Union forces. General Thayer was in command of his

brigade at Shiloh, Vicksburg, and second capture of Jackson, Miss., and at several hard battles. After the fall of Vicksburg the general was assigned to the command of the district and army of the Frontier, with headquarters at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and took part in the battles of Jenkins Ferry, Prairie-de-Auer, Moscow, Ft. Smith, and many skirmishes. After returning to Nebraska he was instrumental in securing the admission of the state into the Union, and was elected United States senator in 1875. General Grant appointed General Thayer governor of Wyoming, and after his return to this state was twice elected governor of Nebraska, and is now an honored guest wherever he goes. His zeal for his party is as strong as ever and is found at work during the campaigns. His friends are legion.

HON. CHURCH HOWE,

HOWE, NEBRASKA,



IS considered one of the best parliamentarians in the state, and, as a ready and forcible public speaker and debater, he has been more than ever prominent in the late campaign, and it is conceded that he contributed greatly to the republican victory. He was a candidate for the republican nomination for con-

gress, but upon the success of Judge Strode pulled off his coat and went into the fight for the party with as much enthusiasm as ever. During the past year he has visited some sixty counties of the state and talked republicanism to the old soldiers and others at more than one hundred public meetings. Church Howe was born at Princeton, Worcester county, Mass., December 13, 1839, and was educated in common schools and academy. He enlisted as a private in the first regiment that answered President Lincoln's first call for men, April 16, 1861, "the old Massachusetts 6th," and was with that regiment in the Baltimore riot, April 19, 1861. He was afterwards promoted to quartermaster-sergeant, and remained with the "old 6th" at Washington, Baltimore, and Relay House, Md., until August

1, 1861, when he was commissioned by Governor Andrews first lieutenant and quartermaster 15th Massachusetts Volunteers; January 8, 1863, commissioned captain 15th Massachusetts Volunteers; March 13, 1865, brevetted major United States Volunteers. February 2, 1862, assigned to duty as senior aid-de-camp to Gen. John Sedgwick, commanding the 2d division, 2d corps, Army of the Potomac, remaining with him through the Peninsula campaign, and into the Maryland campaign, where, at Antietam, September 17, he was wounded. Among the battles in which Major Howe took part were those of Ball's Bluff, siege of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Gaines' Mill, Peach Orchard, Savage Station, Charles City Cross Road, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Flint Hill, Second Bull Run, and Antietam. General Sedgwick, in his official reports of the battles of Fair Oaks and Antietam, makes special mention of Major Howe's gallant conduct. After the war he studied law and was admitted to practice. Mr. Howe left Massachusetts and located in Nebraska in 1869, engaging extensively in farming and stock raising, improving a large tract of land in Nemaha county, now known as the Walnut Grove stock farm, where he still resides. He has been a member of the Nebraska legislature in senate and house for more than twenty years, and has been twice elected president of the senate, is a member of the state board of education, and was Nebraska's member of the republican national committee from 1884 to 1888. In February, 1893, he was elected senior vice commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, department of Nebraska, and in February, 1894, was elected commander.

HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Salem, Marion county, Illinois, March 19, 1860; attended public school until fifteen years of age, spending his vacations on the farm. In the fall of 1875, entered Whipple Academy, at Jacksonville, Illinois. Entered Illinois College, Jacksonville, in 1877; completed a classical course and was graduated with the highest honors in 1881; attended Union College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, for two years, during which time he was connected with the office of Ex-Senator Lyman Trumbull; began the practice of his profession at Jacksonville; removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, October 1, 1887, and became a member of the firm of Talbot & Bryan; never held an elective office prior to his election to congress; was elected to the fifty-second and re-elected to the fifty-third congress as a democrat, receiving 13,784 votes against 13,644 votes for Allen W. Field, republican, 863 votes for R. W. Maxwell, prohibitionist, and 2,409 votes for Jerome Shamp, independent (populist). Mr. Bryan began congressional life March 4, 1891, at the age of thirty, and was, during his first term, in recognition of his thorough information on the subject of tariff taxation, and because of his geographical position, awarded the distinction of membership on the ways and means committee. He so worthily sustained

his reputation during the fifty-second congress that he was re-appointed in the fifty-third congress. On the sixteenth day of August, 1893, Mr. Bryan delivered his famous speech against the unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law. This speech was, by many members of congress and by the press, regarded as ranking high, if indeed, not highest, among the brilliant oratorical efforts heard in congress in the past quarter of a century.

HON. LUTHER PAYSON LUDDEN,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



SECRETARY and general manager of the state relief commission, was born at Madison, Virginia, December 19, 1854, and moved with his parents to Berne, Albany county, N. Y., where he resided for eleven years, his father being the pastor of the church at that place. Then he moved to Cobleskill, N. Y., where he lived for five years. He grad-

uated at the State Normal College, at Albany, N. Y., in the class of June, 1875, and then entered the Lutheran ministry. Was pastor at Knox, N. Y., for five years and pastor at East Schodack, N. Y., six years, when he moved to Lincoln, Neb., in 1889, where he has since resided, and has been pastor of Grace Lutheran church ever since. He is at this time secretary or treasurer, or both, of ten different national state and other public associations. Governor Thayer appointed him deputy labor commissioner to succeed Hon. O. P. Mason. Was first appointed secretary and general manager of the state relief work in 1891; was re-appointed in 1894 by Governor Crouse, and that his duties confine him at his desk from five o'clock A.M., until midnight each day, the reader may surmise a part of the work that devolves upon him, besides other duties that he must perform for his church and different boards of which he is an officer. He is a member of

the city board of education and is secretary of the board. He is also Chaplain of the State Brigade U. R., K. of P., and member of Lincoln Lodge No. 16, K. of P. Rev. Ludden is an active worker wherever he is placed, and, while he has been most severely criticized as secretary of the state relief board, he met the darts and vanquished each assailant by silence and strict attention to his duties and won the approval of all by his successful management of the matter thrust upon him, and the distribution of relief where it was needed. He has always been a staunch republican. Was married May 7, 1879, to Miss Margaret Machesney, of Guilderland, N. Y., and they are blessed with four bright children, LeRoy, John, Carrie, and Nellie.

HON. TIMOTHY E. SEDGWICK,

YORK, NEBRASKA,



WAS born in Bloomingdale, DuPage county, Illinois, on the 2d day of September, 1852. His father was a physician. At the age of thirteen he entered the preparatory course of Wheaton College, where he pursued the classical course until he reached the junior year. At the age of seventeen he taught school in Champaign county,

Illinois, and later in his native county. In 1871 he attended the law department of Michigan University, and spent the subsequent year in a law office in Chicago. He moved to DePere, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1874, and resided there until September, 1878, pursuing the practice of law. He was admitted to the bar at Oconto, Wisconsin, in April, 1874. Though the county in which he resided was strongly democratic he was elected county superintendent of schools on the republican ticket in the fall of 1875. At the expiration of his first term he was unanimously re-nominated by the republican convention, but declined the honor, having decided to remove to Nebraska, which he did in September, 1878. In that month he landed at York, Nebraska, where he has since resided. In the spring of 1880 he established the *York Weekly Times*, and eight years later the *Daily Times*, both of which he still owns and publishes. The Nebraska Newspaper Union was founded by him in 1889, and he is

still a half owner of this institution which does a large business in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Kansas, and Colorado. Upon the organization of the republican state central committee in the fall of 1894, he was unanimously elected secretary and took a prominent part in the spirited state campaign which followed. He was elected secretary of the state senate on the 1st day of January, 1895, receiving the entire republican vote of that body. In July, 1874, he was married to Miss Adalaide Thurston, of his native county, and has three children, the youngest of whom is thirteen years of age.

HON. FRANK W. BARBER,

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,



FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY of the Nebraska state senate, was born in Canada. At an early age he came to Lee county, Ill., where he lived for sixteen years. He was educated in the common schools first, and later in the classical seminary at Paw Paw, Ill., and also was graduated from the Chicago University in 1882. The same year he came

to Franklin county, Neb., and taught in the Franklin Academy as professor of ancient language and mathematics for two years. He afterwards moved to Grand Island, Hall county, Neb., at which place he has since made his home. Mr. Barber is a self made man, having been left with a widowed mother to make his own way while a young lad. He was a candidate for the position of state superintendent of public instruction before the last republican convention. He has always been an enthusiastic republican, and has worked hard for his party, and with signal success for several years past. He was elected first assistant secretary of the senate in 1895, and has given satisfaction to all while in that position. Mr. Barber has made many fast friends during the legislature, and his popularity has been increased, and his future is likely to bring him in closer relation to the people of this state.

HON. ROBERT Q. STEWART,

CAMPBELL, NEBRASKA,



SERGEANT AT ARMS of the senate was born in Williams county, O., October 15, 1845. He lost his mother when eight years old. Soon after, his father married and moved to northern Wisconsin. At the age of ten he and an older brother left home with five cents and a rifle as their only possessions. They returned to Ohio, where Robert

worked for an uncle on a farm till the summer of 1862 when he enlisted in the 111th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, participating in twenty-one hard-fought battles. At the close of the war he returned to Ohio, procured a liberal education, and after teaching a number of terms married a lady of his native state, and moved to Iowa. In the spring of 1876 he located on a homestead in Franklin county, Nebraska, near the town of Campbell, where he now resides. Mr. Stewart is a farmer and a stock raiser. He has taken an active part in local and state politics, having served as deputy under two United States marshals, and was also traveling deputy for revenue collector, John Peters. He was chosen chairman of the republican congressional committee of the fifth district in the convention of 1894, and he is highly complimented over the successful management of the campaign in the interest of Hon. W. E. Andrews, the nominee of said convention who was elected, defeating Hon. W. A. McKeighan by a majority of 960.

REV. HOWARD MACAYEAL,

CAMBRIDGE, NEBRASKA,



CHAPLAIN of the senate, was born in Iowa, the 8th of November, 1860, where he spent his boyhood. When sixteen years old his people moved to Massachusetts, where he lived until he came to Nebraska. Mr. MacAyeal was educated in the east in the public schools, then in Geneva College in Pennsylvania, finishing his course by graduation

from the United Presbyterian seminary at Xenia, Ohio. He has also enjoyed the advantages of study abroad in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1889 he removed to Nebraska, locating at Cambridge, Furnas county, where he has lived ever since. He is pastor of the Congregational church at that place. Mr. MacAyeal comes of preaching stock, his father having been one of the most prominent men in the United Presbyterian church. He is also in direct line of succession in his present position as his father served through the late war as chaplain of the 33d Iowa Volunteers.

HON. WILLIAM M. GEDDES,

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA.



CHIEF CLERK of the house, was born at Janesville, O., August 21, 1857. His parents, of Scotch descent, moved to Amboy, Ill., when he was six months old. At the age of fourteen he entered the office of the *Amboy Journal*, where he worked for four years. He then attended the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., for a time. In 1876 he purchased and edited the *Paw Paw Herald* (Illinois), and afterwards founded the *Amboy News*. He has been a resident of Grand Island, this state, since 1884, and during that time has edited both the *Times* and the *Daily Independent*. Mr. Geddes was for eight years bookkeeper and assistant cashier in the Citizens' National Bank. Mr. Geddes has been elected for three successive terms a member of the city council without opposition, and for the past two years has served as mayor of Grand Island. He is a married man and has two children, a boy and a girl. He is a member of the A. F. A. M. and I. O. O. F. Mr. Geddes, although he has frequently been engaged in other business, makes journalism his profession, and in his newspaper work has always done good work for the republican party of which he is a staunch republican.

HON. WILLIAM WESLEY SHENBERGER,

AURORA, NEBRASKA.



SERGEANT AT ARMS of the house of representatives, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, August 13, 1845. His mother was left a widow when he was a small child, with nine children to provide for. He remained with his mother until twelve years of age, when he began to work on a farm near by, where he stayed until the war.

He enlisted in the Pennsylvania Cavalry, in 1864, and was in battle under General Sigle, Hunter, and Phil Sheridan. In 1865 he was seriously wounded at the battle of Five Forks, Virginia, and lay in several hospitals before he recovered. At the time of Lincoln's assassination, he was in Mount Pleasant hospital in Washington, D. C. Later he was taken to Chestnut Hill hospital in Philadelphia, from which he was able to go on crutches in August, 1865. He was honorably discharged from the service at Philadelphia the same year, and returned to his home, and began working on the farm again in 1866. This year he married Catherine Keller, a farmer's daughter. The next two years he spent working in an iron ore mine, but returned to farming at the end of that time. In 1879 he bought eighty acres of land in Hamilton county, Nebraska, and the following year added eighty acres more to his farm, and brought his family to Nebraska to live. In 1884 Mr. Shenburger was elected assessor by this re-

publicans of South Platte precinct, and Hamilton county elected him sheriff in 1887, soon after which he moved to Aurora. Here he was elected assessor of the city precinct for two successive terms, and also went into the real estate and insurance business. In 1891 he was secretary of the republican county central committee, and in this year he also made a trip to Central America. January 1, 1895, he was elected sergeant at arms of the house by the republican members.

REV. MATHEW T. MAZE,

CALLOWAY, NEBRASKA.



CHAPLAIN of the house was born in Rush county, Indiana, November 16, 1857. His father served in the Civil War, leaving his mother to provide for three small children on an undeveloped farm. After the close of the war the subject of this sketch had the advantages of a common school education, and at the age of eighteen years he en-

tered the Western Normal College located at Danville, Indiana, and by teaching during vacations was able to complete the course. After several years spent in teaching, his health failed, and he came west, with his wife and child, in 1883, and located on a homestead in Wood River Valley, Custer county, Neb. His health improving here, he entered the ministry in the Evangelical church, and is now in charge of a congregation at Calloway. Mr. Maze has always been an active republican. In 1894 he was nominated for representative by the republicans of his district and defeated by a very small plurality. Upon the opening of the present session of the legislature he was elected chaplain of the house.

WILLIAM A. HOWARD,

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA,



AUTHOR and compiler of these biographical sketches, was born near Winchester, Scott county, Ill., May 4, 1849. Was with the "Baker Family Vocalists" for seven years as leader of choruses and business manager. Has sung through all the campaigns for the last twenty-six years, and in 1894 sang at fifty-four political meetings. Came to

Nebraska in 1884, located at Kearney, came to Lincoln in 1889, married; republican in politics; engaged most of the time in newspaper and advertising specialties. Has been a member of twenty-three secret orders, and is a veteran fireman; was city clerk of Kearney, Neb., one year, and secretary of Buffalo county fair two years.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA.

Headquarters Lincoln, Neb.

C. E. Adams, Commander,	- - - -	Superior.
J. H. Culver, S. V. Commander,	- - - -	Milford.
J. H. Ehrhardt, J. V. Commander,	- - - -	Stanton.
W. H. Banwell, Medical Director,	- - - -	Orleans.
O. R. Beebe, Chaplain,	- - - -	Minden.
A. M. Trimble, Asst. Adjut. General,	- - - -	Lincoln.
Brad P. Cook, Acting A. A. General,	- - - -	Lincoln.
I. A. Arnold, A. Q. M. General,	- - - -	Kearney.
Cash D. Fuller, Asst. Inspector,	- - - -	Imperial.
M. B. C. True, Judge Advocate,	- - - -	Tecumseh.
B. R. Ball, Mustg. Officer,	- - - -	Omaha.
J. H. Stickel, Chief of Staff,	- - - -	Hebron.

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Church Howe, Chairman,	- - - -	Howe.
T. S. Clarkson,	- - - -	Omaha.
A. M. Trimble,	- - - -	Lincoln.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

George F Whitman,	- - - -	Oxford.
Robert LaFountain,	- - - -	Kearney.
R. S. Wilcox,	- - - -	Omaha.
P. C. Johnson,	- - - -	Harvard.
C. M. Parker,	- - - -	Lincoln.

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Emily O. Dilworth, President,	- - - -	Lincoln.
Rosalia Condon, S. V. President,	- - - -	Pawnee City.
Mary E. R. Saxton, J. V. President,	- - - -	Edgar.
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Clorinda A. Frost, Chaplain,	- - - -	Wymore.

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Nannie M. Murphy,	- - - -	Grand Island.
Olive Ballard,	- - - -	Aurora.
Caroline C. Raymer,	- - - -	Milford.
Carrie B. Parris,	- - - -	York.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Alice C. Dilworth, Secretary,	- - -	Lincoln.
Rebecca Frankforter, Inspector,	- - -	Lincoln.
Fidelia M. Rupiper, Counselor,	- - -	Harvard.
Susan Cole, Insp. and Installing Officer,	- - -	Juniata.
Helen E. Cook, Press Correspondent,	- - -	Lincoln.

SONS OF VETERANS.

F. E. Way, M.D., Commander,	- - -	Wahoo.
F. E. Strain, S. V. Commander,	- - -	Hartington.
J. C. Kirk, J. V. Commander,	- - -	Gibbon.

DIVISION COUNCIL.

Harry Mason,	- - - - -	Tekamah.
George F. Walz,	- - - - -	Fremont.
A. H. Rawitzer,	- - - - -	Omaha.

COMMANDERS' STAFF.

J. T. Yates, Judge Advocate,	- - - - -	Omaha.
C. L. Olds, Inspector,	- - - - -	Fremont.
E. J. Streight, Mustering Officer,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Hayes Banwell, Surgeon,	- - - - -	Orleans.
H. O. Chapman, Chaplain,	- - - - -	Central City.
W. H. Littrell, Quartermaster,	- - - - -	Wahoo.
W. D. Guttery, Adjutant,	- - - - -	Wahoo.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION.

1895-6.

Judiciary.—Pope, Tefft, Crane, Hitchcock, Sloan, Lindsay, Caldwell, Akers, Watson.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Graham, Tefft, Wright, Hitchcock, Hahn, Noyes, Stuefer, Caldwell, Dale.

Public Lands and Buildings.—Tefft, McKeeby, McKesson, Smith, Black, Bressler, Sloan, Saunders, Rathbun.

Agriculture.—Lindsay, Sloan, Rathbun, Bressler, Mighell, Noyes, Jeffres.

Highways, Bridges, and Ferries.—Lehr, Tefft, Cross, Noyes, Gray.

Accounts and Expenditures.—Stuefer, Hahn, Lindsay, Saunders, Caldwell.

Military Affairs.—Watson, Cross, Black, Smith, Sprecher.

Municipal Affairs.—Hahn, Crane, Wright, Hitchcock, McKeeby.

Internal Improvement.—Noyes, Rathbun, Holbrook, Black, Stewart.

School Lands and Funds.—Rathbun, Mighell, Graham, Holbrook, Jeffres.

Public Printing.—Cross, McKesson, McKeeby, Hitchcock, Sprecher.

Enrolled and Engrossed Bills.—Caldwell, Sloan, Bressler, Crane, McKesson, Stuefer, Hahn.

Counties and County Boundaries.—Lehr, Holbrook, Bressler, Noyes, Bauer.

Education.—Noyes, Lindsay, Graham, Cross, Sloan.

Literary.—Gray, Stewart, Watson, Lehr, Holbrook.

Claims.—Bressler, Hitchcock, McKesson, Crane, Pope.

Banks and Currency.—Saunders, Stuefer, Black, Wright, Crane.

Railroads.—McKesson, Pope, Tefft, Graham, Hahn, Akers, Rathbun, McKeeby, Stuefer.

Miscellaneous Corporations.—Crane, Hahn, Bressler, Pope, Watson.

State Prison.—Black, McKeeby, Graham, Hahn, Mighell.

University and Normal Schools.—Wright, Watson, Hitchcock, Tefft, McKeeby.

Constitutional Amendments and Federal Relations.—Sloan, Lindsay, Tefft, Watson, Wright, Pope, Crawford.

Public Charities.—Rathbun, Mighell, Black, Stuefer, Stewart.

Trivial Ges and Elections.—Sloan, Akers, Caldwell, Cross, Lindsay.

Live Stock and Grazing.—Rathbun, Mighell, Akers, Lehr, Dale.

Miscellaneous Subjects.—Mighell, Stuefer, Noyes, Hitchcock, Smith, Holbrook, Lehr.

Medical Societies.—McKeeby, Cross, Wright, Lindsay, Bauer.

Asylum, Industrial Homes, Reform Schools, Home for the Friendless, and Institute for Feeble Minded Youths.—Hitchcock, Bressler, Hahn, Wright, Smith, Watson, Sloan, McKesson, Bauer, *Immigration.*—Dale, Akers, Wright, Mighell, Bauer.

Mines and Minerals.—Campbell, Stewart, Crawford, Sprecher, Jeffres.

Manufacturer and Commerce.—Holbrook, Crane, Cross, Hahn, Akers.

Labor.—Smith, Saunders, Sloan, McKeeby, Lehr.

Revenue.—McKeeby, Wright, Stuefer, Smith, Saunders.

Rules.—Watson, Pope, McKesson, Graham, Tefft.

Soldiers' Home.—Caldwell, Black, Graham, Akers, Cross.

Irrigation.—Akers, Black, Smith, Caldwell, Pope, Noyes.

Standing Committees.—Pope, McKesson, Hahn, Steuffer, Bressler.

Relief.—McKeeby, Akers, Black, Tefft, Rathbun, Stuefer.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION.

1895-6.

Judiciary.—Munger, Chairman; Crow, Davies, Johnston (Douglas), Hairgrove, McNitt, Cole, Bacon, Becher, Guthrie, Schickedantz.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Crow, Chairman; Cramb, Griffith, Judd, Spencer, Shook, Merrick, Schickedantz, Brady, Scott, Johnston (Nemaha).

Agriculture.—Sutton (Pawnee), Chairman; Harrison, Perkins, Brockman, Spencer, Chace, Scott.

Roads and Bridges.—Chace, Chairman; Mattison, Pohlman, Jones, Sutton (Pawnee), Orton, Delaney.

Militia.—Pohlman, Chairman; Benedict, Brockman, Burke, Kaup, Hinds, Wait, McVicker, Barry.

Public Lands and Buildings.—Burns (Lancaster), Chairman; Merrick, Roddy, Griffith, Harrison, Harte, Richardson, Langhorst, Zink (Johnson), Brady, Burns (Dodge), Higgins, Van Housen.

Internal Improvements.—Bacon, Chairman; Beck, Wilder, Weber, Timme, Spencer, Van Housen.

Federal Relations.—Lamborn, Chairman; Cramb, Crow, Davies, Sutton (Douglas), Ely, Dempsey.

Engrossed and Enrolled Bills.—Conaway, Chairman; McNitt, Johnston (Douglas), Cole, Merrick, Harte, Perkins, Spencer, Higgins.

Accounts and Expenditures.—Bee, Chairman; Burns (Lancaster), Burch, Myers, Brady, Zink (Johnson), Ashby, Chace and Johnston (of Nemaha).

Constitutional Amendments.—Davies, Chairman; Griffith, Rouse, Bacon, Brockman, Beck, McNitt, Haller, Bernard, Rhodes, Casper.

County Boundaries, County Seats, and Township Organizations.—Rouse, Chairman; Mattison, Judd, Becher, Burch, Burns (Dodge), Brownell, Dempsey, Robertson.

Railroads.—Hinds, Chairman; Cooley, Allan, Conaway, Lamborn, Munger, Jones, Orton, Bacon, Miles, Cain, Cole, Harris, Scott, McBride.

Privileges and Elections.—Mattison, Chairman; Beck, Burke, Campbell, Carlson, Chapman, Ely, Harkson, Jenkins, Brokaw, Horst.

Penitentiary.—Brady, Chairman; Merrick, Cain, Pohlman, Kaup, Langhorst, Rouse, Ashby, Zink (Sherman).

Insane Hospital.—Sisson, Chairman; Campbell, Carlton, Conaway, Cooley, Haller, Timme, Thomas, Hull.

Other Asylums.—Richardson, Chairman; Pohlman, Roddy, Ricketts, Moehrman, Shook, Harris, Harte, Remington.

Corporations.—Jenkins, Chairman; Benedict, Sutton (Pawnee), Sutton (Douglas), Orton, Bee, Fritz.

Library.—Hairgrove, Chairman; Thomas, Beck, Brownell, Chapman, Weber, Barry.

Cities and Towns.—Johnston (Douglas), Chairman; Wait, Spencer, Ricketts, Hinds, Burns (Dodge), Meyers, Perkins, Robertson.

Banks and Currency.—Miles, Chairman; Burch, Judd, Richardson, Bacon, Jenkins, Carlson.

Public Schools.—McNitt, Chairman; Sutton (Douglas), Cramb, Bernard, McFadden, Guthrie, Miles.

University and Normal Schools.—Brockman, Chairman; Robinson, Conaway, Davies, Roddy, Becher, Ely.

Public Printing.—Wait, Chairman; Zink (Johnson), Brownell, Benedict, Weber, Allan, Harris, Cole, Casper.

Mines and Minerals.—Horst, Chairman; Fritz, Goar, Spackman, Suter, Wart, Soderman.

Immigration.—Cole, Chairman; Carlson, Cooley, Johnston (Douglas), Hinds, Harris, Pohlman, Langhorst, Kaup, Moehrmann, Johnston (Nemaha).

Manufacturing and Commerce.—Burns (Dodge), Chairman; Lamborn, Harrison, Richardson, Burch, Beecher, Allan.

Schools, Lands, and Funds.—Harrison, Chairman; Burns (Lancaster), Sutton (Pawnee), Ashby, Beck, Bee, Brockman, Casper, Burke.

Miscellaneous Subjects.—Cain, Chairman; Campbell, Carlson, Bernard, Cole, Harte, Havlik.

Claims.—Becher, Chairman; Griffith, Burch, Beck, Lamborn, Bee, Richardson, Harte, Robinson, Hairgrove, Howard.

Live Stock and Grazing.—Ashby, Chairman; Chace, Moehrmann, Sisson, Merrick, McFadden, Kaup, Spackman, Soderman.

Revenue and Taxation.—Judd, Chairman; Sisson, Schickedantz, Shook, Robinson, Chapman, Cramb, Jenness, Wilder, Meyers, Howard.

Rules.—Mr. Speaker, Chairman; Robinson, Hairgrove, Harrison, Chapman, McNitt, Lamborn.

Labor.—Burke, Chairman; Bee, Bernard, Jenness, Allan, Campbell, Cooley, Ely, Harkson, Benedict, Smith, Brokaw, Goar.

Apportionment.—Schickedantz, Chairman; Benedict, Bernard, Brownell, Hinds, Chace, Cooley, Cramb, Ely, Griffith, Hairgrove, Haller, Havlik, Wart, Hull.

Benevolent Institutions.—Cramb, Chairman; Allan, Webber, Thomas, Perkins, Smith, Rothleutner.

Fish Culture and Game.—Timme, Chairman; Harkson, Wilder, Langhorst, Jones, Suter, Zink (Sherman).

Insurance.—Jenness, Chairman; Schickedantz, Lamborn, Bernard, Ricketts, Becher, Kaup, Munger, Suter.

Telegraph, Telephone, and Electric Light.—Ricketts, Chairman; Burns (Lancaster), Jenness, Becher, Judd, Bacon, Roddy, Wilder, McVicker.

Medical Societies.—Harris, Chairman; Conaway, Judd, Orton, Ricketts, Haller, Goar.

Fees and Salaries.—Burch, Chairman; Rouse, Weber, Moehrmann, Sutton (Douglas), Shook, Robinson, McNitt, Rhodes.

Soldiers' Home.—Thomas, Chairman; Harkson, Shook, Jones, Sutton (Pawnee), Sisson, Merrick.

Irrigation.—Myers, Chairman; Harris, Schickedantz, Cole, Bee, Bacon, Rouse, Lamborn, McBride.

Relief.—Conaway, Brady, Bacon, Bee, Howard, Harris, Suter.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

ELECTIVE.

T. E. Sedgwick, Secretary,	- - - -	York.
F. W. Barber, Assistant Secretary,	- - -	Grand Island.
A. R. Keim, Second Assistant Secretary,	- - -	Falls City.
R. Q. Stewart, Sergeant-at-Arms,	- - -	Campbell.
T. L. Williams, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms,	- - -	Geneva.
J. E. Weatherwax, Postmaster,	- - -	Beatrice.
J. F. Reynolds, Assistant Postmaster,	- - -	Fremont.
J. G. Gannon, Doorkeeper,	- - -	Bancroft.
C. S. Brundage, Assistant Doorkeeper,	- - -	Auburn.
Rev. H. MacAyeal, Chaplain,	- - -	Cambridge.
John E. Rule, Enrolling Clerk,	- - -	Western.
William H. Pool, Engrossing Clerk,	- - -	Wabash.
Horace M. Clark, Clerk Committee Whole,	- - -	Ithaca.
A. B. Wood, Bill Clerk,	- - -	Gering.
H. G. Knight, Janitor,	- - -	Hastings.
Capt. W. W. Carder, Mail Carrier,	- - -	Lincoln.
Lee Yates, Custodian,	- - -	Omaha.

APPOINTED.

W. B. Price, Private Clerk Lieutenant Governor,	Lincoln.
John H. Christner, Bookkeeper,	- - - Hayes Center.
Harry Scott, Stenographer,	- - - Lincoln.
Victor Seymour, Typewriter,	- - - Lincoln.
Florence Moore, Typewriter,	- - - Fremont.
G. W. Hollinger, Custodian Cloak Room,	- - - Lincoln.

Samuel Grant, Asst.	"	"	"	-	Lincoln.
J. C. Hubbard,	"	"	"	-	Omaha.
G. W. Sabine, File Messenger,				-	Omaha.
Samuel Pickel, Night Watchman,				-	Emerald.
James K. Moore,	"	"		-	Hastings.
Louis Otto, Custodian Lieut. Governor's Room,					Lincoln.
Willard Coon, Bill Holder,				-	Lincoln.
Frank Fossler, Jntr. North Gallery Com. Rooms,					Lincoln.
John C. Current, ' South	"	"	"		Elmwood.
George Mohrenstecker, Doorkeeper, gallery,				-	Nebraska City.
J. H. Johnston, Janitor				-	Lincoln.
James Mahoney, Proof Reader,				-	Lincoln.
Henry Masterman, Assistant Janitor,				-	Lincoln.
Jacob Boyer, Custodian Secretary's Office,				-	Hastings.
Jerry Sedgwick, Messenger to Secretary,				-	Omaha.
I. A. Baker, Custodian Supplies,				-	York.
W. M. Erwin, File Clerk,				-	Alma.
Mrs. Lillie M. Grant, Copyist,				-	Dorchester.
Robert Lynn, Assistant Bill Clerk,				-	Wausa.
John M. Fairfield, Clerk Committee Military Affairs,				-	Lincoln.
W. P. Hellings, Clerk Committee Miscellaneous Subjects,				-	Aurora.
A. C. Wright, Supply Clerk,				-	Lincoln.
W. H. Wilson, Clerk Committee on Finance, Ways and Means,				-	Blue Springs.
Con Dawson, Clerk Committee on Printing,				-	Fairbury.
P. W. Warner, Clerk Committee on Municipal Affairs,				-	Bladen.
W. H. Hyers, Clerk Committee on Public Lands and Buildings,				-	Plattsmouth.
Charles Southard, Clerk Committee on Labor,					Omaha.
J. W. Ball, Clerk Committee on Roads and Bridges,				-	Wahoo.
G. M. Petty, Clerk Committee on Library,				-	North Loup.
R. A. Simpson, Clerk Committee on Relief,				-	Blue Hill.
F. P. Corrick, Clerk Committee on Irrigation,					Cozad.
E. E. Gillespie, Clerk Committee on University and Normal Schools,				-	Lincoln.
T. A. Boyd, Clerk Committee on School Lands and Funds,				-	Cambridge.

- W. L. Miner, Clerk Committee on Revenue, - Nelson.
 David Dickenson, Clerk Committee on Accounts
 and Expenditures, - - - - - Tekamah.
 Lottie Liming, Clerk Committee on Agriculture, Pawnee City.
 James W. Rhine, Clerk Committee on Judiciary, Crete.
 Fred Erskine, Clerk Committee on Railroads, - Lincoln.
 E. M. Martin, Clerk Committee on Banking
 and Currency, - - - - - Hartington.
 T. Hermanson, Clerk Committee on Engrossed
 and Enrolled Bills, - - - - - Grand Island.
 A. J. Wright, Clerk Committee on Asylums, Etc., Tecumseh.
 L. L. Swartz, Clerk Committee on Privileges and
 Elections, - - - - - Fairmont.
 L. C. Ashbrook, Clerk Committee on Constitutional
 Amendments, Etc., - - - - - Geneva.
 Miss E. E. Holden, Clerk Committee on Immi-
 gration, - - - - - Lincoln.
 R. A. Campbell, Clerk Committee on Minerals, Lincoln.
 C. A. Potter, Clerk Committee on Miscellaneous
 Corporations, - - - - - Omaha.
 E. Stout, Clerk Committee on Education, - South Omaha.

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- Carl Patch - - - - - Lincoln.
 Homer Martin, - - - - - Lincoln.
 Guy Roberts, - - - - - Lincoln.
 Perry Munn, - - - - - Omaha.
 James Stevenson, - - - - - Lincoln.
 William Armstrong, - - - - - Lincoln.
 Reason Bennett, - - - - - Lincoln.
 Frank Shepherd, - - - - - Nebraska City.
 Lee Ensey, - - - - - Lincoln.
 Willie Clark, - - - - - Lincoln.

ENROLLING AND ENGROSSING CLERKS.

- Edward Baxter, - - - - - Hastings.
 Frank Evans, - - - - - Wisner.
 Mable Callahan, - - - - - Friend.
 E. Z. Minnick, - - - - - Milligan.
 J. E. Adams, - - - - - Lincoln.

H. B. Vandecar,	- - - - -	Elba.
John Sherrill,	- - - - -	Crete.
Mrs. C. B. Wells,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Mrs. Nettie Banks,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
W. E. Hauchen,	- - - - -	Geneva.
John M. Larsh,	- - - - -	Nebraska City.
A. J. Tracy,	- - - - -	Wayne.
Minota Eikenbary,	- - - - -	Plattsmouth.
Ida Meredith,	- - - - -	Omaha.
Clara Smith,	- - - - -	Omaha.
B. F. Thorn, Assistant Janitor,	- - - - -	Grand Island.
James Bright, Night Watchman,	- - - - -	Grand Island.
Fred H. Barber, Messenger,	- - - - -	Grand Island.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

W. M. Geddes, Chief Clerk,	- - - - -	Grand Island.
F. A. Harrison, First Assistant Clerk,	- - - - -	Pawnee,
Jas. F. Zediker, Second " "	- - - - -	Lincoln.
H. Glasgow, Third " "	- - - - -	Odell.
Harry L. Aikin, Fourth " "	- - - - -	Omaha.
W. W. Shenberger, Sergeant at Arms,	- - - - -	Aurora.
A. G. Tyler, Assistant " " "	- - - - -	Ogalalla.
W. J. Pemberton, Enrolling Clerk,	- - - - -	Fairbury.
Rev. M. T. Maze, Chaplain,	- - - - -	Calloway.
James S. Burden, Postmaster,	- - - - -	Bladen.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Jas. L. Cook, Doorkeeper,	- - - - -	Fontenell.
Pat. Door, First Assistant Doorkeeper,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
J. H. Enslow, Custodian,	- - - - -	Alexander.
Wm. E. Shook, Typewriter,	- - - - -	Barada.
Snowden Summers, Assistant Fireman,	- - - - -	Beatrice.
Howard Burns, John Gross, Lincoln, Wm. F. Miles, Night Watchmen,	- - - - -	Stratton

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Eugene Parks	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Oscar Blan,	- - - - -	Omaha.
Chester Valentine,	- - - - -	Fairfield.
Walter Sizer,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Edmond Harlan,	- - - - -	York.
Lonnie Bamer,	- - - - -	Tobias.
Bond P. Geddes,	- - - - -	Grand Island.
Alfred Bixby,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Robert Pollock,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
J. Buell Chesington,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Wernie Goodin,	- - - - -	Crete.
Ira Cole, Time Keeper,	- - - - -	Culbertson.
J. W. Smith, Bill Clerk,	- - - - -	Cook.
Ursa Swisher, Bill Clerk,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Ralph Strow, Proof Reader,	- - - - -	Stella.
Robert Finck, Proof Reader,	- - - - -	Omaha.
E. L. Sargent, Engrossing Clerk,	- - - - -	Cedar Rapids.
Miss Hilder Anderson, Eng. and Enr. Clerk,	- - - - -	Wahoo.
Mrs. Grace Edwards,	" " " "	Omaha.
Mrs. M. E. Kilbourne,	" " " "	Omaha.
E. Barber,	" " " "	Grand Island.
Miss Sadie E. Young,	" " " "	Lincoln.
Miss Nellie Weaver,	" " " "	Lincoln.
Miss Elizabeth Conner	" " " "	Eagle.
Miss Kate Henderson	" " " "	Seward.
J. D. Boyle,	" " " "	Hebron.
C. C. Boslaw, Clerk of Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills,	- - - - -	Henderson.
T. H. Cecil, Clerk for Committee on Finance, Ways and Means,	- - - - -	Omaha.
A. G. Keim, Clerk to Com. on Railroads	- - - - -	Beatrice.
W. B. McArthur, Clerk of Com. on Judiciary,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Louis Richardson, Copyholder,	- - - - -	Clarks.
D. Baumgardner, Copyholder,	- - - - -	Lincoln.
Josie McDermott, Stenographer	- - - - -	Sutton.
G. P. Lewis, Messenger,	- - - - -	Albion.
John H. Brady, Messenger for Chief Clerk	- - - - -	Kearney
Ed. Metcalf, Assistant Postmaster,	- - - - -	Ohioa.

W. R. Teagarden, Mail Carrier, - - Campbell.
 C. W. Morrow, Custodian Cloak Room, - - Wilcox.
 Harry Standidge, Private Sec. Mr. Speaker Hebron.

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY GOVERNOR HOLCOMB.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

Benton Maret, Governor's Private Secretary, - Eddyville.
 E. W. Nelson, " " Stenographer, Richland.
 Frank L. Mary, " Record Clerk, - Lincoln.
 John H. Powers, Deputy Labor Commissioner, Cornell.
 John H. Edmisten, State Oil Inspector, - - Eddyville.
 John W. Wilson, Commandant Soldiers' Home, Ogalalla.
 Dr. L. J. Abbott, Superintendent Insane Hospital,
 Lincoln, - - - - - Fremont.
 J. A. Edgerton, Clerk Bureau Labor Statistics, - Lincoln.

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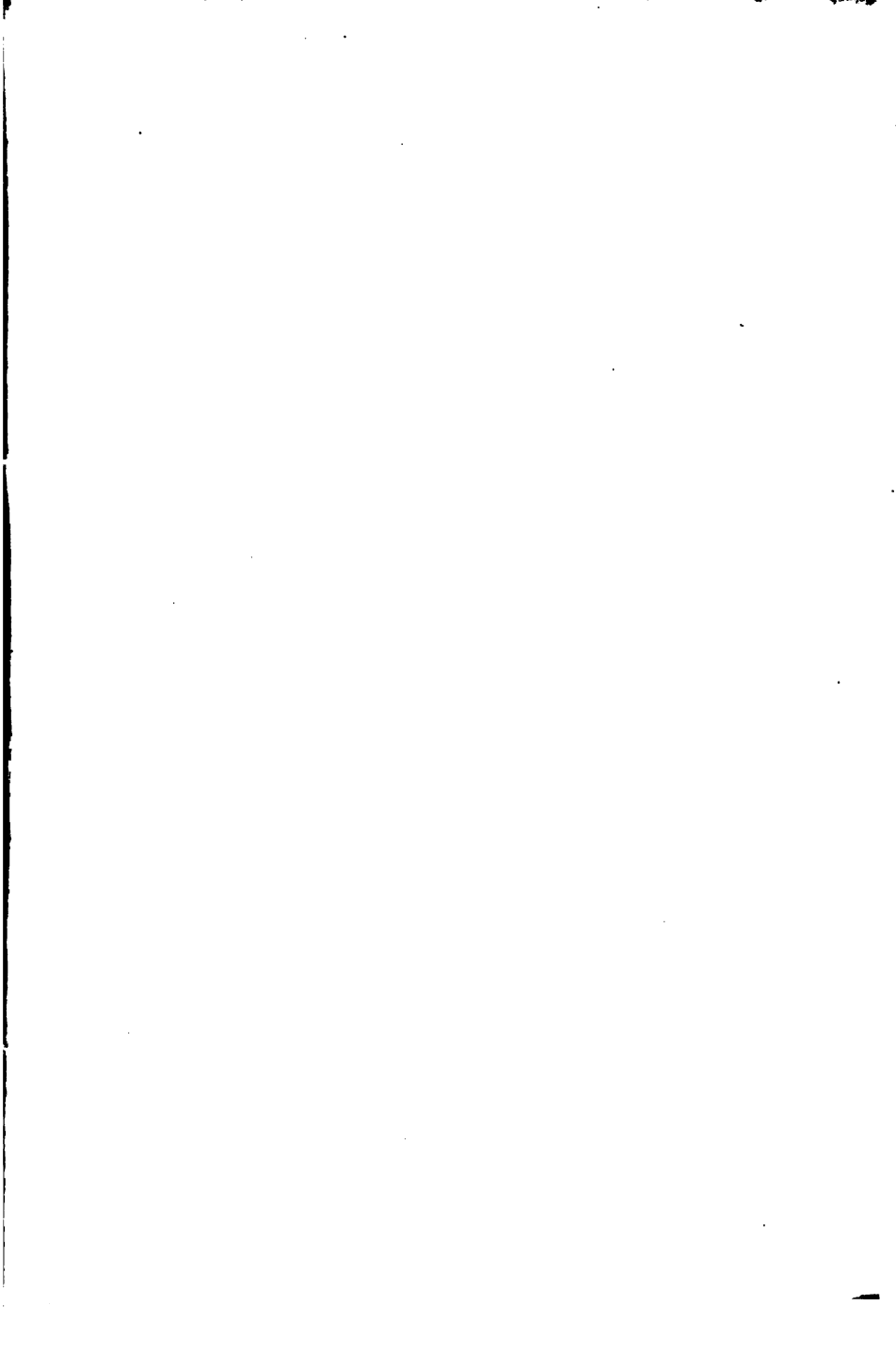
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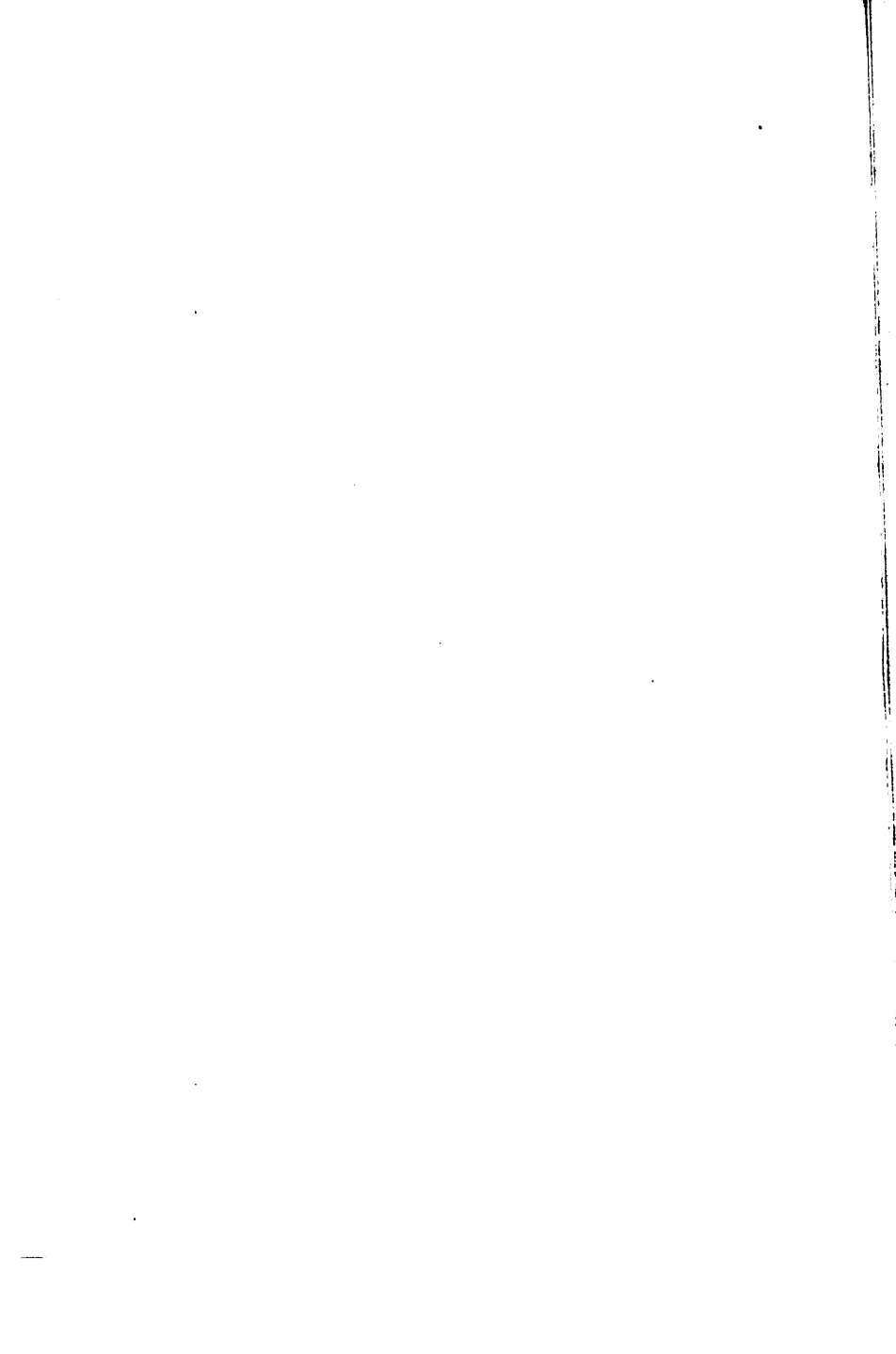
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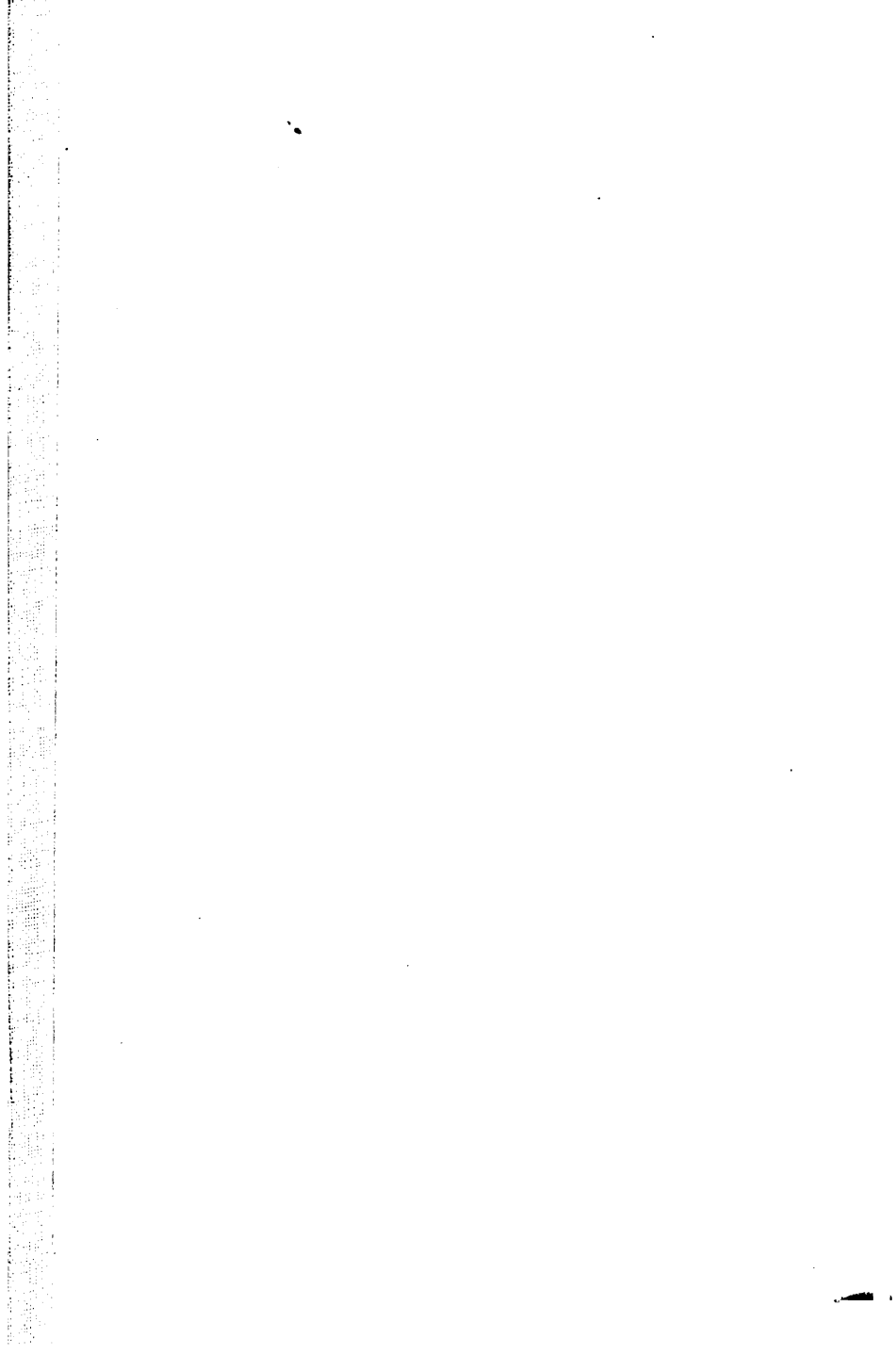
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