

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

### STATE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES

DR. J. A. ANDREWS, of Eustis, was born in Oskaloosa, Ia. He represents the Sixty-sixth district, composed of Frontier and Gosper counties. Dr. Andrews is one of the many self-made men in the house. He worked on the farm until he was twenty-one. Then he taught school for several years and then entered Rush Medical college at Chicago. His academic education was secured at Indianola, Ia. Immediately after his graduation he located in western Nebraska and has successfully practiced medicine in that region ever since. He was postmaster under Harrison's administration and now holds his first elective office. Mr. Andrews is a clear, forcible speaker and also a power in the committee room. He has always belonged to the republican party.

JOHN WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, representative from Nemaha county, is a native of Iowa, coming to Nebraska in 1882. He has always lived in Nemaha county. He is a business man of long experience, spending but one year in farming. At present he is engaged in the hardware, undertaking and furniture business. In 1883 he was appointed postmaster and served three years in that capacity. After leaving the service of the government he resumed his business pursuits. During Harrison's administration he was made postmaster of South Auburn and retained the office until 1894. Mr. Armstrong has always taken a prominent part in local politics. He served several terms on the school board, took an active hand in municipal affairs and has never failed to aid the party organization in every possible way. He was first elected representative from Nemaha county in the fall of 1893 and this is his second term as a member of the legislature.

SENATOR E. N. ALLEN, of Arapahoe, is 48 years old. His career has been typical of the sturdy, enterprising Nebraskan. He was born in Dane county, Wis., and later lived in Salt county. He supplemented his district school education by a scientific course in the Baptist seminary of Evansville, Wis., and in 1874, after removing to Furnas county, Nebraska, attended the state university at Lincoln. He worked in the fields and taught school to obtain the funds with which to complete his education. He served two terms as county superintendent, and becoming interested in stock raising, spent three years at that business. Then he embarked in the hardware line at Arapahoe, and is one of the largest dealers in agricultural implements in that section. When he left school he had less than a half dollar with which to begin his career. He represented the Twenty-ninth district, which is composed of Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Gosper, Frontier, Chase and Hayes counties, two years ago, and was returned last fall. He is one of the tireless workers of the senate.

J. H. ARENDS, who sits in the senate for Otoe county, is a native of Germany. He came to America in 1853, when he was eleven years old,

and with his parents settled in Illinois. When later he came to this state he selected Nebraska City as his abiding place, but later moved to Syracuse. He was a clerk when he first began, but now owns a mercantile business at Syracuse. Mr. Arends was a member of the last senate and acquitted himself so well that he was re-elected, although opposed by one of the most popular democrats in a county generally democratic. Mr. Arends is the smallest man in the senate, in point of stature, but his maturity of judgment and experience makes him a man who is looked up to by his associates and whose counsel is universally respected.

VICTOR ANDERSON, fusion representative from Kearney county, is a native of Illinois. He is 30 years of age. He settled in Minden in 1877. Mr. Anderson is a farmer and never before held an elective office. In politics he has always been identified with the populist party. His father died early in his youth and Mr. Anderson is practically a self-made man. He managed to pick up a good education in the common schools and a preparatory academy. For several years Mr. Anderson lived in Kansas and moved to Kearney county twenty-four years ago. His mother and step-father still live with him on a farm near Minden. He has always been faithful to his party and labored zealously in the interest of his constituents. In the house he spends very little time in discussion.

DAVID BROWN, who represented the Eighth district composed of Otoe and Cass counties, and whose home was at Nebraska City, died March 6. He was a native of Philadelphia where he was born in 1839. He received a thorough education in a Quaker academy in his native state and came to Nebraska in 1859. His occupations were many and varied; he divided his time between farming, managing a ranch, making loans, and writing insurance. Thirty years ago Mr. Brown was a member of the state senate. He had also been postmaster at Nebraska City and held many municipal offices there. In the present session of the house Mr. Brown served on five committees besides being a member of the famous committee appointed to investigate the introduction of "hold-up" bills. He was also named as chairman of the apportionment committee. Mr. Brown took an active part in all the house discussions and was regarded as a particularly energetic member.

C. M. BROWN, of Cambridge, Furnas county, is a banker by profession and a Hoosier by birth. He is a man with decided opinions on most subjects and a candid, fearless manner in expressing them. He received a collegiate education in Hillsdale college, Hillsdale, Mich., and drifted west in the early eighties. Mr. Brown has always devoted his attention strictly to business and never even carried politics as a sideline. He has never held any political offices previous to entering the house and while always loyal to the republican party, has not taken a leading part in the advancement of the organization. He is the author of several strong bills and will undoubtedly leave some of his ideas spread at large upon the statute books.

WILLIAM H. BEEKLY, who represents Seward county in the lower house, claims Pennsylvania for his birth place. He was educated in the public schools of Ohio and moved to Nebraska in the pioneer days. He is a man of middle age, but has spent his time in active labor ever since he was old enough to work. He learned the harness makers' trade and

followed it four years. He next signed a contract with an eastern firm and sold harness and leather goods for eight years. For a time he was a special collection agent. Then he retired from the business and engaged in farming. Mr. Beekly has held school district offices and has always taken a great interest in educational affairs. He has never held any political office with the exception of his present term in the legislature. Mr. Beekly is a republican. He is noted for the independence of his views and his close study of the matters presented for the consideration of the house.

MONMOUTH BRODERICK claims Seneca, N. Y., as his birth place and has resided in Clay county, Nebraska for twenty-six years. He has been engaged in farming and stock raising and has been highly successful in his vocation. Mr. Broderick also represented the forty-second district in the legislature in 1899. His colleague, Mr. Beall, is a fusionist and his political complexion of the county has always been a matter of doubt. He has a high standing among the old settlers of the neighborhood and is in demand in the various organizations and associations for the purpose of advancing the interests of the agriculturist. Mr. Broderick has always been a republican, but previous to his selection for representative two years ago, he held no party office. Mr. Broderick is a tireless worker and is regarded as a man of fearless independence and unswerving honesty.

PERLET BERLET, who represents Nemaha and Johnson counties in the state senate, was born in France in 1841. He was fourteen years old when he landed in this country with his parents, and settled in Hancock county, Illinois. Ten years later, in 1865, he came to Nebraska, taking up government land in Nemaha county. He followed farming and stock raising for twenty years. In 1885 he went to Talmage and became a banker. He sold out at a big profit seven years later and moved to Johnson county, where he again entered the banking business. He has never parted with the title to his original farm and has added to it by purchase until he has large farming interests. Mr. Berlet was a member of the house two years ago, and he performed such good service that he was promoted. He makes no pretensions to oratory, but when he has anything to say is able to say it in terse phrases.

ALEX BOULIER is of French descent. His parents emigrated to America in 1837 and settled in Illinois. He was born in Woodford county of that state in 1845. In 1884 he came to Saunders county and secured a farm upon which he yet resides. Mr. Boulier was trained in the old fashioned school of Jeffersonian Democracy and individual liberty. At first he was an eager and enthusiastic democrat. Later on when the greenback movement started he was a prominent member of that party. The populist cause enlisted his sympathies in 1890 and he has ever since labored for the advancement of the fusion movement. He served on several school boards in Illinois. After he removed to Nebraska he declined several nominations for county offices. In the fall of 1898 he was chosen to represent Saunders county in the house of representatives and was re-elected last fall.

CONRAD BEISNER was born in Germany sixty-one years ago. In 1868 he came to America and located in Marshall county, Iowa. He remained in the latter state until 1869, when he removed to Thayer county, Nebraska, and has been a resident of that part of the state ever since

that time. In agricultural pursuits he has always been highly successful and is well informed on subjects interesting farmers and stockmen. Mr. Beisner has always been a loyal republican and devoted much time to party organization. Although well grounded in the issues of the day, Mr. Beisner is in no sense a politician and has never held office except in local affairs, performing the duties of such positions faithfully. Two years ago he was nominated for the office of representative and elected. The contest was very close and his colleague was a fusionist. He was noted in the session of 1899 for his careful, conscientious committee work. Last fall he was again nominated and elected to the legislature by an increased majority.

D. A. BECHER, of Oldenbusch, the fusion representative from Platte county, was born in Germany in 1859 and came to America when he was 21 years old. After one year in Illinois he removed to Nebraska and settled on a farm which he still owns. He has been school director and held several other township offices. For seven years he has been a member of the board of county supervisors and was chairman of that body for one term. He is a man of sterling worth.

C. H. BEETHE, representative from the Fifth district including Nemaha and Johnson counties, was born in Hessen, Germany. By trade he is a carpenter. He owns a fine farm near Elk Creek, Neb., and devotes considerable attention to farming and stock raising. In politics, Mr. Beethe is an ardent republican. While prominent in local politics the only office he has ever held was that of county commissioner which position he filled for six years. His oratory is slightly punctuated with German. But his ideas are original and incisive. As a house member he is industrious and eager to serve his constituency. On several occasions he has demonstrated that he has a mind of his own and when he arrives at a conclusion it is impossible to change him from his purpose. This is the first term Mr. Beethe has ever served in the legislature.

SENATOR HOWARD BALDRIGE, of Douglas county, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born at Hollidaysburg, on June 4, 1864. His father was for years one of the leading attorneys of central Pennsylvania, and naturally the son's footsteps followed in the same lines. Mr. Baldrige received his education in the common schools of Hollidaysburg, and afterwards he attended university at Lewisburg, Pa., where he graduated in 1884. He pursued his law studies at the University of Pennsylvania and at the office of Benjamin Harris Brewster, attorney general under President Arthur, and was admitted to the bar in 1887. He came to Nebraska in 1889, locating in Omaha. Here he became connected with the law firm of Bartlett & Baldrige. In 1888 he was named assistant United States district attorney for Nebraska, and in 1894 he was elected county attorney, serving two terms. Mr. Baldrige was the only one of the three republican senatorial nominees who was elected last fall. He became ill early in the session and was able to resume his seat only a short time before the adjournment of the session.

CHARLES H. BEALL, fusion representative from Clay county, lives at Fairfield, Neb. He is a native of Maryland where he was born in 1869. In 1879 he came to Nebraska and spent his youthful days on his father's farm. Here he fitted himself for teaching and taught school for many years. For three years he managed the Fairfield Business

college and after that engaged in the insurance business which is his present vocation. This is his first term in the legislature. Although active in politics, Mr. Beall has never held any political office. For five weeks during the present session he was prevented from attending his duties by a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. Before his illness he had introduced several bills and managed to resume his duties the last few weeks of the session. Mr. Beall has always affiliated with the fusionists.

VACLAV BURESH was born in Vosecek, Bohemia, November 28, 1859. He is one of the republican representatives from Omaha and is serving his first term in the house. He emigrated to America in 1863, his father locating in Cedar Rapids, Ia. One year later Mr. Buresh died, leaving his son to the care of strangers. The lad worked on a farm until he was nineteen, when he attended Wesleyan college for a short time. Later he entered college at Iowa City, but owing to ill health he was compelled to abandon his studies. He worked with various mercantile firms in Iowa until 1886 when he settled in Omaha and engaged in the hardware business. For four years Mr. Buresh was a deputy in the office of the county treasurer, and later on was employed in the office of the city treasurer. Last fall he was nominated for state representative and received the largest majority of anyone on the republican ticket.

JAMES BOYD is one of the pioneer settlers in Nebraska. He came to Nuckolls county in 1879 and now represents that county in the house of representatives. He was born in New York state, July 11, 1874. He removed to Illinois in 1899, where he married Miss Mary E. Chapman in 1874. He has always been a farmer and has never paid much attention to politics. He was elected sheriff of Nuckolls county in 1895 and served two terms. He declined a third nomination for the office and went back to his farm. He was unanimously chosen in the convention for the office of state representative last summer. Mr. Boyd possesses the confidence and respect of his constituents regardless of party affiliation and has hundreds of very warm friends among the old settlers of his part of the state.

J. R. CAIN, JR., represents the First district and is the youngest member of the house. He is a native of Nebraska having been born at Falls City twenty-seven years ago. After traversing the customary path through the public schools of that place, he began life as assistant cashier in a bank at Stella. Two years ago he was married to Miss Minnie Haggard, of Seneca, Kan., daughter of one of the pioneer families of Kansas. For several years Mr. Cain has been a member of the executive committee. He served as mayor of Stella and also held several other municipal offices. At the last election Richardson county gave him a majority of 156 while Bryan carried the county by thirty-eight. Mr. Cain was the only republican that overcame the fusion majority. As a member of the legislature Mr. Cain is active both as a speaker on the floor of the house and in the committee room. He is also very skillful as a parliamentarian.

H. G. CRISSEY is a lumber dealer in Crab Orchard. He was born in Illinois and educated in the district schools of that state. In 1888 he came to Nebraska and engaged in the cattle business. He quit stock raising in 1889 and invested in the lumber business. He followed this for two years and then changed to general merchandise. In 1895 he settled

in Crab Orchard and resumed the lumber business again. From his mercantile transactions and his keen observation he has accumulated a vast fund of knowledge of rare value to the legislator. He is a frequent speaker and is noted for clear cut expression of original thought rather than eloquent declamation. Mr. Crissey has always voted the republican ticket and helped plan the local stragic moves for the benefit of the party, but never before held office. As a lawmaker he has a reputation for hard, conscientious work and punctual attendance at the house sessions.

ED COPPOC was born in Garrison, Ia. Although barely thirty-five he is an ex-soldier, having served three years in the Sixth U. S. cavalry. This was during the years 1889 to 1892. Mr. Coppoc served through the Pine Ridge Campaign against the Indians in '90-91. He is a nephew of Edwin Coppoc, who was with John Brown at Harper's Ferry. He represents Holt county in the house, where he has made a reputation as chairman of the committee on mines and minerals. The early training of Mr. Coppoc caused him to affiliate with the republican party, but he was converted in 1893 and has been a populist since that time. He is a farmer and though active in politics has held no political office. Mr. Coppoc is a convincing speaker and expresses his views on nearly every measure presented for the consideration of the house.

DR. HERSCHEL B. CUMMINS, of Seward, senator from the Nineteenth senatorial district, was born March 28, 1859, in Washington county. He removed to Seward county in 1864. The doctor ranks high in the district. He is a populist and for several years has been an active and effective worker, and largely through his influence Seward county has been placed firmly in the fusion ranks. Dr. Cummins is professionally well known in both Seward and Butler counties, but this is his first essay in politics.

CHARLES F. COFFEE, who represents the Fifty-third district, has probably seen more of the United States than any other man in the legislature. He was born in Dodge county, Missouri, wandered all over the south, was educated in Georgetown, Tex., visited Wyoming and finally settled in western Nebraska. His father was a colonel in the division of Confederate General Price. Young Coffee accompanied his father through the stirring scenes of the border struggle. He went to Texas and remained there until 1871, when he emigrated into Wyoming. In 1879 he purchased a cattle ranch in Sioux county, Nebraska, and followed the ranching business until the fall of 1900. Then he moved to the city of Chadron where he now lives. Mr. Coffee has held no elective office previous to taking his seat in the legislature. He has devoted his attention almost wholly to the cattle business and has been unusually successful in that occupation. Mr. Coffee has the genial, hospitable manners of the westerner with none of the uncouthness generally ascribed to the ranchman. He has always been a fusionist.

The name of LORENZO CROUNSE is closely identified with the political history of Nebraska. Mr. Crouse is representing the counties of Dodge and Washington in the state senate, and has been one of the strong men in the race for senator. He was elected a judge of the supreme court in 1867, and at the close of his term in 1873, was elected to congress. Two years later he was re-elected. He was assistant secretary of the national treasury for some years, and in 1892 was elected

governor over C. H. Van Wyck and J. Sterling Morton, in a hotly contested campaign. Mr. Crouse has always trained with the anti-monopoly wing of the party. He is sage in counsel, experienced in legislation, a strong advocate and leader.

CHARLES CROCKETT, representative from Knox and Boyd counties, was born January 19, 1841, in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. At the age of seventeen he moved west, locating in 1859 near Pike's Peak, Colo., wheré he became an Indian trader and fighter, which occupation he followed until the year 1864, when he returned to Johnson county, Iowa, and married. In 1885 he moved to Nebraska, locating at his present home in Knox county, on the Santee Indian reservation. He is a successful farmer and stockraiser, but has found time to take an active and influential interest in the public affairs of his county, having served two terms on the county board, three terms as sheriff, and two years ago represented the Twentieth district, comprising Knox and Boyd counties. Mr. Crockett was formerly a republican, but at the organization of the people's independent party he allied himself with that movement and has been a prominent factor in the party.

FRANK M. CURRIE, who is serving his second term as senator from the Fifteenth disricd, composed of Custer, Valley, Loup and Blaine counties, is one of the strong men of that body. So well do his colleagues esteem him that every one who served with him two years ago strongly supported him in his candidacy for United States senator. Mr. Currie is 42 years old. He was born in Pennsylvania and by dint of hard work he secured the degree of B. A. and M. A. at Allegheny college, Meadville. Later he came west and taught school in Sarpy and Otoe counties. Later he moved to Custer county, and served two terms as superintendent of the Broken Bow schools. Meanwhile he was gathering together cattle and soon branched out in that business. Incidentally he ran a newspaper at Sargent. Today he owns several thousand of as fine cattle as can be found on the range, and his leisure hours are devoted to personal management of his 2,400 acre ranch. The state senatorship is the first political office he ever held.

W. H. COOKSEY, representative from Fillmore county, was born in Scott county, Illinois, in 1847, and lived on the farm with his parents until the age of twenty-two, when he engaged in teaching and reading law for five years. He removed to Fillmore county in 1880, and there completed his law course, and was admitted to the bar the following year and forming a partnership with John Jensen with whom he had been studying. During the following four years he was deputy county treasurer, and in 1885 was appointed postmaster of Geneva, holding office four years. He has been mayor of Geneva, county surveyor, and for ten years a member of company G, Nebraska National Guard. He served as quartermaster sergeant seven years, and was with his company at Rushville during the Indian trouble at Pine Ridge. He removed from Geneva to Burress in 1887, and has been engaged in mercantile business. He was a member of the silver convention held in Omaha in 1894, and has acted as chairman and secretary for the county democracy for several years.

SAMUEL A. CORNEER, "the largest man in the house," is one of the powerful forces on the Douglas county delegation. Mr. Corneer intimates that Denmark was the place of his nativity. He came to America in his

early youth and has for many years been a resident of Omaha. His early life was spent in farming and now he is engaged in the business of brick making. He is the author of the measure to compel brick manufacturers to make all bricks of uniform size. He is the chairman of one of the important committees and although he never spins any yarns on the floor of the house, never fails to be on hand when there is work to be done or a roll call to be taken. Mr. Corneer has always been something of a politician, but the office of state representative is the only elective position he has ever held. He is barely past middle age and has always been a republican. ....

STATE SENATOR FRANK CAMPBELL, of the Thirteenth district, was born in Pittsburg, Pa. His early life was spent in Wisconsin, where his education was commenced. Later he removed to Iowa and entered the state normal school of that state. Graduating from there he came to Nebraska in 1874, and taught school at St. Helena, Cedar county, for four years. Later he served two terms as county superintendent of that county. In 1881 he removed to O'Neill and opened up in the implement business. In return for his loyalty to democratic principles he was appointed postmaster of O'Neill by President Cleveland. Mr. Campbell was nominated for state senator from Cedar county in 1876, but was defeated as, at that time, the republican majority was overwhelming.

J. T. CALKINS was born in 1869. He came to Nebraska ten years later and has remained in this state since that time. He is a fusionist and represents Saline county, his colleague, Edward Miskell, being a republican. He is a farmer by occupation and gives considerable attention to stock raising. Mr. Calkins joined the populist party soon after its formation and has been identified with it since 1890. This is his first term in the legislature and he has never before held any elective office with the exception of school board and local positions. He has always been a close student of political economy, but has devoted little attention to practical politics.

PETER DAHLSTEN, of Ericson, representative from the Forty-ninth district, was born in Clayton county, Iowa, December 4, 1862. His parents emigrated there from Sweden in 1857, and came to Nebraska in 1876, locating in Madison county in 1878, where his father and two brothers now reside. When twenty-one years of age he started from Madison county with satchel on his back to look up a homestead, and located on the Cedar river, three miles below Ericson, where he now has a fine farm of 480 acres, with about 15,000 growing trees—mostly planted by himself. He has a good common school education, and has been justice of the peace, census enumerator in 1890, postmaster at Ericson for five years, and clerk of McLain camp 2258, M. W. A., of which he is an active member, for two years. He has lived in Wheeler county for sixteen years. He is a fusionist.

HERMAN DIERS, one of the two representatives from York county, Nebraska, was born in Clayton county, Iowa, November 22, 1861. He lived on a farm until the fall of 1879, then went to Decorah, Ia., and attended the Decorah business college. He graduated from there in April, 1881; came to Ulysses, Butler county, Nebraska, April, 1881, and went into business; he sold out there in 1889 and moved to Gresham, York county, Neb., February 8, 1890, and engaged in the mercantile business and is still engaged in the same. He is a democrat.

J. H. EDMONDSON was born in Arch Springs, Pa., 1858. After attending the public schools, he prepared for teaching and followed the role of a pedagogue for several years. In 1877 he came to Nebraska and entered a law office. At present he is practicing law in Aurora, Neb. In 1883 he married Miss Nellie Sauls. He is the father of two children. Mr. Edmondson has always followed the populist political principles and believed in the fusion doctrine. He has served as county judge of Hamilton county but has held no other elective office. He does not like the devious turnings of practical politics and has never assisted in the work of party organization. As a legislator he is active and diligent.

JOHN E. EVANS, who represents the Fifty-fourth district, was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He was educated at Spring Green Academy, Wisconsin, and afterwards moved to Nebraska. He has always resided in the North Platte district and has always been a republican. For many years he was a government contractor. After this he tried stock raising and followed this occupation for some time. Mr. Evans has been deputy secretary of state and was once elected county clerk. Several years ago he was appointed postmaster. He is a prominent and active member of the G. A. R. and once served as department commander. Mr. Evans is now a real estate dealer and abstractor in North Platte. This is his first term in the legislature. He is an entertaining and effective speaker.

WILLIAM HENRY EDGAR, senator from Gage county, was born at Mt. Pleasant, Ia. He is a graduate of Illinois College, Jacksonville, Ill., and his life has been spent as a newspaper editor. This is the first office he ever held. In 1861 Mr. Edgar enlisted in the 33d Illinois volunteers. After six months' service he was discharged, and re-enlisted in the 32d Illinois volunteers and was made second lieutenant of Company E. In 1867 he was admitted to the bar at Aurora, Ill., but soon after engaged in journalism at Jacksonville, Ill., and has been continuously employed in this line of business ever since. In 1892 he came to Beatrice to take charge of the Daily Express, which position he still holds. Mr. Edgar has been at the head of the committees on public printing and soldiers' home.

M. L. FRIEDRICH claims Germany as his birth place. He represents Cass county and lives in Plattsmouth. He is 46 years of age and came to America in 1875. He has lived in Plattsmouth for fifteen years. He is a farmer and has never taken a very active part in politics. Several times he represented his county in the state conventions but would accept no elective office. Mr. Friedrich has made many friends in the house and his first term has been successful in every respect. Mr. Friedrich has always been a republican.

GEORGE W. FULLER, the fusion member from the Twenty-ninth district, which consists of Seward county, was born in Illinois in 1844. He enlisted in the 75th Illinois regiment in 1862 and served until the close of the war. He came to Nebraska in 1868, returning to Illinois the following winter where he was married to Miss Matilda J. Ashton in the spring of 1869. He returned to Nebraska soon afterwards and took a homestead. In 1873 he removed to Seward where for twenty years he followed the business of brick making and contracting. Since that time he has given his entire attention to farming. In 1891 Mr. Fuller joined the people's party and has served as chairman and secretary of the

county central committee. Mr. Fuller was mayor of Seward in 1891 and a member of the Twenty-sixth session of the legislature in 1899. It is in a great measure owing to the shrewd organization of Mr. Fuller that Seward county remains true to the fusion cause.

AUGUST H. FELLERS, another Richardson county man, was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1851, where he resided until March, 1877, when he came to Richardson county and settled on a farm just west of Humboldt. In the spring of 1887 he engaged in the furniture business in Humboldt, where he has built a splendid business in his line. He has been at the head of the city government several terms, serving as councilman three and mayor the same number. In his political views he has always been a democrat, and while not an offensive partisan was always outspoken for his ticket, laboring in season and out of season for the success of democratic men and measures.

CHARLES A. FOWLER, of Ohio, who represents Fillmore county in the house, resides at Ohio. He was born in central New York in 1847. He taught school many years before studying law. Mr. Fowler was principal of the high school at Binghamton, N. Y., for nine years. He also managed the public schools at Syracuse for several years. In 1879 he came to Nebraska and went into the banking business at Alexandria. He has mastered the principles of the legal profession but had a distaste for court room practice. In a few years he purchased a farm near Ohio and moved on it in the hope of improving his health. He took a great interest in agricultural pursuits and also the grain and coal business. He is thoroughly conversant with the interests of the farmer and business man and his legal training enables him to do valuable work in the committee room. He served several terms as justice of the peace and represented Fillmore and York counties in the last legislature.

W. Y. R. GAWNE was born in Rochester, N. Y. He is 49 years of age and resides at Central City, where he practices medicine. He was educated in the common schools of Rochester and studied medicine in Brooklyn. He came to Nebraska in 1882 and settled in Merrick county. Mr. Gawne was elected city clerk of Central City and also served several terms as councilman. This is his first term in the legislature. He is a faithful committee worker and has the respect and friendship of his colleagues. Mr. Gawne has always been a republican and taken more or less interest in politics. For many years he has been chairman of the county central committee in his home county. In the practice of his profession he ranks among the best physicians of his neighborhood.

O. GALLOGLY resides at Johnston, Neb., and his representative district comprises Brown and Rock counties. He is a native of Wisconsin, but accompanied his parents to Iowa early in his youth. Cattle raising and the general merchandise business has occupied his time. Eighteen years ago he came to Nebraska and settled at Chapman. He lived at that place until 1898 when he removed to Brown county where he now lives. Mr. Gallogly has never been active in politics and is now filling his first elective office. He has always been a firm friend of the farmers and stockmen and is a general favorite in his home county. Last fall he was nominated by the republicans and secured a handsome majority in a district generally conceded to the opposition. As a member of the house, Mr. Gallogly is regular in his attendance and systematic in his labors in behalf of his constituents.

CLAUS GRELL is of German extraction. He represented Sarpy county in the legislature of 1896 and was re-elected two years later. He was born at Kiel on the Baltic in 1850 and emigrated to America in 1867. His brother first came to this country, settling in Iowa, where Claus soon afterwards joined him. In 1883 he selected a homestead in Sarpy county where he has since resided. He served two terms as county commissioner and, at the close of his duties in that capacity, began his career as a lawmaker. In the house he is noted for his close attention to business, loyalty to his party principles and clear, logical thinking.

C. W. GISHWILLER, fusion representative from Franklin county, lives at Wilcox, Neb. He is a native of Ohio where he was born in 1861. He left Illinois and settled in this state in 1885. Three years before settling in Nebraska he was married to Miss Sarah Stevens. He is a farmer and is also interested in stock raising. He has devoted considerable attention to scientific agriculture and also the relation of the principles of political economy to the farming class. Mr. Gishwiller joined the populist cause in 1890 and has been a member of that party ever since. He has been very active in organizing the party of his faith, but has been elected to no office previous to his choice for the legislature.

THOMAS E. HIBBERT first saw the light of day in the city of Philadelphia fifty-four years ago. He is one of the three representatives from Gage county where he located on a homestead in 1869. He has always been a farmer and still lives on the homestead he selected thirty-two years ago. He is of English-Scotch descent, robust in body and strong of limb. In politics Mr. Hibbert has always been a local leader. For twelve years he has held township and municipal offices. During the last twenty-five years he has been a member of the county central committee and helped guide the republican party on to victory. Last summer he superintended the taking of the census in the Fourth congressional district. Two years ago he represented Gage county in the house and made an enviable record as a legislator. He is an old soldier and followed Grant through the bloody battles of the Wilderness and before Appomattox.

J. E. HARRIS, who represents Buffalo county, was born in Arkansas forty years ago. In spite of the state of his nativity, he is a republican and even matters up with his fusion colleague, William Jordan, when it comes to a party vote in the house. In the early days of his youth he moved to Missouri, where he studied in the public schools. He has followed farming all his life and by hard study and close observation, acquired a vast amount of information which makes him a stiff proposition when he gets his war paint on in the house debates. Several years ago he embarked in the live stock business and now divides his time between farming, stock raising and shipping, with a little politics during the fall by way of variety. He has never accepted any political position of prominence previous to his election to the legislature. Mr. Harris lives on a farm near Amherst, Neb.

JOSEPH HALL, of Tekamah, represents the Thirteenth district and does not betray the least solicitude over the legendary halo of misfortune popularly connected with that number. He was born in England in 1840 and sixteen years later emigrated to America. He received instruction in the schools of Wisconsin, completing the high school course just in time to spend five years in the United States army. After the civil war Mr. Hall

came to Nebraska and settled near Tekamah where he has since resided. He served three terms as county commissioner in his home county, which office he resigned to accept the nomination on the legislative ticket last fall. He has always been an active republican and an efficient party worker. He divides his time between farming and stock raising.

W. H. HORTON, republican representative from the Fifty-second district, was born in Marion county, Iowa, thirty-nine years ago. He was educated in the common schools of that state and while quite young came to Nebraska, locating in the western part of the state. At first he went into the real estate business and followed it for many years. At present he devotes his attention to farming and stock raising. Cherry and Keha Paha counties comprise Mr. Morton's representative district. He is very popular throughout this region, as was evidenced in the last election when he was chosen by a safe majority from a part of the country usually relied upon to add one to the membership of the fusion party. Mr. Horton has never before served his party in an elective office, but has always worked faithfully for party success.

CHARLES W. HUNTER, of St. Paul, representative from Howard county, was born in Washington county, Ohio, in 1851, and came to Nebraska a year later. In 1884 he settled in Howard county, where he has lived ever since. He has always been a farmer. He was formerly a republican, but transferred his allegiance to the populist party.

D. W. HAMILTON, representative from Butler county, was born in Titusville, Pa., in 1858, and received his education in the common schools. He came to Nebraska in 1880 and has always taken an active interest in political matters. He was a democrat from the time he could vote until the populist party was organized, when he affiliated with it. He was one of the charter members of the West Union alliance. He has served twelve years on the school board, eight years as justice of the peace, and was elected to the legislature in 1897. He was the fusion nominee for speaker.

DR. J. E. HATHORN, who represents Red Willow county, was born in Piscataquis county, Maine. He graduated at Bates college and afterwards studied medicine at Bowdoin. At the age of 17 he entered the First Maine heavy artillery and participated in ten of the bloodiest battles of the civil war. In 1870 he moved to Illinois and served as principal in the public schools of LaMotte. Later on he was called to the professor's chair in East DePaw seminary. One year later he entered Rush Medical college, graduating in 1874. He finished training for his profession by taking a post-graduate course in Chicago Medical college. In 1886 he located in Bartley, Red Willow county, and has successfully practiced medicine at that place since that time. In politics Mr. Hathorn has always been an enthusiastic republican and an earnest party worker. He was elected representative in the fall of 1898 and re-elected again last fall. With the exception of the two terms in the legislature he has held no political office.

N. V. HARLAN, senator from York and Fillmore counties has long been one of the republican leaders in Nebraska. He first saw legislative service in the house in 1885, and at the following session in 1887 he was elected speaker. In 1890 he was the republican nominee for congress in the old Third district, but that was the year of the populist avalanche and he was defeated. Mr. Harlan is chairman of the committee

on rules, municipal affairs, and several state institutions. He is also a member of the judiciary, accounts and expenditures, labor, educational, library miscellaneous subjects, enrolling and engrossed bills, privileges and elections, insurance and reapportionment. Mr. Harlan's long legislative experience and mental capacity have made him one of the strong men of the senate.

GEORGE C. HUMPHREY is a native of Ohio where he was born in 1846. He is a republican and together with his fusion colleague, William Thomssen, represents Hall county in the house. Mr. Humphrey spent four years in the federal army during the civil war, enlisting in 1861 and remaining until 1865. He spent two years with the army of Virginia and the remainder of the time in South Carolina and Florida. He participated in seventeen battles and skirmishes of the contest without receiving a scratch or taking up useful hospital room for any length of time. After leaving the army, he spent several years in mining, but came to Nebraska in 1874 and has since devoted his time to farming and stock raising. He took a homestead in Hall county near Doniphan when he first arrived in the state and still lives upon it. Mr. Humphrey has always been a republican. He has held several county offices, served for a time as weigh master of the Grand Island sugar factory besides helping the party out as a member of the local central committee. This is Mr. Humphrey's first term in the legislature.

HOWARD H. HANKS was born near Nebraska City, March 27, 1873. He is one of the youngest members of the house, being barely 28 years old. He is thoroughly equipped for public service, having a collegiate and business education. Mr. Hanks is a very promising orator. While a student at the state university he won enviable laurels in this line. In the campaign he won the election by his vigorous work and striking personality. In the legislature he distinguished himself by championing the Torrens' system of transferring real estate. After much study, he outlined a scheme for the investigation of this system. In committee work as well as the more pleasant duties on the floor of the house, he has performed efficient service for his constituency and will go to any length to advance their interests. Mr. Hanks is very popular in his home county, having received a majority of 580 votes in Otoe county where McKinley's majority was 391. He has always adhered to the Jeffersonian school of political economists.

FRED G. HAWXBY is of English descent but was born near Nemaha City, Neb., December 10, 1871. Here under the tutelage of his father, he took his first lessons in burning hedge brush and driving cattle. He received his preparatory education in the country schools of his native county and later on attended Western Normal and Lincoln Normal. After this he taught school for three years and then entered the state university where he took a literary and pedagogical course graduating in 1899. In college he was noted for his keenness in debate and his knowledge of parliamentary rules and procedure. Three times he represented the state in the interstate collegiate debates. While completing his senior law year he was nominated on the populist ticket for representative from Nemaha county and elected. While in the legislature he championed several reforms along educational lines and won a high place in the councils of the minority party before the close of the session.

W. B. HOUSEHOLDER, float representative of the Forty-sixth district, comprising Webster and Adams counties, was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, September 10, 1851. He moved with his parents to Knox county, Illinois, in 1853. In the spring of 1878 he with his family moved to Webster county, Nebraska, where he still resides. He has always taken an active interest in politics, and when the farmers' alliance was organized, he served as president of the largest local organization in the county during its existence, and was one of the organizers of the independent party in Webster county. He was candidate of that party for county treasurer in 1893, and after a very hot campaign was defeated by sixty votes, there being three tickets in the field. Formerly a democrat, he was a strong supporter of W. A. McKeighan in his race for congress against James Laird and was always his warm friend. He has always been a farmer and is counted among the successful farmers of Webster county.

COL. CARY M. HUNT, of South Omaha, the other democrat from Douglas county, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, in 1838. He came to South Omaha in 1886, and has resided there continuously ever since. Col. Hunt built the best residence in South Omaha in 1886, and soon accomplished the work of securing a sufficient number of names of citizens to incorporate South Omaha as a village. He was one of the first city trustees, and later was city treasurer. Later he dealt in real estate and when South Omaha became a city he assumed the presidency of the Packers' Savings Bank, where he remained until recently. He was the first president of the Building & Loan Association of the Magic City and the second president of the local electric light company.

CHARLES H. HOY, of Silver Creek, representative of the Thirty-ninth district, Polk county, was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, July 2, 1863. At the age of 6 he removed with his parents to Sangamon county, Illinois. After a residence there of two years the family again removed to Polk county, Nebraska, where the elder Hoy took up land under the timber culture act. Here young Hoy attended school in the winter and worked on his father's farm in the summer. In 1892, feeling the need of a better education, he attended the Fremont Normal school, from which he graduated in the business and also in the teacher's course. After this he taught school for a time, but gave up school teaching and went to farming again, at which occupation he is now engaged. He is a fusionist.

WILLIAM JORDON, one of the two representatives from Buffalo county, was born near Valpariso, Ind., September 1, 1871. The family came west in 1876 and settled in Clay county, Nebraska; removed to Buffalo county in 1879 and settled in Odessa precinct, where they have since resided. He was educated in the common schools of the county with a two years' course at a business college at Grand Island and one year at the Platte institute. The only office that he has ever held was that of assessor of Odessa precinct, which he held for two years. Mr. Jordon is a young man of more than ordinary ability, of pleasing address and a good speaker. He is a populist.

CHARLES T. JOHNSON, one of the two fusion democrats from Douglas county, was born in Chicago in 1867, and was brought to Omaha by his parents when he was five weeks old. His father was a pattern maker in the Union Pacific shops, and died when his son was 7 years

old. When 9 years of age the latter went to the country to live and remained there until he was 16. The last three years being passed on the Paxton ranch. Returning to the city he was first employed as bell boy at the Paxton hotel, and later in the same capacity at the Millard. Then he entered the Union Pacific shops to learn the painting trade. When he had accomplished that he came up town and was initiated into the mysteries of paper hanging, after which he bought out Harry T. Warner's establishment at Twentieth and Cuming. He remained in that location and business until a year ago, when he started the Omaha Steam Paste company at 2210 Cuming. Mr. Johnson has always been a democrat, and he it was who offered to paint the Bryan cottage when there was talk of erecting it during the first exposition.

SENATOR J. M. JOHNSON represents the twenty-eighth district. He is 51 years of age and is a native of Sweden, from which place he came to this country after he had attained his majority. Mr. Johnson has been a farmer from the start, and is still engaged in that occupation down in Harlan county. The senator's education was begun and completed in his native country and tongue, consisting of a course in the common schools and later in an academy. This is not the first time Mr. Johnson has held a public position, as he was a member of the county board of control of Harlan county for some years. He has always been a republican.

JAMES M. JAMISON is a native Nebraskan and was born in the city of Ashland in 1868. At present he resides at Touhy, Saunders county. Mr. Jamison is a farmer and has been interested in the agricultural development of the state ever since the early days when pioneer life was no joke. Mr. Jamison received his education almost wholly by his own individual efforts. He has been identified with the populist party ever since its first organization. This is his first term in the legislature and he has held no other elective office.

FRANK JOUVENAT, of Petersburg, Neb., represents Boone county. He is a native of Tennessee, but notwithstanding this fact, he is a republican. He is a graduate of Knoxville college, Tennessee, and has lived in Nebraska for many years. He is a banker and real estate agent, but finds an occasional moment for politics. This is the first elective office Mr. Jouvenat has held. As a member of the legislature, Mr. Jouvenat has made an enviable record as a committee worker. He is a comparatively young man and is very popular with his constituency.

CHARLES KRUMBACH, fusion senator from the Eighteenth district, was born in Germany in 1852. He attended the public schools of that country until 1869 when the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war put an end to his education. He assisted his father on the farm until the war ended when he emigrated to America and located in Polk county in 1873. For a time he successfully followed farming, but afterwards went into the hardware business. This he discontinued in 1893 when he devoted his attention to real estate. He has held various village and school offices. For many years he has been treasurer of Polk County Mutual Insurance company, an organization controlled by farmers. Last fall he was nominated for state senator and elected. He was always been an active fusionist.

JOHN KAVENEY, of Linwood, one of the two fusion representatives from Butler county, is a young man who has grown comfortably well off as the result of industry and good management. He has lived in Butler county for over thirty years, and has, since his majority, been active in public affairs so far as the management of a large farm and big herds of cattle would permit. He has served on the board of supervisors, which training will enable him to be useful as a member of legislative committees.

R. W. LAFLIN, one of the representatives from Gage county, was born in Houston county, Minnesota. After obtaining a common school education he entered the drug business and has been connected with that vocation ever since. He is now a member of the Laffin Drug company of Wymore and also president of the Wymore Plaster company. Mr. Laffin is a member of several fraternal orders and is particularly interested in the A. O. U. W. In politics he has always been very active, counselling the local organization in municipal matters and helping outline the policy of the party in Gage county. He has been mayor of Wymore and clerk of the district court of Gage county. Mr. Laffin is now serving his first term in the legislature and has always belonged to the republican party.

ELLIOTT LOWE, of Harlan county, was born in England forty-three years ago. His parents drifted into Michigan where Mr. Lowe was fortunate enough to secure a high school education. His early life was spent on the farm, but ten years ago he invested in a firm dealing in farm implements, lumber and coal doing business at Huntley, Neb. Besides this, Mr. Lowe owns over a thousand acres of land and has invested in the cattle business on a large scale. Mr. Lowe gained his start in life by working by the month and saving a part of his earnings. He never took a very active part in politics, but never fails to make many friends in his business relations. Last fall he was nominated by the republicans and elected in one of the strongest fusion representative districts in the state. This is the first elective office Mr. Lowe has ever filled. He has always affiliated with the republican party.

DR. JOHN N. LYMAN, fusion state senator from Adams county, the Twenty-seventh district. John Lyman of Hastings, Neb., was borne at Lorraine, N. Y., April 3, 1838. He was educated in common schools at Pulaski academy, N. Y., also at the medical department of the university of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich., and the National Medical college at Washington, D. C., from which he received the degree of M. D., in March, 1862. Was a surgeon in the army, in the war of the rebellion, lost his health on Morris Island, S. C., and resigned after service of about two and a half years. Has been a resident of Adams county, Neb., for twenty years, part of this time engaged in drug business, but his main business has been farming and stock raising in which he has been successful, and is still engaged. He was elected county treasurer in 1895 on the republican ticket, and in 1897 by the fusionists. He withdrew from the republican party in 1896.

JOHN LICHTY, one of the three representatives from Richardson county, was born in Pennsylvania in 1851 and came to Nebraska when he was 19 years of age. He took up a homestead which he worked in summer while he taught school in the winter. He remained on his farm through all adversities and now has one of the finest in that part of

the state, owning 520 acres, worth \$75 an acre. He is also an extensive stock dealer. He began the study of political economics in 1873 and has been a reader of all national questions. His moral character, honesty and business ability will stand him in good stead in the legislature.

GEORGE L. LOOMIS, one of the minority leaders in the house, represents Dodge county. He lives in Fremont where he practices law. Mr. Loomis was born in Chautauqua county, New York. He is a graduate of the law department of Union college in that state. He has been a leader of the fusion forces in Dodge county for many years, having been chosen for various offices in his city and county. For two terms he was city attorney for Fremont. He spent four years as the legal advocate of Dodge county. He was a member of the Fremont board of education for many years and one time its president. In the house Mr. Loomis is one of the most convincing speakers, being eloquent, forcible and fair in his conclusions. He is considered a reliable authority on legal and educational subjects and his opinions are eagerly sought by the framers and advocates of important bills. Mr. Loomis is the author of measures placing executions under the control of the warden of the penitentiary and removing such scenes from the public gaze.

JOHN LIDDELL, fusion state senator from Douglas county, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, March 20, 1863, and came to this country with his parents in 1868, and located in Omaha in 1872. For four years he attended the public schools of the city, after which he entered the employ of the Omaha Herald, as an apprentice in the composing room. Some years later he entered the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad company in the foundry department and learned the trade of iron moulding. He is a member of the Iron Moulders' Union and of the A. O. U. W. In 1890 he was elected by his union, No. 190, of Omaha, as a representative to the international convention of iron moulders, held in Detroit, Mich. He was elected in 1886 as state representative, and was chairman of the committee on labor. He was re-nominated by the democrats in 1898, but was defeated with the rest of the ticket. In 1883 he married Miss Mary Toy, daughter of one of the pioneer families of Omaha.

A. W. LANE, representative from Lancaster county and one of the republican leaders in the house, is a native of Ohio. He was born in 1859 and while a mere lad his parents moved to Minnesota, where Mr. Lane was educated and admitted to the bar. He located in Lincoln in 1885. He is a member of the law firm of Abbott & Lane which has an extensive legal practice in Lincoln. For many years Mr. Lane has been active in politics and has always been an ardent republican. He has served as president of the young men's republican club and held various other offices in party organizations. Two years ago he was a member of the Lancaster county delegation but previous to that time he had accepted no political office. In his first term as a lawmaker Mr. Lane made an enviable record and labored untiringly in the interest of his constituency. He was re-elected last fall by a greatly increased majority. At the beginning of the session he was mentioned for the speakership but declined to be a candidate.

P. M. MULLEN is a veteran legislator. He has served two terms in the legislature previous to his present term. He represented Douglas

county in both the Sixteenth and Seventeenth sessions of the legislature. Mr. Mullen was born in Galway, Ireland, and was educated in the schools of Dublin. He now follows the mercantile business with politics as a side line now and then. In the legislature, Mr. Mullen has a style of oratory which never fails to score a hit when he addresses that body. His unique and unexpected point of view as well as his rich Irish accent make him a great favorite among the house speakers. Mr. Mullen is considered one of the most sagacious of the local Omaha politicians.

DR. GEORGE W. MEREDITH, who represents the Fifth senatorial district, is a Hoosier by birth. At present he practices medicine at Ashland, Neb. Three years at the medical college endowed Mr. Meredith with a thorough pedagogical training. He taught school for two years and then took up the study of medicine. In 1873 he graduated from the medical department of the university of Michigan and afterwards studied for a while at the state university of Indiana. He began practicing medicine immediately after receiving his diploma. In 1882 he moved to Nebraska and settled at Ashland. Dr. Meredith soon worked up an extensive practice and is now one of the leading physicians of his part of the state. He has always taken an active part in politics and been a leading member of the democratic party in local affairs ever since he came to the state. This is his first elective office. Several times during the balloting Dr. Meredith received the votes of his fusion colleagues for United States senator. Dr. Meredith is 50 years of age.

CHARLES MARSHALL, of Otoe county, was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1853. In his early youth his parents emigrated to America and settled in New York, where Mr. Marshall received a classical education. In 1871 he came to Nebraska and has been a resident of this state since that time. He studied law and was admitted to the bar although he has devoted most of his time to business pursuits. At present he is engaged in banking and acts as the cashier in a bank at Douglas, Neb. Mr. Marshall has never before held any elective office, but has always been an active party worker. In politics he is a republican. During the present session he has made many friends and is considered a very efficient legislator. Mr. Marshall is the author of the famous anti-cartoon law which has attracted so much attention among newspaper men. He has also suggested several important amendments to the banking laws.

HENRY McCLOY was born in Monmouth, Ill., in 1858. He came to Nebraska in 1887 and settled in Omaha. He received a first-class business education and is a skilled accountant. For many years he has been employed in the auditing department of the Union Pacific railroad in Omaha. He is also interested in several fraternal insurance orders carrying on business in the state of Nebraska. Mr. McCloy has always been a republican and is now serving his first term in the legislature. He is the chairman of the Douglas county delegation.

GEORGE A. MEAD, republican representative from Douglas county, was born in New York state. He came to Nebraska twelve years ago. Mr. Mead received his education in the public schools of Iowa and has supplemented it by a thorough business training. At present he is interested in Alaska mining ventures. Several years ago he was con-

nected with the American Sugar Beet company. This is the first term Mr. Mead has ever served in the legislature. Although active in politics, Mr. Mead has never sought or accepted any elective office.

J. E. MENDENHALL was born in Richmond, Ind., October 15, 1856. He represents the Thirty-fourth district and is now serving his first term in the legislature. He was educated in the county schools of the Hoosier state and was early called upon to assist in making a living for his parents. He first worked on a farm in his native state and finally drifted west and took up the cattle business. For many years he has been live stock agent for the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad. In politics Mr. Mendenhall has always been a conservative republican, loyal to his party, but at the same time insisting on purity and righteousness within the organization. This is the first elective office he has ever been called upon to fill except the position of sheriff of Jefferson county which he held for four years. Mr. Mendenhall is still comparatively young and displays unusual energy as a legislator.

FRANCIS MARTIN, state senator from Pawnee and Richardson counties, was born in the city of Dublin, Ireland, on the 2d of April, 1844. His father was a merchant of that city, but left and came to the United States in 1848. He settled in Mercer county, Illinois, but young Francis remained behind in New York state with relatives until six years later, when he rejoined his parents. He received his education at the university of Iowa, and when twenty-four years of age began the reading of law in Aledo, Ill. He was admitted in practice two years later, and for four years remained in Aledo. In 1874 he came to Nebraska and located in Falls City, where he has ever since remained. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1875, county judge of Richardson county in 1878-80, and has been district attorney. For many years he was one of the democratic leaders in the state, but seven years ago left the party on the tariff issue and has since affiliated with the republicans. His ability as a public speaker, his keenness of mind and his knowledge of human nature soon gained him a high rank in the republican party, and he was the unanimous choice for state senator last fall. In the senate he has been the leading spirit in the judiciary committee, the most important one in that body, and is the author of a number of bills that have found much favor.

EDWARD W. MISKELL, of Wilber, was born in Columbus, O., in 1863. At the age of 13 Mr. Miskell was left an orphan. In 1870 he came to Hubbell, Neb., and began as clerk in a country store, receiving the meagre salary of \$10 per week. Two years afterwards, he started into the general merchandise business on a small scale and gradually added to his capital. Now he manages two of the largest stores in his county besides owning real estate and live stock. Mr. Miskell is a member of several religious and fraternal societies. Previous to his election to the legislature the only office he ever held was moderator of the Wilber school board. Last fall he was nominated by the republicans and received a flattering majority, although the other representative was a fusionist. In politics Mr. Miskell has always adhered to the principles of the republican party.

J. E. MILLER who has the distinction of being the only populist member returned last year, is the dean of the fusion side. He was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and before coming to

Nebraska lived in Scott county, Iowa. He served in General Weaver's old command in the civil war, and in the early sixties crossed the plains to the Rockies. He came back later, and in 1873 settled in Buffalo county. He took up a homestead there which he still works with the aid of his five boys and two daughters. Aside from being a justice of the peace he held no public office before his election as senator in 1898. He was formerly a republican, but graduated into the populist ranks through being an anti-monopoly member of the dominant party.

HUGH McCARGER, who is representing for the second consecutive time the interests of Saline county in the senate, is one of the most popular members of that body. He has for many years conducted an implement business at Crete, and his familiarity with the interests of the farmers led to his selection as chairman of the committee on agriculture, one of the most important in a body legislating for a state so dependent on agriculture as Nebraska. Mr. McCarger is said to know every voter in Saline county and this stood him in good stead last fall, when he defeated Judge W. G. Hastings, who had hitherto been able to get anything he wanted in that county.

MARK W. MURRAY, representative from the Sixteenth district, was born in New Berlin, Wis., January 8, 1867. He removed to Nebraska with his parents in 1871, and located in Dodge county. He received his education in the public schools and Fremont Normal. In 1889 he moved to Pender and purchased the Times, of which he is still editor. He has been postmaster at Pender, assistant postmaster at Fremont, railroad postal clerk, village clerk of Pender, member of the democratic state committee, and a member of the last legislature.

JOHN J. McCARTHY, of Dixon county is an attorney residing in Ponca. He is a native of Dane county, Wisconsin, where he was born in 1857. At the age of 29 he left his native state and came to Nebraska, residing for three years in Butler county. He finally located in Dixon county, where he has lived for the past fifteen years. He is a brilliant orator and a leader of the legal fraternity of his region. He served three terms as county attorney and has been honored by several positions in the party organization. He represented Dixon county in the last session of the legislature and before the end of his term acquired considerable fame as a parliamentarian. At the beginning of the present session Mr. McCarthy was a leading candidate for the speakership of the house. He is chairman of the judiciary committee and a member of several others. He is remarkable for the independence of his views. Mr. McCarthy is the author of several important bills which disclose keen observation and a clear understanding of the legal points involved.

JOHN H. MOCKETT, Jr., one of the representatives from Lancaster county was born in Waukesha, Wis., December 18, 1860. His parents moved to Nebraska when Mr. Mockett was twelve years of age and settled in Cuming county. A short time afterwards they removed to Lincoln where they have since resided. After graduating from the state university, Mr. Mockett entered the office of his father who was an insurance agent and has followed that vocation ever since. He rendered the city of Lincoln very efficient service as councilman from the Seventh ward being elected in 1897 and resigning to take his seat in the house of representatives. In the house he was chairman of the

revenue and taxation committee and a member of the committee on insurance. Mr. Mockett was one of the most active members of the house and is looked upon as the leader of the republicans. He is a keen, logical thinker and his knowledge of local affairs made him a dangerous opponent in debate. Mr. Mockett introduced H. R. No. 1.

SENATOR W. H. NEWELL, who represents Cass county for the second time in the state legislature, dates his republicanism back to 1860, when he cast his ballot for Abraham Lincoln for president. He has been a resident of Cass county for thirty-one years. Center county, Pennsylvania, was his birth place, but he moved to Ohio when 18 years of age. Mr. Newell is one of the oldest members in point of years of the state; in fact divides that honor with Senator Miller, both being 64 years old. Mr. Newell is an old soldier, having served with credit in the Ninety-first Ohio. He was the first county judge chosen by Cass county republicans under the new constitutions, and has also served as county treasurer and mayor of Plattsmouth. He resides in the latter city. He spent many years in farming and in the grain and stock business. He still deals in grain, but the greater part of his energies are devoted to the stone and sand business, with quarries and sandpits at Cedar Creek and Cullom.

J. A. OLLIS, Jr., represents Valley county in the house and lives at Ord, Neb. He was born in Appanoose, Illinois, in 1850. He received his education in the public schools of Hancock county of his native state and took a stiff post graduate course in the larger school of hard knocks. Mr. Ollis has been identified with the development and progress of western Nebraska from the early eighties until the present time. He is one of the most successful farmers of Valley county and has also acquired an enviable reputation in the cattle business. Mr. Ollis was a republican previous to 1890. When the populist party was first organized he espoused the principles advocated by its leaders and has since been an enthusiastic worker in the fusion ranks. He has served as county commissioner and with the exception of his present term in the legislature has accepted no other political office.

CHARLES O. OLSON, of Phelps county, was born in Sweden in 1868 and his parents emigrated to America one year later. They settled in Illinois, where Mr. Olson received his education in the public schools. In 1885 he came to Nebraska and settled near Holdrege where he has since resided. For three years he worked on a farm near that place; next he tried clerking in a dry goods store and in 1891 purchased a stock of goods and went into business for himself. He has always been a republican, but with the exception of the office of city treasurer of Holdrege, he would accept no party favors. Last summer he was nominated for representative and elected. He was married in 1893. Mr. Olson has always been considerably interested in church and charitable work and has held every office open to a lay member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In addition he has labored in the interest of several fraternal orders.

ELDRIDGE D. OWENS, who represents the Thirteenth senatorial district, is both a farmer and a lawyer. His district embraces a larger number of square miles than a dozen states in the union can severally boast of. Mr. Owens is a native of Indiana, but removed from there when he attained manhood. He resided in Hastings for some time, but

located in Dawson county in 1879. Here he engaged in business, but becoming enamored of the law studied it at odd times and was admitted to practice eight years ago. He has made a special study of irrigation law, and has a large and lucrative practice. In his leisure moments he manages two fine irrigated farms in the Platte valley. Mr. Owens is a man of commanding stature, a ready debator and one of the leaders of the senate. He is a republican and is serving his second term. The counties represented by him are Dawson, Keith, Cheyenne, Logan and the unorganized territory west of Blaine and Logan.

RICHARD O'NEILL, who represents the city of Lincoln in the state senate, was born at Ontario, Canada. He received his early education in the public schools of that place, and is not a college graduate. He came to Nebraska in 1874, making his home for several years in Plattsmouth, where he managed the jewelry establishment of Frank Carruth. In 1884 he came to Lincoln and ever since made his home in this city. He is and has for years been managing partner of the large jewelry firm of O'Neill & Gardner. Mr. O'Neill has never sought political preferment before his election to the senate, although a stalwart republican and active in party work. He has been at the head of several of the most important committees, and upon the floor of the senate his voice has been heard in every important debate.

ANDREW R. OLESON, who represents the counties of Cuming and Burt in the state senate, is a native of Sweden, where he was born on September 26, 1868. He came, when a babe in arms, with his parents to Burt county, and from 1870 to 1878 lived in Stanton. In the latter year the Oleson family removed to Wisner, where Mr. Oleson graduated from the high school. He was a member of the class of 1891 in the law school of the university of Wisconsin, and began the practice of law soon afterwards in the city of Wisner. He was elected county attorney of Cuming county in 1894. In 1897 he removed to Fremont, and in 1898 was one of the republican nominees for judge in the Sixth district. Mr. Oleson is chairman of the committee on miscellaneous subjects and claims, and a member of several other of the important committees. He is a ready debator with a command of rhetoric that enables him to hold his own with the most experienced members, and has taken a prominent part in moulding the legislation of the session.

ORIN R. PITNEY, who represents the Twenty-sixth senatorial convention, was born in Pirepont, Ashtabula county, Ohio. He was educated at Oskaloosa, Ia., and has spent his life in farming and stock raising. He moved from Ohio to Iowa with his parents in 1861. From there he came to Cass county, Nebraska, in 1871. In September of the year 1881 he moved with his family to Webster county, where he still resides. His family consists of a wife and six boys. In the early 80's he espoused the cause of reform and has ever since been closely allied with the movements of the reform party. He was elected to the office of state senator in 1890, the only public office he ever held.

JOSEPH L. PASCHAL who represents the Twelfth district in the senate, was born in Columbus City, Ia., in 1863. He located in Platte county ten years ago and was connected with the Argus until 1898. He has been regarded as one of the leading democratic editors of the Platte

country for many years. Later he was editor and proprietor of the Columbus Telegram, but recently sold out to Edgar Howard.

L. C. PEISIGER is a democrat and hails from Germany where he was born in 1861. While very young he emigrated to America. For several years he lived in Illinois and came to Nebraska in 1875. He was brought up a democrat and has never deserted the principles of his youth. He represents Webster county in the legislature and is engaged in the furniture business at Blue Hill. During the last few years he has worked in harmony with the fusionists and was elected on that ticket. This is his first attempt at law-making and he has been very successful throughout the session. In committee work he possesses great skill and has helped to kill several bills which were objectionable to his constituents, besides pushing through several that he favored. He has held no other elective office.

J. D. REAM was born in New Castle, Pa. In a frontier county in Iowa, he mastered the elementary branches and emigrated to Nebraska in 1878. He has lived twenty years in Custer county and now resides on the homestead he selected when he first located in the state. Mr. Ream has spent his life in farming and has always been an earnest champion of scientific farming and an educational course of the agriculturist. He is interested in several societies for the advancement of the interests of the farmer. Mr. Ream is 48. He has never taken an active part in politics or in any way manipulated the local party machinery. Mr. Ream is a populist and identified himself with that organization in 1894. Previous to that time he affiliated with the prohibitionists. This is the first term that Mr. Ream has ever served in the legislature.

HENRY ROHWER was born in Germany. While a mere lad he emigrated to Nebraska and has since made this state his home. He is a farmer and also controls a milling plant. The public school of Nebraska gave him the foundation for an excellent business education. In politics Mr. Rohwer has always been active and has held several political offices. He was town clerk two terms; member of the county board for eight years and is one of the organizers and leading members in the county agricultural society. This is his first term in the legislature. In politics he has always been a republican.

FRANK T. RANSOM, senator from Douglas county, was born in St. Joseph, Mo., and came to Nebraska in 1877, locating at Nebraska City. He was elected to the lower house of the legislature in 1880, and to the senate in 1888. In 1889 he removed to Omaha, where, in 1896, he was elected to the state senate. In 1888 he introduced the labor day bill and succeeded in passing it through the legislature. In 1890 he introduced the valued policy law and procured its passage. This law provides that an insurance company insuring a building shall pay the exact amount stated in the policy, in case the building is destroyed by fire. In 1897 he introduced a law to compel street car companies to protect their motormen by surrounding them with a vestibule, which finally became a law. In the session of 1897, as a recognition of the silver republicans, he was elected president of the senate. He also introduced and secured the passage of several bills, protecting children, and favored generally all legislation in the interest of the working class.

HERMAN A. REDMAN, the fusion candidate for representative from Adams county, was born October 17, 1855, in Germany and came to America in 1871, in order to avoid the three years' service in the German army. He was a farmer until 1885, since which time he has been in the employ of Lininger & Metcalf, implement dealers of Omaha. Since 1887 he has been the manager of the branch house in Kenesaw, and has conducted a successful business. He is the only manager out of twenty who was retained in 1894.

Till he was 14 years of age SENATOR HENRY REUTING lived with his parents on a farm in Calumet county, Wisconsin, where he was born thirty-nine years ago. In 1876, however, the family moved to Nebraska, beginning an agricultural life under totally new conditions and surroundings. Mr. Reuting clung to the plow till he was twenty years of age, when a longing to enter a more strenuous sphere led him into the business world. Since then he has been engaged in grain and live stock operations around Clay and Hamilton counties. These comprise the Twenty-fifth senatorial district, which he represents in the present session of the legislature. Mr. Reuting says that the common school system formed the basis and the entirety of his education. He has acted many times in an official capacity, having been a school director in his county and treasurer of his township. His politics are populist.

ANDREW SCOTT, who represents Pawnee county, is a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland. He is 62 years of age and came to America when 20 years old. Accompanied by his father and brother, he settled on a farm in the southwestern part of Pawnee county, where he has lived for forty-two years. He possesses a mellow disposition and a burly, Scotch figure. He has been a successful farmer and also very fortunate in stock raising. He has inherited the traditional shrewdness of the Scotchman and the love of that people for sound practical common sense. For this reason his counsel is generally sought on matters within his practical experience. He received his first political preferment at the hands of his party when he was nominated for the office of state representative two years ago. His district concluded that they had made no mistake in choosing Mr. Scott and he was returned to the present session with an increased plurality. He has the reputation of being one of the hardest workers among the members of the lower house.

LOUIS SMITHBERGER, who represents Wayne and Stanton counties, in the lower house, served in the last session of the legislature. He comes from fusion territory where few republican succeed in getting anything substantial in the way of a majority. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, in 1859. He came to Stanton county in 1870 and has followed the occupation of farming and stock breeding. Successful in his vocation he has not neglected political affairs and has always helped manage the party in his county. Mr. Smithberger has always been a republican and has contributed very materially to party victory on several occasions. He was elected county clerk and served two terms. He made the race for representative in the fall of 1898 and succeeded in overcoming a formidable majority of the opposition. He accepted the nomination last fall and was again victorious. He is a regular attendant at the house sessions and takes an active part in legislation.

C. F. STEELE is the senator from the Twenty-third district, which embraces the counties of Jefferson and Thayer. Mr. Steele is serving

his third term and by virtue of his experience and geniality he was unanimously chosen president of the senate at the beginning of the session. Mr. Steele was born in Rochelle, Ogle county, Illinois, in 1843, and served four years and five months as a member of the Second Illinois regiment. He came to Nebraska soon after the war and located in Fairbury, where he has ever since resided. He has been sheriff of Jefferson county twice and county treasurer twice. He has been engaged for several years in the furniture business, and is one of the largest dealers in that line in southern Nebraska. Mr. Steele is a gentleman of sound business judgment and he is a member of the principal committees in the senate. He is a ready speaker and well versed in parliamentary law.

HENRY SCHINSTOCK, representative from Cuming county, was born on a farm near Ft. Madison, Lee county, Iowa. His father and mother were born and reared in Germany, and at an early day emigrated to Iowa, and settled on a farm, where in 1863 he was born. He worked on the home farm until 21 years old, at which time he came to West Point, Neb., and started, on a small scale, in live stock, in which business he is still engaged, having added about three years ago the buying of grain. He never aspired for office, and received the nomination last fall unani- mously without having used any request, or means, to procure the same. Mr. Schinstock is respected by farmers and business men as a man who has made West Point one of the best markets in Nebraska. By his paying the highest prices, and taking small profits he is one of the largest shippers of live stock and grain in that section of the state. He is a life-long democrat.

JOHN C. SPRECHER, of Schuyler, is one of the most active members of the present session. He is a fusionist from Colfax county, where most of the people agree with his political views. He was born in Ohio in 1864; in 1871 his parents came to Nebraska and picked out a homestead near Schuyler where they still reside. At the age of 16 Mr. Sprecher had prepared himself for teaching. Five years later he was principle of a ward school near his home town. In 1886 he founded the Schuyler Quill and ran it as an independent republican organ. In 1890 he joined the alliance movement and has since been a populist. In 1895 he served a term in the state senate. He has also been deputy oil inspector. He is a clear thinker, a pleasing speaker and a hard fighter. He has always been an earnest champion of honest government and rigid economy in the state administration.

ALVIN D. SPENCER, who represents the Thirty-third district, is a native of Illinois. He received his education in Lincoln, Neb., and at one time worked as a bookkeeper in this city. He is 30 years of age and has resided in Nebraska ever since 1878. His parents first settled in Humboldt and remained there two years, when they moved to Lincoln. Two years ago Mr. Spencer located in Barneston where he now acts as cashier in a bank and deals in grain and live stock. Mr. Spencer has held positions on the school board and village board at Barneston but with these exceptions held no other political office until he was elected to the legislature last fall. He has always been a republican and has never paid much attention to politics.

D. SWANSON, of Dodge county, was born in Sweden. He was educated at Lund university, Sweden, and emigrated to America with a first-class education as a basis for prosperity. He settled in Fremont where he has resided most of the time since coming to Nebraska. Mr. Swanson is an accountant by profession. At present he is a dealer in

real estate. This is his first political office of any nature and he intimates that filling an elective office is poor business and signifies a willingness to quit it. He has always worked with the republican party and has many friends among the state leaders. Last summer he was nominated for representative and succeeded in winning the battle, although his colleague, Mr. Loomis, is a fusionist.

WILLIS G. SEARS, the speaker of the house was born in Willoughby, Ohio. He is a man scarcely past middle age, tall and slender, with the Yankee sense of humor and the good nature of a westerner. He received his legal education at the law school of the university of Kansas. Mr. Sears facetiously remarked that the major fraction of his life has been spent in attending and not attending church. At present he is practicing law at Tekamah. At the beginning of the twentieth century he held more political offices than any other man in the state. Mr. Sears was county attorney of Burt county, mayor of Tekamah, member of the house of representatives and speaker of that body. He speedily relieved himself of all but the two latter offices. Mr. Sears directs the legislative grist mill to the satisfaction of all except the committee on mines and minerals. This branch of the legislature twice issued a writ demanding the personal appearance of the speaker, once in regard to matters purely domestic and again on account of the report that he was furnishing the cartoons of the members to an Omaha paper. He was exonerated in both cases. This is the first term Mr. Sears has served in the Nebraska legislature.

H. M. STOCKWELL, fusion representative from Antelope county, resides in Clearwater. He was born in Ohio forty-three years ago. He never has the advantages of either high school or college education, but with the common school education as a basis, fitted himself for teaching. He also clerked in a store for several years. In 1886 he came to Nebraska and has since resided near Clearwater. He has divided his time between business and agriculture. Mr. Stockwell has held many township and city offices, but has never taken a prominent part in politics before assuming the duties of his present position. At present he is associated with a firm in Clearwater which deals in agricultural implements. He is a smooth, yet forcible talker, and is a frequent speaker in the house debates.

HENRY STEINMEYER is a resident of Gage county and lives at Clatonia. He was born in Germany, but emigrated to America in his early youth. His parents settled in Ohio where Mr. Steinmeyer received his elementary education in the public schools. In 1866 he came to Gage county, settling near his present home. He secured a piece of land and engaged in farming. After a time he went into the general merchandise business. Later on he changed slightly, investing in grain and live stock. At present he is still dealing in grain and stock. Mr. Steinmeyer has held no political office except precinct and school district positions previous to his election to the legislature. He has always adhered to the doctrines of the republican party, but has never been considered a politician. In the house Mr. Steinmeyer is careful and conservative in his actions and always considers measures on their merits, eliminating partisanship and political prejudice.

EDWARD J. SHELLHORN is one of the few veteans who are members of the legislature. He was born in Knox county, Ohio. In that state

he received his education in the common schools and afterwards went to work on his father's farm. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted and served through '62 and '63. After leaving the service of the government he engaged in business. At present he is a merchant at University Place. Mr. Shellhorn has always been an ardent republican and has served as county commissioner and county treasurer. Last fall he received the nomination for the office of representative and with the exception of county offices, is his first political preferment.

ANDRE L. SANDALL is of Swedish parentage. He formerly resided in Henry county, Iowa, but settled in York county early in 1871. He now possesses a half section of valuable land in Lockbridge township, York county, and has carefully kept track of all the late advances in the science of agriculture. Mr. Sandall has always advocated republican principles and worked hard to perfect the party organization. He is a man of friendly disposition, genial and charming in his manner. He is a valuable member in committee work but occasionally makes speeches of considerable length as oratory is inherent with him and although he has never cultivated the art of public speaking his remarks are always interesting. When elected to the house of representatives in 1898 he received his first party recognition. In the fall of 1900, he was again nominated and returned to the legislative halls.

J. W. TANNER, who represents Platte and Nance counties, is editor of the Fullerton Post. He was born in Nevada, Iowa, in 1858 and made that state his home until he was 21. He learned the printer's trade and drifted about visiting several western cities. He worked on the St. Joseph Gazette, was foreman of the Atchison Patriot and remained with the Omaha Evening World for several years. In 1888 he went to Fullerton and started the Post, which is said to be one of the most successful newspapers in the state. He possesses one of the best equipped printing plants in that section of the country and also owns a valuable farm. For five years he was a member of the Fullerton city council and at the end of his term was nominated for the office of state representative, in the fall of 1898. He is a staunch democrat but after considerable scrapping he was endorsed by the populist party. He was renominated for a second term and the fusion forces again combined for his support.

W. J. TAYLOR, one of the leaders of the minority party in the house, represents Custer county and lives at Merna. He was born in Van-Buren county, Iowa, and lived in that state until he was 21 years of age. Then he came to Nebraska and settled in York county, where he remained for five years. He removed to Custer county where he now resides. He has received a thorough mental training and for several years taught school in Custer county. Mr. Taylor was at one time a republican but experienced a change of heart and joined his political fortunes with the populist cause eight years ago. He is a skillful parliamentarian and takes a keen delight in tangling up the majority leaders semi-occasionally. Mr. Taylor has a firm grasp on the affections of the Custer county people, but the first political office of importance which he ever held was that of representative in the legislature two years ago. He was renominated last summer and his popularity with the people left him a handsome majority, notwithstanding the republican landslide in that section of the country.

WILHELM THOMSSSEN, who divides Hall county with Mr. Humphrey, is of German parentage, but a native of this country, this state and Hall county, having been born on November 7, 1862, on a farm three miles east of Alda, which has ever since been his home. He was educated in the local schools and engaged in farming until 1895, when he was nominated by the fusion forces and elected county treasurer. In 1897 he was re-elected to this office. Mr. Thomssen has spent but five months of his thirty-eight years of life outside of the county. Last year he was deputy county treasurer.

ROBERT TWEED, of Thayer county, was born in Illinois. He is one of the old settlers in that neighborhood. He chose a business career in his early youth and has been connected with some of the most important financial investments of Thayer county. Mr. Tweed attended school in Ringwood, Ill., and supplemented this training with an extended course in the schools of Chicago. Mr. Tweed has never held anything in the nature of a political office with the exceptions of municipal positions. In his home county he has for many years been a leader of the republican party. He has scores of warm friends and his conservatism and fairness prevented his political activity from injuring his business interests. While not endowed with eloquent delivery, he is a forcible debator.

CLIFFORD R. TEFFT, one of the representatives from Lancaster county, selected Cassapolis, Mich., as his birthplace. The date was August 29, 1869. He was educated at South Bend, Ind., and early entered the dentistry profession. He was one of the pioneer dentists of Lincoln, although still a young man. Some years ago in deference to a desire to enjoy the free life of a farmer, he moved out on a quarter section he owns in Mills precinct, and later became engaged in the milling business. His old love for the dental profession led him to return to it several years ago, and he is now one of the leading practitioners of Lincoln. He has always had a liking for politics, and for years assisted many of his friends to official position. He demurred last fall when they sought to return the compliment, and it was with reluctance that he accepted a legislative nomination. Personally Mr. Tefft is a very companionable gentleman, and he has brought to the discharge of his legislative duties a knowledge acquired in the world of experience that has made him one of the best workers on the floor of the house. Dr. Tefft is a member of some of the most important committees of the house and it is upon them that his best work has been done.

JOHN J. TROMPEN, who represents the agricultural interests of Lancaster county, is a native of Michigan, having been born at Variesland, April 8, 1851. His father was a Hollander who emigrated to America some fifty or more years ago. Soon after his marriage in 1874, Mr. Trompen came to Nebraska and began life in a sod house on a quarter section of land near Hickman. A better home soon took the place of that structure, and last fall Mr. Trompen built himself one of the most commodious houses in this section. In 1882 he entered the farm implement business, which grew to large proportions. Afterwards he became interested in an elevator, and is still in that line of business. He has always been a stalwart republican, and has been delegate to numerous state and county conventions, member of the state committee, justice of the peace and school director. He served four years very acceptably as sheriff. He was nominated last fall for senator against his

wishes, but accepted finally. Mr. Trompen lays no claims to oratory, but has a large fund of common sense which makes everything he has to say upon pending legislation listened to with attention. He has been a member of a number of important committees, and has applied himself to the solution of legislative problems with diligence and acumen.

MEL UHL is a journalist by profession. He represents Douglas county and previous to his election to the legislature, held no other office. He was born in Ohio and has been a resident of Nebraska since his early youth. He received a classical education in Doane college at Crete, Neb. After leaving college he drifted into the newspaper business. At present Mr. Uhl is business manager of the Omaha Daily News. In the house Mr. Uhl took an active part in the proceedings from the first day of organization. He is an entertaining speaker noted for his pungent humor. Mr. Uhl put his knowledge of printing to practical use as chairman of the house committee on printing. He proceeded to prod the parties who contracted to do the printing for the legislature and for the first time in the history of the state secured the printing of the bills within the legal time. Uhl has always affiliated with the republican party, but never accepted a political office until he was nominated for representative last fall.

JOHN E. VANDERGRIFT, who represents Sherman county in the house of representatives has been a farmer all his life and ranks as one of the most successful tillers of the soil in the state. He was born in New York state in 1854 and came to Nebraska in 1873. He now lives on the homestead taken by his father on coming into the country. Mr. Vandergrift was brought up in the republican faith but along with scores of other members of that party, joined the farmer's alliance movement in 1890. He was elected state representative in 1898 and the records of the house show that he was a particularly active member of that body.

J. R. VAN BOSKIRK, who represents the Fourteenth senatorial district, composed of the counties of Brown, Keya Paha, Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte and Sioux is an Indianan by birth, but has been a resident of Alliance for some years. He is interested in cattle and kindred enterprises, and has devoted much of his energy this season to getting through bills favored by the cattlemen of the northwest. He is also the author of several redistricting bills and bills for the protection of game and fish. He is one of the orators of the senate, when he cares to let himself loose, his speeches being characterized by a force, incisiveness and directness that has made his influence upon legislation distinctly felt.

CHARLES J. WARNER is still a resident of Rock Creek precinct, Lancaster county, where he was born in 1875. After spending several years in a preparatory academy, he entered the state university in 1895 and graduated from the agricultural department of that institution four years later. While in college he won considerable fame as an orator and politician. Mr. Warner was not a brilliant student but won his laurels by industry and hard work. While taking the junior law course he was nominated for the office of representative from Lancaster county and elected by a handsome majority. He was a member of the famous committee on privileges and elections which decided the tangled contest cases. Mr. Warner took no prominent part in the debates but devoted

his energy to the committee room. He is the author of the bill providing for free examinations of the applicants for admission to the Peru normal. He has also introduced many other bills.

STATE SENATOR J. A. WOOLSTENHOLM, who represents the Seventeenth senatorial district in the present legislature, was born in Lancaster, Wis., where he spent the early days of his life and was educated. He started in his business career as a clerk in his native town but later moved to Nebraska and opened up a store on his own account at Grand Island, where he now resides. The only other public office he has ever held was as a member of the city council of Grand Island.

JOHN A. WHITMORE, republican representative from the forty-first district, lives in Aurora. He was born in La Salle county, Illinois. He has not yet reached middle age, is a pleasing speaker, a forcible debator and a thinker of considerable depth and accuracy. He obtained his rudimentary education in the common schools and while working on the farm, prepared himself for teaching. After several years in educational work, he entered the law school at Valparaiso, Ind., where he graduated and was admitted to the bar. He has served as county attorney and filled a position on the school board for many years. This is the first term Mr. Whitmore has served in the legislature. He has taken a prominent part in the deliberations of the house from the very beginning of the session. He was chairman of the committee on privileges and elections and astonished the contestants and their attorneys by insisting that the rules of legal procedure should govern the actions of the committee and each case examined on its merits. Mr. Whitmore always has pronounced views on every subject and fearlessly expresses them.

RICHARD WILKINSON was born in Donegal, Ireland, in 1856. He left his native home in 1876 with the intention of paying a short visit to the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. He changed his mind about returning, however, and accepted a clerkship with a furniture firm in Philadelphia. Two years later he moved to Iowa and engaged in farming and stock raising. In Iowa he married Miss Sarah Rees and soon afterwards located in Nebraska. He invested in the lumber business in Eagle, Neb., where he has since resided. At present he owns a fine home in Eagle, a well equipped lumber yard and a large portion of the town site. He has done much to attract eastern capital to the town and is regarded as one of the most benevolent and public spirited citizens of the town. He is a member of several fraternal orders. He has been elected mayor of Eagle and filled various municipal offices. He is a republican and is now serving his first term in the legislature.

E. M. WARING, of Holt county, is a member of the minority party in the house. He is a native of New York and is 52 years of age. He received a common school education and in 1880 came to Nebraska. He settled in Holt county and has remained there until the present time. Mr. Waring has never taken much interest in politics. He served two terms as county commissioner but has always fought shy of official life. He is a farmer and has devoted considerable attention to bettering the condition of the agricultural classes. Mr. Waring is a married man with a family of three children. He has always been a fusionist.

CHARLES R. WALKER, who represents the Sixty-seventh district, resides at Benkelman, Missouri is the state of his nativity and there he absorbed the staunch democratic principles which have ever since de-

termined his course of political action. In 1890 Mr. Walker espoused the cause of populism and has since that time worked with the fusion forces. He received a good common school education and supplemented it with a first class business training. He has held only local offices and does not like political life. He has participated in several state conventions as well as directing the policy of his party in local affairs. He pursues a conservative policy in legislative matters and opposes superfluous lawmaking and official extravagance in every form. Mr. Walker is 41 years of age and is serving his first term in the legislature.

BURTON E. WILCOX, representative from the Tenth district, was born in Sherman, N. Y., November 8, 1868. While a mere boy he came to Iowa and lived in that state until 1890 when he removed to South Omaha where he still resides. His early days were spent in farming, but he now devotes his attention to real estate and insurance. He is also a partner in a very successful firm dealing in coal and building material and doing business in South Omaha. He has been active in politics for the last ten years, but this is the first time he has ever accepted a political office. In the house Mr. Wilcox is a very industrious member and devotes most of his energy to committee work. He is also a very pleasing speaker.

CHRIS WEBER, senator from Antelope, Boone and Greeley county, was born in Nassau, Germany, April 25, 1852, and came to the United States in 1857. He attended the public schools in Jackson county, Iowa, and the normal at Galena, Ill., after which he taught several terms. He removed to Nebraska in 1888, locating at Spalding, engaging in the general merchandise business, which he now owns and operates, being the largest in that section of the country. In the fall of 1893 he was elected county commissioner for Greeley county, which office he held for two consecutive terms. When Mr. Weber was elected county commissioner the finances of the county were in a deplorable condition, and it was due to his unceasing vigilance that the refunding indebtedness of Greeley county was secured, placing the county on a cash basis.

ANDREW JOHN WATSON, representative from Cedar and Pierce counties, was born at Fox Island, Mich., in 1852. In 1855 he moved with his parents to Wisconsin, where he grew up to manhood, working on a farm in summer and in the lumber camps in winter. During the year 1880 he came to Nebraska and took up a homestead in Holt county, where he continued to farm until 1888, when he began his newspaper career by purchasing an interest in the Minneola Sun. In 1890 he moved the business which he then owned to O'Neill, and in partnership with C. C. McHugh, founded the O'Neill Sun. In 1891 he sold his interest in the Sun and moved to Coleridge, purchasing the Sentinel, a republican paper, which he called the Blade, with which he worked hard for his party and has accomplished much. He has always been found ready and willing to spend his time and money for the success of the reform forces.

J. F. WENZEL is a native of Bohemia. With his father and brothers he settled in Nebraska in 1867 and homesteaded in Clear Creek precinct, Pawnee county. He has always identified himself with the republican party and taken a leading part in local politics. In 1891 Mr. Wenzel was elected county commissioner and held that office until 1897. In the fall of the following year he was selected to make the race for the state legislature and was successful. His conscientious work led to his re-

nomination and re-election to the house in the fall of 1900. With the exception of five years, which he spent in the hardware business in the town of Steinauer, Mr. Wenzel has devoted his time to farming and stock raising. He has an excellent reputation as an agriculturalist and business man. He is a tireless committee worker. In addition Mr. Wenzel has acquired a thorough knowledge of the parliamentary procedure and is very skilful in piloting bills past the legislative shoals and among the rocks of "indefinite postponement."

WILLIAM WALLACE YOUNG was born at Monmouth, Ill., November 7, 1859. He represents the Eleventh district, composed of Stanton, Wayne, Madison and Pierce counties. He was educated at Monmouth college, Monmouth, Ill., and his life has been spent in practicing law. He has held the position of prosecuting attorney of Stanton county and was for nine years a member of the board of education. From the fruits of his practice of law he has purchased a large farm of 640 acres in Stanton county, all of which is under cultivation and is one of the few best improved farms in north Nebraska. This farm is in fact run by W. W. Young through the instrumentality of a foreman who has exclusive charge of all the property and has the specific management of the entire farm. Mr. Young annually raises from 300 to 500 head of hogs and feeds from 250 to 300 head of cattle annually on his farm. He gives his exclusive attention to the practice of his profession and entrusts to hired help the management of his agricultural interests. He has tried to keep out of politics for himself, but has for a number of years devoted a portion of his time in each campaign defending the republican principles. He was nominated over his protest in his senatorial district.

THOMAS F. ZIEGLER, state senator from the Eighth district, comprising Dixon, Knox, Dakota, Cedar and Thurston counties, was born in Franklin county, Virginia, May 24, 1863. He moved with the family to Union county, Dakota territory, in 1867, and in the fall of 1868 crossed to Nebraska and settled at St. James, in Cedar county, and with the exception of three years has been a resident of Cedar county since. He followed farming the earlier part of his life. In 1888 he began business as a general merchant and in 1885 was local editor of the Cedar County Nonpareil, democrat. He was the first postmaster at Randolph, Neb., being appointed in December, 1885, and was also one of the organizers and president and secretary respectively of the Randolph Real Estate and Investment company. In 1893 he was elected county treasurer of this county and moved to Hartington, where he has since resided, being re-elected in 1895. In politics he has always been a democrat, and was among the first and foremost advocates of fusion in that county.

PETER F. ZIMMERMAN, representative from Madison county, was born in Marion, Wis., September 5, 1861, and acquired his early education in the public schools. He resided on a farm with his parents until March, 1886, when he came to Battle Creek, Neb., and associated himself in the implement business with George Zimmerman, his brother. The firm thrived and the dividends enabled him, on February 9, 1888, to take a partner of the opposite sex, Miss Minnie Dinkel. He was elected county commissioner of the Third district for an unexpired term of one year, in the fall of 1891, and so well did he serve in this capacity that he was again elected in 1892 for a term of three years. In the

spring of 1896 Mr. Zimmerman purchased his brother's interest in the implement business, taking, as a partner, C. A. Lampert, and the firm of P. F. Zimmerman & Co. still continues a prosperous business at the old stand.

FERDINAND ZIMMERER was born and educated in Germany. His younger days were spent in navigating the Great Lakes. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted as a volunteer and served the country of his adoption until 1864. After he was discharged he followed the mercantile business until 1880. In that year he was attracted to western Nebraska and settled in Custer county where for thirteen years he managed a ranch and engaged in stock raising. Since that time he has been proprietor of the Commercial hotel at Lexington. Previous to becoming a member of the house of representatives Mr. Zimmerer held no political office. While always active in local politics he in no way took the role of a zealous partisan. He has always affiliated with the fusionists. He represents Dawson county.

#### SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

JOHN C. F. McKESSON, secretary of the senate, was born in Buena Vista, Ill., December 13, 1858. Immediately after the war his parents moved to Kansas, removing within a year to Richardson county, this state. After completing his studies in the common schools, he took a six years' course in the State University in Lincoln leaving it just before completing his senior year, to engage with Colonel Hyde in publishing the Lincoln Daily News. He remained with this paper for one year, removing at that time to his farm near Emerald, which was his homestead and where he still resides. In the fall of 1890 he was elected a member of the Lincoln legislature, being re-elected in 1892, when he was considered one of the leaders on the republican side of the house. He was a member of the state senate during the twenty-sixth session of the legislature.

#### CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

JOHN WALL, chief clerk of the house of representatives, was born in New York state, November 4, 1857, and came to this state from Michigan, March 4, 1878. He was married March 30, 1879, to Miss Belle Landers; they have two girls. Mr. Wall resides at Arcadia, Valley county, is engaged in the mercantile and ranch business. He was county clerk of Sherman county in 1886 and was chief clerk of the Nebraska house of representatives during the twenty-sixth legislative session.