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FOR GOVERNOR

Chas. H. Dietrich, Of Adams County.

C. H. Dietrich, the republican candidate for governor, is a self made man, one of those typical Americans who have fought their way single-handed from obscure poverty to a competence and positions of honor and trust.

His parents were both natives of Germany. His father was a shoemaker who had worked up a good business in the town in which he lived, but on account of his radical espousal of the cause of the patriots of 1848 he was forced to flee his native land in disguise. His wife, with seven small children, followed him a year later, but the father had landed in Quebec, and the mother landed in New Orleans. They were very poor and the story of their long search for each other is as pathetic as the similar history of the exiled Acadian peasants.

After a year of struggle they finally met at St. Louis and together worked their way to Chicago. Here the father



CHARLES H. DIETRICH.

found intermittent work at his trade and the mother took in washing, all the water and wood used being carried from the lake half a mile away.

In 1853, during a driving snow storm which piled the snow in drifts upon the floor of their wretched home, Charles Henry Dietrich, the subject of our sketch was born, and was baptized in the German Lutheran church.

The industry and thrift which characterize the German people began to conquer adverse conditions and the circumstances of the family improved, but there were many mouths to feed and at the age of nine Charles began to work at anything he could find to do. At twelve he left school for good and worked out among the farmers near Aurora till he was sixteen, when he went to St. Joe, Missouri, and

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worked for the Wyeth Hardware company for three years. He went to Chicago and engaged in the same business until 1873, when having saved a small capital, he decided to remove to Arkansas and venture into business for himself.

But fate ruled otherwise, for while traveling through Arkansas he was set upon by highwaymen, robbed of all he possessed and left in a nearly dying condition. There he was penniless, in a strange land, with the battle to be fought all over; but nothing daunted, he went to work for C. P. R. Breckinridge on a plantation, rebuilding cabins and fences, afterwards cutting cypress logs in the swamps. If any man imagines that cutting cypress logs all day under a southern sky is easy work let him try it, put Mr. Dietrich remained at it six months. He then went back to Aurora and worked at the blacksmith trade for a year.

In the winter of 1875-76 with just \$126 in the world, he started for the Black Hills. He bought the necessary supplies at Cheyenne and walked to Deadwood, passing through the famous Red canyon where so many people were murdered by the Indians.

At Deadwood he cut logs and helped to build the pioneer store of that place and for a long time he delivered merchandise for the store on pack animals throughout the Black Hills. Much of the delivery had to be done at night to avoid danger from the Indians. He was also one of the locaters of Spearfish.

Mr. Dietrich is a man of great physical strength and courage and these two qualities stood him in good stead during his pioneer experience. Several times his own life and that of his companions has been saved by the exercise of these traits, and, be it said to his credit, he is as generous as he is brave. Few men, perhaps, have endured the hardships and privations and passed through the thrilling experiences of our candidate. In 1877 Mr. Dietrich, in company with others, located the Aurora mine, which was made famous in the early days by the many fights that were made over it and the frequent attempts to dispossess the original owner.

In the spring of 1878 Mr. Dietrich sold his share to Brown & Thumb, bankers of Deadwood, Roscoe Conklin, and T. C. Platt of New York and Senator George E. Spencer of Alabama, for a good round sum, which gave him his start in life. He then went back to receive the reward of all his privations and in May 1878, he married Miss Elizabeth Slaker. The following September he located in Hastings, Nebraska, and engaged in the mercantile business. In the early days, when customs were decidedly primitive in Hastings, Mr. Dietrich worked in his store all day and in the evening he took a wheelbarrow and delivered his goods. From that time till now he has always stood in the front rank of those who tried to build up their town and their state; he was instrumental in organizing the German National bank of Hastings, of which he is president. He has given unsparingly both of time and money toward all business enterprises, which he deemed to be for the benefit of his town.

Church and charitable organizations have always found him a liberal contributor, but the recipients of his private bounty are without number.

But while Mr. Dietrich is generous, he is also just, two qualities that, unfortunately do not always go together. In 1887 Mrs. Dietrich died, leaving her husband with one child, six years old who has since developed into a beautiful maidenhood, and is the idol of her father's heart. She has received her education, first in the public schools, then in convents, two years each in America, France and Germany. She is now a student at Bryn Mawr college near Philadelphia.

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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Ezra P. Savage, Of Custer County.

Ezra Perin Savage, successful stock raiser, has had a long and eventful career as a business man. His father, Benjamin Warren Savage, born at Bangor, Maine, in 1805, was a cabinet maker by trade. He moved to Iowa in 1836 and died in 1847. His mother, Hannah Perin, born in Indiana in 1808, came to Iowa in 1842. Most of her



EZRA P. SAVAGE.

life was spent near Lyons, Iowa, where she died in 1895.

E. P. Savage, the second of five children, was born at Connorsville, Ind., in 1842, and began life for himself at the age of ten years, owing to the dif-



ficulty his mother had in supporting so large a family alone.

Mr. Savage began work on a farm. His recollections of early education consist mostly of a log school house, slab benches with no back or desk, and winter terms of two or three months each before he was sixteen. At that age he went to Davenport and attended the High school until he graduated, supporting himself by attacking wood piles armed with saw, sawbuck and axe, with which he had supplied himself. In the same manner he earned his own way in the Iowa college until it was moved from Davenport to Greenville, but worked on farms during the summer months. In addition to this collegiate education, Mr. Savage has studied law for recreation, and has been admitted to practice in both state and federal courts.

In the fall of 1865 he began a successful stock, grain and implement business at Lyons, Iowa. He turned his attention to cattle raising in 1873, in Crawford county, Iowa, where land was worth at that time about \$6 per acre. The county settled so thickly in two years that he sold his land at from \$30 to \$55 per acre and stopped raising cattle on account of lack of range.

A lumber and grain business, together with a bank, next occupied his attention, and in this he was successful.

In March, 1879, he came to Nebraska, locating in the northeastern part of Custer county, where now is located the town of Sargent. In those days Grand Island was the market town, and the railroad, was ninety miles away. For a time Mr. Savage lived in Lincoln on account of the educational

advantage to his children, and later, when the South Omaha stock yards were opened, went there and began commission business with George B. Green. The business was successful, but owing to their generosity in loaning money to shippers they were compelled to go out of business. In 1893 he returned to the ranch.

The town of Sargent was laid out by Mr. Savage in 1883, and when the B & M. R. R. built through there in November, 1889, he sold a portion of the town site to the Lincoln Land company.

Not only has Mr. Savage a successful business record, but he has a war record equally as good. During the last two years of the war Mr. Savage was in active service, acting as scout for Grant and Sherman. As a scout for the Union army Mr. Savage was necessarily placed in positions far more dangerous than those met with by the ordinary soldier, and Mr. Savage has reason to look back with pride on his war record. In 1866 Mr. Savage was married to Miss Adna C. Rich of Chicago, who died August 25, 1883.

In April, 1896, he married Elvira Hess of Lyons, Iowa, who died March 1, 1899. The family now consists of Mr. Savage and six children. Mr. Savage is a lifelong republican having cast his first vote for the immortal Lincoln. He served the state in the seventeenth session of the legislature as a member from Custer and Sherman counties.

In connection with his public service it might be mentioned that the honor of being South Omaha's first mayor fell to Mr. Savage.



Commissioner Public Lands and Buildings,

Geo. D. Follmer, Of Nuckolls County.

Geo. D. Follmer, the republican nominee for commissioner of public lands and buildings, was born July 17, 1841, in Montour county, Pennsylvania. His parental ancestor, Jacob Follmer, was a native of Mannheim, Germany.



GEORGE D. FOLLMER.

coming to America in 1832, first settling in New York, and after a short residence in that state located in Berks county, Pennsylvania. The maternal ancestors, Stitzel by name, came to this country from Stuttgart, Germany in 1835, and settled in Berks county, Pennsylvania. These two families be-

came identified with the progressive growth of their adopted country.

Mr. Follmer started out to battle with life's trials while quite young. He left his school life behind him when thirteen years of age and secured a position as clerk in the general merchandise store of Jacob Seidell at Danville, Pennsylvania, in 1872, where he remained five years, when he went to Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and clerked for Engle & Mellish in the general merchandise business.

In 1864 he moved to Oil City, Pennsylvania, and secured a position as clerk in the wholesale and retail establishment of John H. Gotshall & Co. He came west in 1868 and associated himself with D. W. Montgomery in the general merchandise business at Red Oak, Iowa. He sold out his interest in the business in the summer of 1870, came to Nebraska in January 1871, and took a homestead in Nuckolls county in February, 1871. He afterwards bought and located on a tract of land in the valley of the Little Blue river in the same county, where he has remained ever since, engaged in farming, stock raising and real estate business, and by continued application to hard work and the exercise of energy and thrift, has accumulated a fair competency. He was appointed county treasurer in the summer of 1871, soon after the organization of the county, which office he held until January 3, 1879. At the close of his term of office he moved back to his farm in the eastern part of the county. In the year 1874, he was married to Miss Eva M. Smith of Grant, Iowa, and together they have reared a large family of children, to whom they have given superior educational advantages.

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West Point and Cuming county

STATE TREASURER

Wm. Stueffer, Of Cuming County.

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solved the problem, by presenting the name of Wm. Stueffer.

Mr. Stueffer was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, in 1847, and removed to Cuming county, Nebraska, in 1863, locating on a homestead near the present site of West Point. He remained here looking after his own farm until '73, when he moved to West Point and engaged in the insurance business.

In 1875 he was appointed deputy county clerk, and held the office four years. His election was on the republican ticket in the face of a good stiff democratic majority in that county.

In 1894 Mr. Stueffer was elected state senator from this district and served with credit in the legislature of 1895, his record proving him to be a man of sterling integrity. At the present time he is president of the West Point National bank and vice president of the West Point creamery, both institutions enjoying a state reputation.

In his official, business and private life, Mr. Stueffer has made a creditable record, which can be verified by his many warm personal friends not alone in Cuming county but in all parts of Nebraska.

SECRETARY OF STATE,

S. W. Marsh, Of Richardson County.

G. W. Marsh, candidate for secretary state, came of the sturdy Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Was born in 1852. Came with his parents to Nebraska in 1859, locating on the farm where his parents still reside. In 1861 his father and oldest brother enlisted in the cause of the Union, leaving the mother and smaller children to manage the farm.

He attended school during the winter and worked on the farm during the summer. After completing his education in the common schools, he finished his education with a two years' course at the State Normal at Peru. In 1877 he was married to Miss Anna R. Stephens; has four bright children—Nellie M., aged 13; Wayne, aged 10;



GEORGE W. MARSH.

Benton, aged 8, and Master Arthur, aged 3 years.

Mr. Marsh followed farming and school teaching during the winter months until 1884, when he sold out and engaged in the drug business. In 1887 he was elected county clerk on the republican ticket, was re-elected in 1889 by an increased majority. At the expiration of his four-years' term as county clerk, was the unanimous choice of the republicans of the county for county treasurer and was elected. Was re-elected county treasurer, serving eight years as county clerk and treasurer.

In 1886 he was elected mayor of Falls City for one year. At the expiration of his term as county treasurer he engaged in business, which he subsequently sold out, and assumed control of the Falls City Journal—one of the ablest county newspapers in the state.

The people will have no cause to regret his election to the high office of secretary of state.

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