

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

SENATORS

E. N. ALLEN, who sits in the senate for the Twenty-ninth district, comprising Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Gosper, Frontier, Chase, and Hayes counties, was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1853. The family soon removed to Salt county, where Mr. Allen remained until he was eighteen years old. He obtained his education in the district schools and attended the Baptist seminary in Evansville, Wisconsin, taking a scientific course. In 1873 he removed to Furnas county, Nebraska, where he remained one year, before attending the state university at Lincoln. Between terms he worked in the harvest fields and taught. He discontinued his university course in 1879, and soon became county superintendent of Furnas county, which office he held two terms. For three years after that he was engaged in stock raising and shipping, and then started to dealing in hardware at Arapahoe. He is still in business at that place. That he made good use of his time since launching out in business is proved by the fact that when he left school his fortune consisted of thirty-five cents in his pocket, while during the past year he handled a trade in agricultural implements amounting to \$25,000. He is personally and politically acquainted with most of the prominent men of the state. He has always been a republican.

J. H. ARENDS, who represents Otoe county, has spent practically all of his mature years in the mercantile business, in which he is engaged at present. He is a German by birth, but came to this country when only 11 years of age in 1853. His parents first settled in Illinois, where Mr. Arends commenced the career which he has followed since. He first settled at Nebraska City on coming to this state, and clerked in a store, from that place going to his present location at Syracuse. He has always been a republican and an earnest worker for the success of the party. He has built up a reputation for business probity during his long residence at Syracuse which has made him universally respected.

A striking figure in the senate is a gentleman with long, curling hair, reaching to his shoulders. He is CURT L. ALEXANDER, senator from Adams county. He was born in Indiana in 1848, and in 1856 removed with his parents to Iowa. In 1873 Mr. Alexander came to Hastings, where he has remained ever since. He is a successful business man, has always been a republican, and as such served five years on the board of county supervisors. He is president of the Hastings Building and Loan Association.

WALLACE R. BARTON of Tecumseh is the senator from the Second district, Nemaha and Johnson counties. Mr. Barton was born in Bennington county, Vermont, where he grew to manhood. He was given a good common school education, and learned the marble-cutting trade. Served in the civil war under Generals Philip Kearney, Hancock and Gibbon. He moved to Nebraska in 1873, and settled in Tecumseh. He was mayor of the city for six years and could have filled the office longer, but refused to do so.

SENATOR J. S. CANADAY, representing Kearney, Phelps, and Harlan counties in the senate, is a directing influence in the councils of his party, the

populist. He was born in Farmersburg, Indiana, in 1861. He came to Nebraska in 1883, locating first in Seward county, and later in Kearney. He has taught school, and was for four years county superintendent of Kearney county. Since then he has followed farming. He has been a prominent member of the Knights of Labor since 1890, and was master workman of district 146. He was at first a democrat in politics, but in 1890 he joined the populist party. This is his second term in the senate.

JOSEPH CROW is a native of Greencastle, Indiana, and is 42 years of age. He graduated from DePauw university in 1877. In 1878 he was admitted to the bar, and for three terms served as county attorney of Greencastle. He came to Kansas in 1886, first taking up his residence in Cheyenne county, where he served two terms as county attorney. In 1889 he settled in Omaha, where he has since followed his profession, and since his coming he has twice been elected to represent the county in the lower house. His first election was four years ago, and when he was re-elected he was unseated, after having served a part of the session, by an adverse majority.

F. M. CURRIE, of Broken Bow, republican senator, is 35 years old and a native of Ohio. He has been a resident of Custer county for eight years. He is a college graduate, and has spent several years teaching. For two years he was superintendent of the Broken Bow schools, and resigned to engage in the cattle business. He is a very successful business man, and an excellent speaker. This is the first time that he would ever accept a nomination for office.

The Twelfth senatorial district, composed of Platte and Colfax counties, is represented in the senate by JAMES A. DUNN. Senator Dunn was born in Colfax county in 1869, on a farm. He graduated from the Fremont commercial college, and has followed farming ever since. He was first a republican, but later became a populist. This is his first session in the legislature.

CHARLES A. FOWLER, senator from Fillmore and York, was born in central New York in 1847. He was for nine years principal of the central high school in Binghamton, New York. He taught also in the Syracuse high school. He came to Nebraska in 1879, and engaged in banking at Alexandria, but later went on a farm near Ohio for his health. He is an attorney, but is more actively interested in the grain and coal business. He owns a couple of farms. He has served as justice of the peace, but this is his first term in the legislature.

The Eighteenth senatorial district, composed of Nance, Merrick, and Polk counties, is represented by THOMAS F. FARRELL. He was born in Canada forty years ago, and came to this country with his parents while yet a boy. As soon as he reached young manhood he commenced work for himself as a farmer and stock raiser, has been quite prosperous, and now lives on his fine farm a few miles west of Central City. In politics he was always a democrat until the rise of the populist party, which he joined soon after its organization. Until elected to the legislature in 1896 he had never held any office of importance, although a candidate for the office of county clerk in 1891.

D. C. GIFFERT was born in Niles, Cook county, Illinois, in 1855. He came to Nebraska in 1877. Since 1881 he has been engaged at West Point in shipping grain and live stock. He is at present president of the West Point Creamery Company, secretary of the West Point National Bank, manager of the West Point Electric Light and Power Company, and manager of the West Point Brick and Milling Company. He is now in his third term as mayor of West Point. This is his first session in the legislature.

F. M. HOWARD, who represents the Twenty-fifth district, including the counties of Clay and Hamilton, is a populist since 1890, formerly a democrat. He is a physician, but has not practiced his profession since coming to Nebraska. He is owner and manager of a fine farm about half a mile from Aurora.

RASMUS HANNIBAL, of St. Paul, republican senator for the Seventeenth district, was born in Denmark in 1850. He came to this country with his parents in 1856, locating in Wisconsin. He came to Howard county, Nebraska, in 1871, and has made this his home ever since. He is the present county judge of Howard county, serving his sixth term.

W. J. HALDERMAN, state senator from the First district, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, lived on a farm until 1861, when he enlisted in the United States service. He moved to Pawnee county, Nebraska, in 1870, settling in Mission Creek precinct. In 1876 he was elected to the legislature. He was county treasurer of Pawnee county for four years, after elected in 1882. After his retirement from the office of county treasurer he became connected with the Bank of Burchard, which has continued till the present time.

The republican senator from Dodge and Washington counties is W. D. HOLBROOK, widely known in Nebraska. He was elected senator from the Tenth district in 1894, and two years later was Dodge county's representative. He is a Missourian, and was born April 17, 1850, at Scottsville. In 1862 the family removed to Illinois, and 15 years later Mr. Holbrook came to Nebraska, locating on Maple Creek, and has been a successful farmer of that vicinity ever since. He belonged to the grange, alliance, and farmers' clubs for the purpose of which they were organized—the education of farmers in better farm methods, but when these have been given to partisan purposes he ceased to co-operate with them. He is at present and has been for years secretary and practically manager of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association.

F. J. HALE, fusion senator for the counties of Madison, Stanton, Pierce, and Wayne, is a native of Virginia. He lives on a farm near Battle Creek. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Norfolk. He was state senator when Senator Allen was elected to the senate. He is a life-long democrat.

A. J. KNEPPER, senator from Butler county, was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1842. He removed from that state to Ohio, later to Indiana and then to Iowa. He came to Nebraska in 1871 and engaged in farming. That has been his occupation ever since. Senator Knepper has served on the county board of his home county for eight years. In politics he has been a democrat all his life.

J. E. MILLER was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1837. He came to Scott county, Iowa, in 1844, where, a year later, his parents were buried. From that time he was left to take care of himself. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Second Iowa, General Weaver's old command, and served three years and eight months. He crossed the plains in 1860, going from Nebraska City to the Rocky Mountains and back again. He moved from Iowa to Buffalo county in this state in 1873 and took up a homestead, on which he still lives and works. His family consists of five boys and two daughters. He has held no office but that of justice of the peace, but has always been actively interested in politics. At first he was a republican, but he joined the anti-monopoly movement at the outset. He takes a prom-

inent part in every campaign on behalf of populist candidates. He is in the senate now for the first time.

SENATOR W. A. MORGAN, of Dixon county, was born in Dakota county, this state, in 1865. He moved to Dixon county six years ago, where he is engaged in the handling of general merchandise, live stock and grain. He was raised on a farm, but also taught school, and has served as county supervisor and chairman of the board in Dixon county. He was formerly a democrat, changing later to the populist party.

HUGH McCARGER, of Crete, represents the Twenty-second senatorial district in the senate. He has been for many years engaged in the implement business at Crete, and is well known all over his section. He is one of the most enterprising and popular citizens of his city.

SENATOR ISAAC NOYES is the dean of the delegation. He is a farmer, but a number of years ago abandoned the reprehensible habit of getting up at 4 a. m. In other words, he has made a success of the business so that he can hire a man to do the early rising. He was born at Batchellerville, N. Y., in 1828, and during the civil war, while serving as town supervisor of Edinburg township, he assisted in recruiting a company of the union army. In 1875 he was sent to Albany to represent the Saratoga district in the New York assembly, and at the close of his term was re-elected. He came to Nebraska in 1877 and purchased a farm, returning to his home in New York, where he remained two years, when he brought his family with him and has since made Douglas county his home. Four years ago Mr. Noyes served a term in the senate.

SENATOR W. H. NEWELL of Cass county was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, in 1837. He moved to Ohio when he was eighteen years of age. During the war he served in the Ninety-first Ohio. He came to Nebraska and located in Cass county in 1870, where he has been ever since. He has been engaged in farming and in the grain and stock business. He was county judge of Cass county, the first under the present constitution, served two terms as county treasurer and has been mayor of Plattsmouth. This is his first term in the legislature. He has always been a republican, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

HUGH O'NEILL, representing Holt, Garfield, and Wheeler counties in the senate, was born in Inverness, Canada, in 1855. He came to Wisconsin when he was seven years old and later taught and studied law in that state. He came to Holt county, Nebraska, in 1879. In 1886 he organized the "Producers' Brotherhood," and advanced many of the measures that were afterward incorporated in the Omaha platform. He has been non-partisan all his life. He was admitted to the bar in Holt county in 1895, but has not confined himself to the practice of law. He was married seven years ago to Miss Mamie Hodgkins of Leona, Neb.

The Thirteenth senatorial district is the largest in the state, embracing a territory larger than some of the states of the union, the counties of Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Cheyenne, Logan, and the unorganized territory west of Blaine and Logan. ELBRIDGE D. OWENS is the representative in the senate. He is from the Hoosier state, where he was born and lived until early manhood. On coming to Nebraska he stopped first at Hastings, but removed to Dawson county in 1879, where he has since resided. He first engaged in business, but subsequently studied law, and was admitted to practice in 1893. In his profession he has been very successful. He has made a special study of irrigation law, and his knowledge in this respect will be of great benefit to

his constituents in the legislature. While engaged in the practice of law he still has very large agricultural interests, and he is the owner of two fine farms in the Platte valley, both of which are under irrigation, and the management of which he personally directs. His stature and personal appearance make him a distinguished figure in the senate.

F. N. PROUT, who represents Gage county, has been a resident of Nebraska and Gage county for seventeen years. He first settled in Blue Springs, coming from Stark county, Illinois, where he had practiced law for six years previously, and which profession he has followed with brilliancy during his residence in Beatrice. Ten years ago he removed to Beatrice and is at present city attorney. He has always been an uncompromising republican, and a hard and constant laborer for the party. He is forty-six years old.

JOSEPH ROCKE, who divides the representation of Lancaster county in the senate with Mr. Talbot, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in September, 1843. In 1850, he came to this country and lived on a farm in Illinois. In 1860 he enlisted in the ninety-fourth Illinois at Bloomington, remaining in the service three years. He came to Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1869, and took up a homestead in Buda precinct, where he has lived ever since. He has served as county treasurer. This is his first term in the legislature.

W. H. REYNOLDS, republican senator in the Fourteenth senatorial district, the man who beat Mr. Mutz, was born on a farm in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1849, and lived there off and on until twenty-two years of age. At eighteen years of age he began his career as a school teacher. After living for four years in Harrison county, Missouri, whither he moved from Illinois, he moved to Davis county, Missouri, and engaged in the mercantile business. He subsequently left that county and took his residence in Stanberry, Mo., where he continued in mercantile business. He was twice elected mayor of that city. In 1884 he came to Dawes county, Nebraska, and settled upon his homestead, about two miles east of Chadron. Besides cultivating his farm he was employed in the United States land office in a clerical position. In 1891 he was elected county treasurer and was re-elected in 1893. Since leaving the county treasurer's office, Mr. Reynolds has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Chadron. He is a member of the board of education.

GEORGE J. SPOHN was born in Cass county in 1860. He has engaged in teaching and farming, being engaged in the latter at present. He removed from his home to Nuckolls county in 1876. He served as postmaster at Superior under Cleveland's first term. Has been chairman of the democratic county central committee for several years. He was nominated for the senate by the populists, after they had balloted on three members of their own party and were unable to reach a choice. He has always been a democrat. This is his first term in the legislature.

C. F. STEELE, of Fairbury, the senator from the Twenty-third district, embracing Jefferson and Thayer counties, was born in Rochelle, Ogle county, Ill., in 1843. At the opening of the war he enlisted in company A, Second Illinois regiment, and received an honorable discharge after four years and five months' service. He came to Nebraska in 1871 and located at Fairbury, where he has since resided. He has served Jefferson county two terms as sheriff and two terms as treasurer, and in 1896 he represented his district in the state senate, having been elected by a very complimentary majority. He is one of the largest retail furniture dealers in southern Nebraska and has always been an active republican.

J. F. S. SMITH, the fusion senator from the Ninth district, is a resident of Antelope county, having come from Chicago, where he was manager of a cracker factory. He was reputed a republican, but ever since he came to Nebraska he has been one of the leaders of the populist party. He is now serving a term as supervisor from the Sixth supervisor district.

SENATOR WILLIAM D. SCHAAL, who sits for Saunders and Sarpy counties in the "upper house," was born in Missouri in 1860, and crossed the line into Nebraska five years later. He has lived in Sarpy county ever since, except for five years. He taught school for six years and has since been engaged in farming. Four years ago he finished his second term as county clerk. He had always been a democrat until late years when he has followed the populist principles. He has defended these on the floor of the senate and has sought to put them before the people by introducing several measures embodying the most important of them.

A. R. TALBOT, one of the senators of Lancaster county, is serving his second term in that body. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, forty years ago. He graduated from Hadding college at Abington, Ill., at the age of twenty-two, and two years later from the Union College of Law at Chicago. He was a classmate of W. J. Bryan, and for the past twelve years his law partner. He came to Lincoln in 1884 and has been quite active in republican politics ever since. For eight years he was chairman of the republican city central committee of Lincoln. He is the Lincoln attorney for the Missouri Pacific railroad company and also attorney for several large fraternal associations.

JAMES H. VAN DUSEN, who is the head of the senate judiciary committee, is South Omaha's leading lawyer, and can almost look back with pride on the fact that he was once a newspaper reporter. He built solidly for his future when he chose as his birthplace a farm near Baldwinsville, N. Y., in July, 1865. He entered Cornell university. In 1887 he came to Nebraska and secured a position as a reporter on the Omaha Herald. Before leaving his native state he had read law and secured admission to the bar, and after serving two years in the reportorial harness, he went to South Omaha and began the practice of his profession. He has served two years as city attorney of that city and is now attorney for the board of education there.

REPRESENTATIVES

GEO. W. ANDERSON, of Lancaster, is a native of England, of Northumberland, where he was born in 1855. When eight years of age he went to London, where he attended the elementary schools until he was eleven. Then he went to work as a call-boy on the river steamer, and served in various capacities thereon until he was fourteen. Then he was apprenticed to his trade as a machinist, which he thoroughly learned. He came to America when he was thirty years old. He came to Nebraska in 1888, working first at Plattsmouth, and when the Burlington shops were removed to Havelock he came with them. This is his first term as a law-maker, although he has been a member of the village board and of the city council of Havelock.

JOHN WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, republican representative from Nemaha county, was born and raised on a farm near Danville in Des Moines county, Iowa, in

the year 1854, where he continued to reside until 1882. He attended the common school in early life, and later spent three years at Howe's academy, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. He came to Nemaha county in 1882, and located in Calvert, now Auburn, where he ran a brick yard the first year, and farmed the second. In November, 1883, he was appointed postmaster, which position he held until May 1, 1886. Since that time he has been engaged in the hardware and furniture business. When president Harrison was elected in 1888 he was again appointed postmaster at South Auburn, which position he held until May 1, 1894, he serving this term five years and two months. Three years ago he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the school board of the city of Auburn, and at the following election was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy, and last spring was elected to fill a long term on the school board. He is at present engaged in the hardware, undertaking, and furniture business.

CONRAD BIESNER is the republican representative from Thayer county, his colleague being a fusionist. Mr. Biesner was born in Germany in 1840. He came to America in 1868, locating first in Marshall county, Iowa. In 1879 he came to Nebraska, selecting Thayer county as his future home. Here he has pursued with good success the occupation of farmer and stockman. He has held several minor local positions, and was for some years president of the local insurance company.

FRANK BURMAN was born in Sweden in 1856, and was given a high school education in his native land, where he served for a time as superintendent of a large estate. At the age of twenty-four years he came to America, going first to Wyoming, where for a time he worked as a carpenter, and afterwards was engaged in mining. In 1888 he came to Omaha, and soon afterwards entered the employ of the Union Pacific as clerk and timekeeper, in which employment he continued until 1892. During recent years he has been in the insurance business. Mr. Burman was elected to the lower house in 1896, and was one of the republican members of that body who were unseated by the fusion majority after having served a part of the session.

JAMES A. BEVERLY is the only man on the delegation who can claim resemblance to Tom Reed. He says he was born on a farm near Rochester, N. Y., forty-eight years ago, but he doesn't look it. He ran away from home when seventeen years of age, to go to sea, where he served five years before the mast. He returned to his home and became an expert in the oil business, serving as such in the Pennsylvania oil fields, in New York, at Litchfield, Illinois, and in Wyoming. While in Pennsylvania he was a member of the oil exchange at Bradford, Pennsylvania. In 1886 he came to Omaha, embarking in the real estate business, in which he continued until he was appointed by Mayor Moores as superintendent of streets, which position he now holds. He is a republican.

ALEX BOULIER, whose name indicates his French origin, is one of the Saunders county delegation in the house. His family moved from France to Illinois in 1837, and he was born in Woodford county in that state, September 23, 1845. He came to Saunders county, Nebraska, in 1884, and located on the farm where he still lives. In his Illinois home he served on several school boards, and in Saunders county was nominated for county commissioner last fall. He declined the nomination. This is his first term in the legislature. In politics he was at first a democrat, becoming a greenbacker when that movement started. He is now a populist.

PETER BERLETT, of Johnson county, represents in the house the Fifth district, a floa' composed of Nemaha and Johnson counties. He is a native of

France, where he was born in 1841; came to this country with his parents in 1855, and settled in Hancock county, Illinois. In 1865 he came to Nebraska and settled in Nemaha county on government land. He engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1885 he moved to Talmage and engaged in banking, building up a business which he sold in 1892 at an advance of seventy-three cents on the dollar of the original capital stock. He then moved to Johnson county and engaged in the banking business. He is still extensively engaged in the stock raising business, and has several farms in Nemaha and Johnson counties, to which he devotes a considerable portion of his attention, and in which a large portion of his money is invested. He still owns his original home, purchased when he first came to the state.

The representative from the Fourth district is PALMER BLAKE, of Johnson. This district includes Johnson county only, and Mr. Blake represented it at the last session of the legislature. He is a farmer. Born in Vermont, he came to Johnson county over forty years ago, and homesteaded a piece of land. He is an old soldier. He lives on the very place he homesteaded today, and has lived there for the forty years.

JOSEPH BURNS, who is the liveliest member of the Lincoln delegation, is serving his third term, although not consecutively. He knows the legislative ropes much better than the average, and is quick as a parliamentarian and debater. He was born forty-seven years ago in County Roscommon, Ireland. He came to America when a lad of twelve, and first located in Hartford, Connecticut, where he resided until 1864. From there he went to Meridian, and from that city, in 1869, to Monticello, Iowa. He lived there until 1876, when he took up his residence in Fort Madison, coming to Lincoln in 1883. He is an uncompromising republican, and has served a term as city councilman. He is a waterworks contractor.

MONMOUTH BRODERICK, republican, has been a resident of Clay county for twenty-six years, always engaged in farming and stock raising, in which he has been eminently successful. He is held in high esteem by his neighbors, and has never been considered a politician.

Representative SAMUEL BOWER, of Howard county, was born in Green county, Pennsylvania, on April 26, 1838. He came to Ames, Nebraska, in 1863, but did not remain then. He traveled through the west at that time, and has been almost every part of it. He settled permanently in the state in 1880, and engaged in the stock business. He now carries on farming and stock raising. He has held several local offices, and is now in his second term in the legislature. In politics he is a fusionist, and has been from the beginning of the movement. Formerly he was a democrat.

CHARLES CROCKETT, who is intrusted with the care of Knox county affairs in the lower house, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, in 1841. He came to Nebraska first in 1858, when he went through to Colorado from Iowa. In 1858-59-60 he was engaged in trading with the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians, and also in freighting with ox teams between Omaha and Denver. He located to stay in Knox county in 1880. He was sheriff of Knox county three terms and was for four years a member of the county board. He was at first a republican, but for the last eight or nine years he has been a member of the populist party.

J. H. CHAMBERS is the sitting member from Washington county. He was born in Wayne county, Ill., in January, 1864, and removed to Nebraska in 1883. He was in the general merchandise business for several years at one of the smaller towns in Washington county, and seven years ago he engaged

in the banking business at Herman, where he still loans money. He is a republican, and this is his first term.

FINDLEY CUNNINGHAM, the populist representative from Harlan county, was born in 1858 in Butler county, Pa., on a farm. He attended the public schools until eighteen, when he began teaching and alternated attendance at academy and college with wielding the birch until he was twenty-five. He came to Saline county in 1883, and farmed and taught school until 1891, when he removed to Harlan county, where he has ever since followed the occupation of a farmer. He was a republican until 1888, and has been allied with the populist party since its organization.

MR. CONWELL, republican representative from Fillmore county, is a native of Tusarawas, Ohio, where he was born in 1844. Twenty-five years ago he came to Nebraska and engaged in the general merchandise business at Geneva. For the past ten years he has been a miller near that city. He has been quite successful in business. He has occupied his seat only a few days. Nils Anderson, a fusionist, was returned elected, but the contest instituted by Mr. Conwell resulted in a recount and his being seated.

R. CAWTHRA, representative from Frontier and Gosper counties, is an Englishman by birth. He is a native of Yorkshire and is forty-two years old. He learned the trade of mechanical engineer in England and shortly before he came of age emigrated to America. He worked for a number of years in Philadelphia, but sixteen years ago removed to Gosper county, this state, where he has ever since followed the occupation of farming. This is his first term in the legislature and the only other office of public trust and profit he has held was that of county commissioner. He is a populist and has been ever since the organization of the party in this state.

SPEAKER PAUL F. CLARK was born near Green Lake, in Green Lake county, Wisconsin, thirty-seven years ago. His youth was spent in hard labor on a farm, and until he was nineteen was the chief support of a widowed mother. In 1880 his mother sold the old homestead and joined a colony bound for Platte county, Nebraska. In 1882 Mr. Clark entered the university of Nebraska, graduating in 1887. He studied law in Lincoln, was admitted in 1888, and has since been a member of the firm of Clark & Allen. He was married in 1889 to Miss May Roberts, daughter of a famous Nebraska pioneer Methodist preacher, and a young woman of great literary talent. Mr. Clark's legislative experience began two years ago, when he was a leader of the minority in the house. He is admittedly the quickest, most resourceful, and ablest presiding officer the house has had in years.

W. E. CHITTENDEN, of Cortland, Gage county, was a member of the last legislature. He is a farmer, a comparatively young man. He has been a resident of Nebraska for nearly twenty years and although a man who remains close at home enjoys a most excellent reputation. He is a republican.

JAMES COSGROVE, fusion representative in the Forty-ninth district, resides about a mile from Barwell on a farm. He has resided there about five years, coming from Chicago, where, it is said, he was engaged in theatrical pursuits. He was until recently a member of the board of county commissioners of Garfield county.

JOHN CARTON is another Irishman in the house. He is a native of the County Derry, and is sixty-two years old. He came to America in 1866, and lived two years in Philadelphia. He was an ironworker by trade, and later lived in Westchester, N. Y., for eight years. Twenty-one years ago he came

to Nebraska, locating on a farm near O'Neill, Holt county, where he still resides. He was formerly a republican, but has been a member of the populist party since its organization, and was elected on the straight populist ticket.

LEVI COX is a native of Illinois. He was born at Plano, and is fifty years of age. He came to Nebraska first in 1878, locating at Harvard, where he conducted successfully a considerable business in grain and stock. The ill health of his mother led him to return to Illinois, but at the end of a few years he came to Nebraska and again established himself in business, first at Hampton and then Phillips, and finally in 1891 he removed to South Omaha and embarked in the live stock commission business.

JOSEPH G. DOBRY is a Bryan democrat and one of the originators of the upheaval of that party in Nebraska. He was born in Omaha in 1870, and went with his parents to Colfax county soon afterwards. He was educated at Schuyler and Omaha. He is a farmer, ten miles from Schuyler.

J. O. DETWEILER is a native of Cumberland county, Pa., where he was born in 1863. At the age of sixteen years he removed to Nebraska and began teaching school in Polk county, and in 1890 he was elected county superintendent of schools for that county. While engaged in teaching he studied law, and in 1886 he was admitted to the bar at Osceola. He was also in the banking business at Shelby for some time, but at the close of his term as county superintendent he removed to Omaha and established himself in the practice of law. He is a republican.

R. A. DITMAR, float representative in the district composed of Otoe and Cass counties, is a resident of Nebraska City. He was born in Germany, but removed to Williamsport, Pa., in 1849, where he attended the public school until he was thirteen years old. At that age, through the death of his parents, he was thrown on his own resources and worked on a farm for four years for a very meagre salary. He then returned to the city and entered mercantile pursuits, and later in the business of contractor. In that capacity he built several systems of water works and gas plants. After completing a contract to erect a gas plant in Parkersburg, in 1893, he removed to Nebraska City and took charge of the gas works in that place.

Custer county has two representatives. One of these is WILLIAM G. EASTMAN, of Kingston, who is a native of Aurora, Illinois. He is forty years old. His father died when Eastman was very young, compelling him to shift for himself. He located in York county, Nebraska, when but seventeen years old, but for a number of years past has resided in Custer county. He was one of the organizers of the farmers' alliance and has served as a member of the board of county supervisors and a previous term in the legislature. Mr. Eastman is a local preacher in the Methodist church and has been called upon several times to open the house with prayer.

J. J. ENDICOTT, one of the two representatives from Seward county, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, in 1849. He lived there until he was eleven years old, when his parents removed to Rush county, Indiana. Later he lived in Rush county, Ill., but in 1871 came to Nebraska, and located on a farm in Seward county. He has held numerous township offices, but this is his first term as a representative. He is a democrat.

I. D. EVANS, who was chosen by the republicans of Adams county as their candidate for representative, was born in Pennsylvania. His parents removing to Wisconsin, he made his home there until he had reached his majority.

He served through the war with the Forty-ninth Wisconsin infantry. After leaving the army Mr. Evans went to Montana, coming to Nebraska in 1872. He has spent nearly ten years in editing country newspapers in the state, and was for three and a half years in the internal revenue office at Omaha. He started the town of Stockham on the Northwestern railway, and was cashier of the bank there for six years. Since taking up his permanent residence in Adams county Mr. Evans has been located on a farm near Kenesaw, where he has been following the pursuit of agriculture.

H. C. ELWOOD, fusion representative from Antelope county, was formerly a resident of Iowa and was a republican till the formation of the independent party. He is a farmer and has served as supervisor from the First district. His postoffice is Creighton.

JOHN MORGAN EASTERLING, of Kearney, populist representative from Buffalo county, is a native of Morgan county, Kentucky, and is now about thirty-eight years of age. He was raised on a farm, but about the time he reached his majority secured a position in the government pension office at Washington, D. C., and remained there about ten years. During this time he attended law school and a school of elocution. He came to Kearney in 1889 and immediately began the practice of his chosen profession. In 1893 he was elected county judge and in 1895 was re-elected for a second term on the populist ticket. Before espousing the cause of populism he was a democrat and is strongly in favor of fusion.

G. W. FULLER, one of the fusion representatives from Seward county, was born in Whitesides, Ill., in 1844. He served part of the time as a non-commissioned officer in the 75th Illinois, for three years, although but a boy. In 1868 he came to Nebraska, locating the following year in Seward county. This is his first term as a member of the legislature. He was mayor of Seward in 1891.

I. S. FRETZ, a farmer, looks after the interests of Valley county in the lower house. Mr. Fretz was born in Burks county, Pa., in 1839. Seventeen years ago he came to Nebraska, and located on the farm he still cultivates near Geranium, Valley county. He is a populist, and was formerly a republican. This is his first term in the house, but from 1892 to 1896 he was county treasurer.

THOMAS J. FLYNN, Douglas county's only democratic representative first, saw the light of day in Taunton, Mass., May 8, 1870. At the age of six he kindly accompanied his parents to Omaha, where he has resided continuously for the past twenty-two years. He is a plumber by trade, and after serving his apprenticeship he was employed at 1607 Howard street. For the past eight years he has always taken an active interest in politics, has been one of the efficient democratic workers, has filled with credit many a niche in the local party machinery and in 1897 was elected as a democrat to membership in the city council. After having served four months he was retired by the new charter enacted at the last session, by means of which the time of the city election was changed and the old members legislated out of office.

CAPT. ALLEN G. FISHER, republican, from the Fifty-third district, is a resident of Chadron. He is a lawyer by profession. Mr. Fisher is one of Chadron's oldest residents, having arrived from Illinois when Chadron was in her infancy. Captain Fisher resigned his position as county attorney and secretary of the Chadron board of education and left his large legal practice when the call for troops was made in the late war and led Company H, Second Nebraska regiment, to the front. He popularized himself not only with the

members of his own company, but the entire regiment as well. Captain Fisher had a majority of about 500 in the four northwestern counties to overcome.

Webster county is represented in the lower house by J. L. GRANDSTAFF, who is now serving his second term. He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1847. His parents moved to Guthrie county, Iowa, when he was six years old. When sixteen years old he enlisted in the Twenty-ninth Iowa, and saw three years of hard service. He located in Nebraska in 1866, first in Merrick county and afterwards in Webster county on the homestead which he occupied for twenty-eight years. He was originally a republican, but left the party in 1890, and is now one of the fusion leaders.

CLAUS GRELL, who is serving his second term as a democrat from Sarpy county in the house, is the son of a German peasant. He was born near Kiel, on the Baltic, and emigrated to America when but seventeen. A brother had preceded him and Mr. Grell joined him in Scott county, Iowa. He homesteaded in Sarpy county in 1883. He has served as county treasurer. He was formerly a republican.

J. H. GROSVENOR, one of the best orators on the fusion side of the house, is but 25 years old. He was born in York county, Neb., in 1873. The following year his parents removed to Hamilton county, where Mr. Grosvenor has spent practically all his life. He attended the Fremont Normal school and between times taught school. All this was preparatory to fitting himself for his chosen profession of the law. He graduated from the university law school last June, and is now a member of the law firm at Aurora of Stark, Day & Grosvenor, of which Congressman Stark is the head. He has been a populist ever since the party was organized.

WILLIAM S. GRAFTON, republican float representative for Saline and Gage counties, has lived at Western since the late seventies and for some years past has been engaged in the implement business.

JAMES HALL, republican representative from Rock county, was born January 1, 1850, at Pennville, Pa. His parents moved to Blackhawk county, Iowa, when he was four years old. He came to Nebraska in 1865, locating near Newport, Rock county, where he still resides. He is a stockman. This is his first term.

C. E. HICKS is the republican representative from the float district, Webster and Adams. He was born in Westmoreland county, Penna., in 1858. While a boy of two years he moved with his parents to Illinois, where he resided until a youth of eighteen. It was in 1876 that he came to Nebraska, locating at Bladen, Webster county. Here he has lived ever since. At present he is in the drug and hardware business. This is his first term as a legislator, and it was almost against his wishes that he was sent here. Webster county, two years ago, was fusion by 132. Some of his friends wanted him to accept the republican nomination for representative from that county, but he told them that to win it would be necessary for him to neglect his business, and that he did not wish to do. The matter was dropped after his friends had insisted quite strongly, and he as strongly resisted. When the convention was held another man was nominated and the delegation to the float convention was instructed for Mr. Hicks. He was surprised at this, and said he did not want it. Hearing that Adams county had a candidate, he thought that if he did not appear the nomination would go to the other fellow. The other fellow withdrew before convention day, and before Mr. Hicks knew it he was nominated. Then he went into the fight, and he made it a winning one. The district was 700 votes against him, but he won by 83.

MILES D. HOUCK was born at Williamsburg, Pa., in 1859, and removed to Omaha with his father's family in 1868, where he was placed as an apprentice in the shops of the Union Pacific railway. After twenty-five years of service with that company he was selected by the board of county commissioners and appointed as engineer and superintendent of the court house, which position he has held since 1893. He has been for years a prominent factor in local organized labor circles, where he is very popular. In 1892 he was master mechanic of the machinists' union in Omaha. He is a republican.

HENRY HARKSON, one of the big five from Lancaster county, is a native of Denmark, where he resided until he was twenty years old. He came to America in 1883, locating near Lincoln, was one of the founders of the town of Davey. He was its first merchant and has been in the business ever since. He was postmaster of Davey under President Harrison, and his service was so satisfactory that he held over under Cleveland. This is his second term in the house, being a member of the legislature of 1893. He is a shrewd and successful business man, and has always been a republican.

T. E. HIBBERT, of Hoper, although a resident of the furthest corner of Gage county reckoning from the county seat, is known by almost every voter in the county who has resided there long. He helped to plant the stars and stripes at Petersburg, Richmond and Appomattox. He is an old settler in the county, has been an ardent republican, but never before a candidate for office. He is also a farmer.

D. H. HARRIS, republican representative from Otoe county, is a man past middle age, honored and respected by all. He is a resident of Unadilla, in Russell precinct, and by occupation is a miller.

A. J. HASTINGS, representative from Dodge county, is a native of Ohio, having been born there in 1842. When he was two years old his parents removed to Illinois, where he resided until he came to Nebraska fifteen years ago. He located in Webster township and engaged in farming and stock raising, and has been successful in both branches ever since. When he left Illinois he resigned the position of justice of the peace and since coming to Nebraska has represented his supervisor district on the county board, being elected by a good majority.

DR. J. E. HATHORN, of Bartley, representative from the Sixty-fifth district, was born in Piscataquis county, Maine. At seventeen he became a member of the First Maine heavy artillery and served in ten engagements of the rebellion. He is a graduate of Bates college at Lewiston, and attended the medical department of Bowdoin college. He moved to Illinois in 1870, taught school in the LaMoille public schools as principal, and held a professorship in East DePaw seminary for a year. Graduating from Rush medical college in 1874, he took a post-graduate course in Chicago medical college. He moved to Bartley, Red Willow county, in 1886, and is a successful practitioner.

W. D. HALLER, of Blair, representative from Washington county, is serving his fourth consecutive term in the legislature. He was a member of the house in 1893 and in 1895 and a senator in 1897. His father was a Swiss emigrant, who settled on the virgin lands of Wisconsin in 1837. One of Mr. Haller's earliest recollections has to do with the presence of fugitive slaves in the cellar of his father's home. He lived on a farm until he was twenty years old, and then entered the drug business, which he has since followed. He has been continuously in the drug business in Blair for twenty-seven years. He has

been mayor of Blair five terms a councilman twelve terms and was for five years an examiner for the state board of pharmacy.

H. R. HARDY is the representative from Polk county. Mr. Hardy has been training with the populists for years. He is an old settler in his county, having settled in Pleasant Home precinct twenty-five years ago, giving his attention to farming and teaching school. Mr. Hardy is generally considered a gentleman of ability and an honest and upright man.

FRANK ISRAEL, republican representative from the Sixty-seventh district, is a farmer, living near Benkelman. He bears a good record as a republican and has voted for every nominee of the party since Abraham Lincoln. He is a newspaper pioneer, having published a republican paper in Fairfield, Ill., in 1875 and 1876. In 1885 he established a republican paper in Benkelman and the same year was elected judge of Dundy county, which position he has honorably filled ever since with the exception of six years, when he was made special judge by appointment of the county commissioners. His record as a judge has been quite noteworthy, as no higher court ever reversed his decision, and the satisfaction he has given to the community is such that no candidate was found in 1897 who would run against him. Mr. Israel is 56 years old and was born in Indiana.

GEORGE U. JONES, of Gage, was a member of the lower house the last term. He is a farmer and a successful one. A Welshman by birth, he came to this country at an early age. His home, south of Wymore, is surrounded by a colony of people of his nativity.

Jefferson county is represented in the house by one of the best known republicans in this state, PETER JANSEN, of Jansen. Mr. Jansen is a native of Berdjansk, South Russia, where he was born in 1852. Though a native of Russia his parents were Germans, his father being the German consul at that place for fifteen years. In that country, where people are not even allowed to think independently, his family got into trouble of a political nature and was compelled to flee the country, and seeking one in which they could have freedom they came to America. Mr. Jansen came to America in 1873 as leader of a colony of Mennonites, going first to Mt. Pleasant, Ia., and the following year settling with his colony about seven miles east of Fairbury in Jefferson county, where a thriving little town bearing his name is now located. He has followed farming and sheep-raising almost exclusively and feeds annually from 1,000 to 30,000 sheep on his ranch. He was in the last republican national convention that nominated McKinley and was a member of the platform committee that fought so successfully for the sound money plank. He was also a member of the national convention in 1884. Other than that he has sought no political preferment, although he has always been an active republican.

J. S. JOHNSON, populist representative from Phelps county, is a farmer, a Scandinavian by birth and an advocate of free silver. He ran for county treasurer three years ago.

H. C. KESTER, fusion representative from Boone county, was born in 1856 in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He moved to Iowa in 1876 and engaged in the livery and coal business. In 1883 he moved to Boone county, where he has since resided on his farm. He is at present the representative from Boone county, having been elected on the populist ticket in 1886.

C. M. LEMAR, one of the two representatives from Saunders county, is one of the leading populists of the house. He is a native of Indiana, where he

was born fifty-three years ago. Ten years later he moved with his parents to Warren county, Illinois. He lived in that state until 1887, when he came to Nebraska, locating on a farm in Saunders county. He was formerly a republican, was three times president of the Saunders county alliance, and was at one time a member of the executive board of the state alliance. He was one of the organizers of the populist party in this state and one of its ablest members.

A. W. LANE, one of the two lawyers on the Lancaster delegation, concedes the honor of his birthplace to Trumbull county, O., where he first saw the light of day in 1859. When yet a boy his parents removed to Owatonna, Minn., where he studied law and was admitted to the bar. In 1885 he came to Nebraska and located in Lincoln. He first engaged in practice as a member of the firm of Selleck & Lane, but in 1890, it became Abbott, Selleck & Lane, and is one of the leading law firms in Lincoln. Mr. Lane has been active in republican politics, is president of the young men's republican club, but this is the first time he has sought office.

FRANK I. LOOMIS is one of the fusion leaders. He is a farmer and is of the faith of free silver republicans. Mr. Loomis is an old resident of Butler county, coming to Nebraska from New York and locating in the Platte valley, where he now lives.

JAMES R. MORRISON is a native of Farmanagh Ireland, where he was born December 22, 1862. He came to America with his parents in 1870, and lived for a time in Illinois and afterwards in Iowa. In 1879 they located in Thayer county, Nebraska, where he still resides. He has been a farmer from early boyhood and owns a fine half section of land in the southern part of Thayer county. He served in the last legislature and his standing among the neighbors may be judged from the fact that this is the second time he has been elected in a republican county.

The newspaper profession sends to the legislature Répres'entative M. W. MURRAY, of Thurston county. Mr. Murray was born in New Berlin, Wisconsin, January 6, 1867. He came to Nebraska in June, 1872, and settled in Dodge county, where he helped on the farm. After his parents had moved to Fremont he attended the Fremont Normal School. He was a railway postal clerk for six months, and deputy postmaster of Fremont. He is now the publisher of the Pender Times. He has served as village clerk in Pender, and was the postmaster there under Cleveland's last administration. He is a member of the democratic state central committee. He has always been a democrat. This is his first session.

Franklin county is represented in the lower house by DAVID McCracke, who is a native of Davis county, Indiana, and confesses to being thirty seven years old. His boyhood days were spent in Kentucky. He graduated from a seminary in Lebanon in 1880. The next year he moved to Illinois, where he farmed during the summer, and taught school during the winter. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but was compelled to abandon the practice because of poor health. He located in Franklin county in 1886, and has ever since followed the vocation of farming. This is his second term in the legislature, and he has also served as a member of the board of supervisors in his home county. He is a democrat.

O. S. MORAN, of Platte county, is serving his second term as a member of the house. He was born in West Virginia in 1854, and came to Nebraska in 1875, locating near Creston, in Platte county, where he has since resided. He has been a farmer and stockman, and has been several times honored by

offices of public trust, one term as a member of the board of supervisors, and several times as a school trustee. He took a prominent part in the last legislature, and was a member of the committee that investigated state officers. He is a democrat.

HUGH A. MYERS was born at Cooperstown, Pennsylvania, and is 35 years old. He is a graduate of the law department of the University at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and also from the literary department. He was admitted to the bar at Ann Arbor, and came to Omaha in 1892, where he is a lawyer of importance. He served as temporary speaker of the present house.

G. F. MILBOURN, republican representative from the county of Kearney, is a native of Stark county, Ohio, where he was born in 1863. When he was but a year and a half old his parents removed to Woodford county, Illinois, where he resided until he was eighteen. Twenty-eight years ago his parents traveled to Nebraska, in a wagon, and located in Buffalo county, near Elm Creek. For four years he was in the grain and implement business, and railroading in the city of Kearney, and then he removed to Minden, where, since 1884, he has conducted most successfully a big grain business.

J. J. MCCARTHY, republican representative from Dixon county, is a resident of Ponca, where he is a practicing attorney. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1857, and resided there until he was twenty-nine years of age. Then he came to Nebraska, residing in Butler county for three and a half years. For the past fifteen years he has lived in Dixon county, part of the time in Dakota City. He served three terms as county attorney, and is an orator of no mean ability. He was admitted to the bar in 1884, and is the senior member of the firm of McCarthy & Pearson.

WILLIAM H. MANN, republican member of the legislature from Saline county, is a native of New York state. He came to Nebraska, settling at Sterling in its early days, and engaging in the milling business. He moved to Wilber in the early seventies, and has lived there since. He engaged in the milling business until a few years ago. Mr. Mann is prominent in Masonic circles. He was a member of the last house.

WILLIAM J. MCGINLEY, of Douglas, fusion representative from Otoe county, is a young farmer and has also devoted considerable attention to stock raising. He was born and grew to manhood in Otoe county, and has ever been a democrat.

T. F. MEMMINGER, fusion member from Madison county, is a native of West Virginia. He came to Madison county fourteen years ago. He was treasurer of the county for four years, and private secretary to Senator Allen for eighteen months. During the remainder of his residence at Madison he has been engaged in the banking business. At the present time he is cashier of the Madison State Bank. He is a life long democrat.

J. F. NESBIT, republican representative from Burt county, is a prominent business man of Tekamah, having been in business there for a number of years. He was elected to the legislature two years ago as float representative between Burt and Washington counties, and made an excellent record.

ROBERT H. OLMSTEAD could not help being elected. He is an Ohioan by birth, and claims Cincinnati as his home. He modestly admits being thirty-six years old. He graduated from the law college in Cincinnati in the class of 1887 and the same year was admitted to practice before the supreme court of Ohio. He moved to Omaha in the fall of that year and entered into a partnership with a fellow townsman, the firm being McCoy & Olmstead.

These young attorneys instituted the proceedings that led to the declaration by the supreme court that a police commission appointed by the governor is an unconstitutional body for the government of Omaha, thus paving the way for the appointment of the present police commission by the city council. For eleven terms Mr. Olmstead has been attorney for the town of Florence.

ERNEST M. POLLARD, one of the two representatives from Cass county, was born in Nehawka, in that county, April 15, 1869. He is a graduate of the state university, class of '93. While in college he took high rank in oratorical contests, and in his senior year was senior captain of the cadet battalion. He is one of the leaders on the floor of the house and was prominently mentioned for speaker. He is quite active in politics and was the first president of the state republican college league. He is the author of the Pollard revenue bill, one of the most comprehensive and important measures before the legislature. He is engaged in the fruit business at Nehawka with his father, who owns the largest orchard in the state. Mr. Pollard served in the house last session.

W. W. PECK, one of the two representatives from Holt county, is a Tennesseean. He was born there September 1, 1854. While but a year old his parents moved to northwest Missouri. For nearly thirty years he resided there. In 1884 he removed to Holt county, and there he has farmed in the summer and taught school in the winter. This is his first term as a legislator. He was elected on the straight populist ticket, but was a democrat before.

Hall county is represented by W. A. PRINCE. Mr. Prince is a lawyer by profession. He was raised on a farm and all his relatives are farmers. He was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, where they do not grow anything but republicans. At the age of twenty-one he entered Hillsdale college and graduated from that institution in 1886. He came from school to Nebraska and studied law with the firm of Harwood, Ames & Kelley of Lincoln during the summer months and taught school during the winter. He was admitted to the bar in David City and removed to Grand Island, which has since been his home. He was city attorney of Grand Island for two years and county attorney for two years.

MR. ROUSE, candidate from Hall county, was a member of the last house, and also of the preceding one. He resides on a farm near Alda. Like his running mate, he is a native of Ohio, having been born in Ottawa county in 1846. He entered Baldwin university when he was sixteen years old and completed his education at Oberlin college. On his graduation he taught school for several years in Ohio and Illinois and then removed to Nebraska. He at once purchased a farm and engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock. He was for several years a member of the county board. During the sessions of the house both four and two years ago he was one of the hardest working members.

C. L. SETCKE, fusionist representative from Cuming county, was born in Russia in 1837. He came to America when but nineteen years old. He first located in Wisconsin where he began farming. He served as a soldier in the rebellion, and at its conclusion came to Cuming county, where he homesteaded in 1869. He was formerly a republican, but is now a populist.

THOMAS F. STURGESS is a newspaper man and a silver republican. He is a native of Nebraska, Niobrara being his birthplace, November 13, 1863. After attending the public schools at that place he entered the printing office at the age of eleven years, and it was there that his education was chiefly ac-

quired. For a long time he was employed on the Hastings Gazette-Journal. Nine years ago he went to Omaha and has since resided there. For five years he has been night editor for the American Press association. He is an active labor promoter, and is organizer for the Typographical Union for the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

ANDREW SCOTT, republican representative from Pawnee county, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland. When about twenty years old he came with his father and only brother to this county; in a few months after he landed in America he settled on a farm in the southwestern part of the county, on which he has lived for forty years. Mr. Scott is a ruddy Scotchman of liberal build and is of a cheerful and happy disposition.

CHARLES SMITH, one of Richardson county's representatives, was born in Germany in 1840, and came to Missouri when fifteen years of age. In 1858 he removed to Richardson county and has resided on his farm in Nemaha township ever since, except the time he served in the army in company G, Fifth Missouri cavalry. He has been a republican since the war. He has never held a county office. His brother, John Smith, has served in the legislature twice as a populist, but Charles is an uncompromising republican.

M. J. SCHAIBLE, another representative from Richardson county, was born in Illinois forty-two years ago. He came to Richardson county twenty-five ago with his father, and has been engaged in farming most of the time. For several years he was a member of the firm of Alf Stump & Co., in the mercantile business in Falls City. Afterwards he had a general store at Preston. At present he resides on a farm a mile and a half north of Falls City. He is justice of the peace of his township under township organization.

LOUIS SMITHBURGER, who represents Stanton county in the lower house, was born in Clayton county, Ia., August 12, 1859. He came to Stanton county in 1870, and has pursued the occupation of farmer and stockraiser ever since. He was county clerk for two terms, and this was his first race for representative, winning after a hard fight in a county generally opposed to the republicans.

J. H. SHORE, of Cherry county, was born in Richland county, Ill., January 18, 1848. He lived there until he was eight years old, and went with his parents to Fulton county, Ill. Four years of his life was spent on the trail in Texas. Twenty-two years ago he came to Nebraska, and was one of the men who first organized Custer county. Later he moved to Cherry county and helped organize it. He is a stockraiser near Valentine. He has served three terms as county commissioner, but this is his first term as a representative.

H. M. SMITH, republican representative for Saline, is engaged in the mercantile business at Friend, where he has lived for a number of years. He has not sought office before.

ANDRE L. SANDALL, republican, homesteaded in York county in 1871, and is now the owner of half a section of land in Lockbridge township. He is a Swede by birth. He moved to Nebraska from Henry county, Iowa. He has always been a firm adherent to the principles of the republican party and while always identified in the work of the party it is the first time he has been before the people for any elective office.

GEORGE L. SMITH, populist member for the legislature from Butler county, is a well known farmer and stockman of Ulysses precinct, and one of the oldest residents of Butler county. Mr. Smith has not been a seeker after politi-

cal honor until this fall, but was one of the original of the populist faith in the county. He was originally a republican.

JOHN T. SWAN is one of the few fusionists from the First congressional district. He represents Nemaha county. He was born in LaSalle county, Illinois, in the year 1854, and grew up to manhood as a farmer boy; begun mercantile business at twenty-one, continued in this business about ten years in Hartman, Lee county, Illinois. He removed to Nemaha county in 1884, and has been engaged in the mercantile business in Auburn ever since. Financially, he is one of the strongest merchants in Auburn. He has always been a democrat, and as such was nominated by the fusion forces. He has never taken any part in politics as candidate.

W. H. TAYLOR, the fusionist representative from Fillmore county, is a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, where he was born June 10, 1846. He came with his parents to Canada when very young, and he was early thrown on his own resources. For some years he worked as a farmer and wood-chopper, chopping his way through school until he fitted himself for teaching. He came to Nebraska in 1873, and engaged in general merchandising at Exeter, which he still successfully conducts. He is also president of the Exeter National bank, and has the reputation of being a shrewd banker.

J. W. TANNER of Nance is an editor who also combines farming with his duties as a moulder of public opinion. He was born in Nevada, Ia., in 1858, and resided there until he was twenty-one. He learned the printer's trade there, and after graduating from the case followed the business in several western cities. He was with the St. Joe Gazette for some time, foreman of the Atchison Patriot four years and the Evening World, Omaha, three years. In 1888 he went to Fullerton and started the Post. He is one of the most successful country editors of the state. Besides having a fine newspaper property he owns one of the best farms in Nance county. He is a democrat, but was endorsed by the populists after a hard fight. This is his first term in the house, but he was a member of the Fullerton city council four or five years.

W. J. TAYLOR of Custer county is one of the populist leaders in the house. He was born in Van Buren county, Ia., and lived there until he was twenty-one years old. Then he came to Nebraska, lived in York county five years and went from there to Custer county. He was formerly a republican, but six years ago joined the populist organization.

W. T. THOMPSON, of Central City, republican representative from the Fortieth district, is a native of Grant county, Wis. He was born in 1860 and lived there until 1873. His father died when he was but five years old, and when eleven his mother was accidentally killed. Soon afterwards he went to Iowa and while engaged in laboring on a farm prepared himself for entering college. He became a student in Simpson college, Indianola, Ia., in 1879, and continued his studies there until 1883, leaving while in the junior year. In 1884 he was admitted to practice law at Des Moines, Ia., was soon after married and came to Central City.

JAMES M. TUCKER, republican member of the legislature from York, is a farmer living near Waco. He owns a section of land in that county. He was a member of the Eleventh Illinois cavalry during the rebellion. In politics he has always been a staunch republican. Two years ago he was one of the republican nominees for the legislature but was defeated by a very small majority. He has been a resident of the county for the past eight years, moving to Nebraska from Warren county, Illinois.

F. A. THOMPSON, of Clay Center, elected to the legislature on the fusion ticket, came to Clay county from Iowa in 1886 and engaged in the drug business. He has made a success of the business, and at the same time has been more than prominent in politics; he was a delegate to the Chicago convention in 1896.

Sherman county's interests are looked after in the house by JOHN VANDERGRIFT. He was born in Hamilton, New York, in 1854. In 1873 he came to Nebraska and located in Sherman county, where he has been ever since. His occupation has been farming from the first. This is his first session in the legislature, but he has been in the public service before, as a member of the county board. He was a republican when he first began voting, but joined the populist party at its outset.

DR. D. S. WOODARD, of Hamilton county, is one of the three physicians in the house. He was born in Rappahannock county, Virginia, Nov. 26, 1818. His father died when he was five years old, and he was early thrown upon his own resources. He came to Nebraska in 1882, locating at Hampton, Hamilton county. He had been but four years out of medical school when he located there, but from the start he has been very successful. He is now located at Aurora. This is his second term as a member of the legislature. He had served as village trustee, but has held no other public office. He is a democrat.

C. F. WHEELER, the populist representative from Furnas, is one of the leaders on the floor of the house. He was born in Minnesota in 1860, and came to Nebraska in 1878. He located near Precept, on a farm, and has made a success of farming and stock raising. He was county treasurer of Furnas two years, and was a member of the last house. He was formerly a republican.

ARTHUR J. WEAVER, silver republican, of Richardson county, was born at Falls City in 1873. His father was Congressman Weaver, for many years prominent in republican circles. Mr. Weaver graduated at the state university and the university law school, and has practiced law at Falls City since his admission to the bar. He was city attorney during 1897. Mr. Weaver left the republican party in 1896 on the silver issue.

J. F. WENZEL, republican representative from Pawnee county, is a native of Bohemia. With his father and brothers he moved to this country in 1867, when only ten years old, and has lived on a farm in Clear Creek precinct with the exception of five years, during which time he was engaged in the hardware and implement business in Steinauer. Mr. Wenzel was elected county commissioner in 1891, and served in that capacity for six years.

C. P. WATSON, fusionist representative from Pierce and Cedar counties, was born in Allegan, Allegan county, Michigan, in 1847. He came to Nebraska in 1854, and has been a resident of the state ever since. He located first at Bellevue, Sarpy county, on a farm. He resided there until 1880, when he removed to Pierce county, where he has since combined the business of farming with stock raising. He is now a populist, but was formerly a democrat.

WESLEY T. WILCOX is also known as "the gentleman from Lincoln." He represents the Fifty-fourth district, comprising the counties of Lincoln, Cheyenne, Keith, Perkins, Kimball, Banner, Scott's Bluff and McPherson. He was born 40 years ago in Trumbull county, Ohio, in the Western Reserve. He was reared on a farm and obtained his education in the common school

and in the Western Reserve academy. From there he went to the law department of the State University of Ohio, graduating in 1882. He came to North Platte in April, 1886, which place has since been his home. He was elected county attorney in the fall of 1883. For six years ending in January, 1896, he was a law partner of Judge Grimes, and since that time has been a member of the firm of Wilcox & Halligan. In September, 1898, he was appointed by the supreme court a member of the commission to examine applicants for admission to the bar of the state.

Dawson county is represented by JAMES WALLING. He was born in Holland in 1842, and with his parents came to this country when a child. They first settled in New York, near Albany, where his parents died while James was still a child. He found a home on a farm, where he was reared, and obtained his education in the common schools. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln for president and in 1862 he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth New York. He went into the army a private and came out a first lieutenant. He participated in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, staying with his regiment until it was mustered out. After the war he went to Kansas and later came to Nebraska. He settled in Cozad in 1886, where he still resides.

EMORY WYMAN, populist representative from Buffalo county, is a resident of Shelton township. He came to Nebraska from Wisconsin about twenty years ago. He is one of the wealthiest farmers in the eastern part of the county, and in 1895 was nominated by the populists for county treasurer, but was defeated.

J. H. WRIGHT, fusionist representative from Nuckolls, was formerly a democrat. He has lived on a farm near Ruskin for twelve to fifteen years. He was a member of the last legislature.

THOMAS T. YOUNG, one of the representatives from Cass county, is also serving his second term. He was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 29, 1844. His parents moved to eastern Iowa in 1852, settling at Mount Pleasant. In 1864 Mr. Young went to Colorado and engaged in farming and trading for five years. In 1869 he located in Cass county and twenty-seven years ago he moved to his farm in South Bend precinct, where he now resides. This is his second term.

DR. M. T. ZELLERS, of Hooper, one of Dodge county's representatives, enjoys an extensive practice in his profession and is a leading factor in the community in which he resides. He has always been a straightforward and hard working republican. He was born thirty-seven years ago in Pennsylvania. His early life was on a farm and duties necessarily hard and educational advantages limited, but by persistence at his studies, was a county school teacher at seventeen and at nineteen held a first grade certificate and was a teacher in the leading school of his township. At this time he studied telegraphy and was soon an operator and agent on the Wheeling & Lake Erie road in Ohio, and later train dispatcher. He resigned to take up the study of medicine and graduated from Western Reserve university, Cleveland, O., and begun practice at his present location. He has held many positions of trust at Hooper.