

year 1884, and again emigrated to Rock Island Co. Illinois in 1884. Mr. Wright received his education after leaving the common schools at "Geneseo Seminary" of Geneseo, Illinois, attending the seminary for three years. In 1886 he removed with his parents to Peru, Nemaha county, Nebraska. December 25th 1888 Mr. Wright was united in marriage with "Miss Annie Wright," a bonnie lassie from Scotland. They have been residents of Nemaha county for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. Wright has had considerable experience as a pedagogue, having taught twenty one terms of school in his county. In 1875 he was appointed assistant revenue assessor and deputy collector for revenue division No. 9, by Ex-Senator Thomas W. Tipton, then United States revenue assessor for Nebraska. Held the position of division assessor and deputy collector until the building of the Union Pacific railroad made a change of divisions necessary, the revenue being collected from Omaha.

Mr. Wright, while holding the position of revenue assessor and collector, collected from ranchmen and traders of his division several thousand dollars, receiving from his superior the credit of having done his duty. In 1869 Mr. Wright was elected county surveyor of Nemaha county, holding the office two terms. In 1867 he removed from Peru to his present farm, where he has resided until the present time. Mr. Wright's farm is widely known as the "Silver Farm and Nurseries" of Johnson, Nemaha county Nebraska. Mr. Wright has one of the largest orchards of the county, and but few farms of the county are better improved. He has all his life in Nebraska taken an active interest in educational work and farmer's institutes of the state, and has for years been engaged in "casting bread upon the waters" in the reform principles of organized labor. He is at present county organizer and state lecturer of the Nebraska Farmers' Alliance.

It will be seen that Mr. Wright is a representative farmer in the best sense of the term—one of those noble men whose intellectual attainments and broad culture refute the too common idea that a farmer must necessarily be an inferior order of being. This campaign will demonstrate to the people of Nebraska that the terms "farmer, author, scholar, poet, gentleman," may all properly be applied to one and the same person. We are here to hold up the banner of the Nebraska farmer.

A. D'Allemand. A. D'Allemand, the People's candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, is a native of Strausbourg, now belonging to Germany, but formerly to France. He was born Jan. 27, 1840. Received his education in the college of Strausbourg, the gymnasium of Wurzburg, Bavaria, and in a private academy in Boroughbridge, England, in the latter place alternately teaching and receiving instruction. He taught then in an academy in St. Helens, from there received a position in Killarney college, Killarney, Ireland, where he taught for fourteen consecutive years. In 1870 he settled in Plattsmouth, where he opened a private school, often requiring other assistants on account of the large number of pupils. The board of education of Plattsmouth tendered him the high grade in their school, which he accepted.

Having a family of seven boys and two girls, he concluded to move west and obtain a slice of Uncle Sam's domain. He selected a half section near Arapahoe in Dec., 1873, and in the spring of 1874 removed with his family to his present location. During the grasshopper raid of 1874 he was sent from his county to collect aid for the settlers. In four days he returned with the first car load of flour and other eatables and clothing, which his old friends in Plattsmouth made up in one day. He taught a term of six months in the schools of Arapahoe during the winter of 1874-5.

In 1888 he was elected county superintendent of Furnas county, which office he held for three terms. The teachers of his county presented him at the sixth annual institute with a beautiful arm chair as a token of their esteem. A diploma was awarded by the Nebraska state board of Agriculture to him for the first best exhibit of school work from any county in the state, at their annual fair held at Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 6 to 13, 1889.

He is at present president of the Furnas County Farmers' Alliance, to which office he was unanimously elected some time ago. It will be seen by the above sketch that Prof. D'Allemand is probably as well qualified for the position for which he has been named as any man who ever held the position.

Hon. Wm. A. McKeighan. William Arthur McKeighan, candidate for congress in the second congressional district, was born in Cumberland county, N. J., January 19, 1842. He came to Fulton county, Ill., in 1848. In the common school he was an extremely apt pupil, and acquired most of the limited advantages of that day that were offered him than many do with a university course. He remained on the farm till the war of the rebellion, when he enlisted in the 11th reg. of Ill. volunteer cavalry, under Col. R. G. Ingersoll. At the close of the war he married Miss Lois E. Brown, and settled on a farm near Pontiac, Ill. He was a prominent figure in the great farmers' movement of 1872, and was elected vice-president of the Illinois People's Association for the eighth congressional district, and labored in the anti-monopoly cause in that state until 1880, when he came to Nebraska. On the organization of the Alliance in 1881-2, he became one of the prominent members, and has faithfully labored in the cause of the farmers ever since. Judge McKeighan has an interesting

family consisting of his wife and three children. Charles F. the eldest being a partner in the farming business, Edith L. being a teacher, and Jennie May McKeighan being the youngest, at home with her parents. Judge McKeighan has been a prominent figure in the politics of his county and the second district for some years. He was elected county judge of Webster county in 1884, and was the people's candidate against Jim Laird in 1886, receiving 16,873 votes against 18,373 for Laird.

Judge McKeighan is a member of the K. of L. He has always been on the side of the people, no matter what questions were at issue. That he will be triumphantly elected the next member from the second district there is no manner of doubt. Mr. Harlan wants to hurry up and challenge McKeighan to meet him on the stump—and we predict it will be a cold day for Harlan when he meets him.

The Omaha Bee, the Census and Farm Mortgages. Census statistics demolish many of the stock assaults of the enemies of the west. Figures received indicate that the mortgage indebtedness of the western states will not exceed a quarter of the amount claimed by irresponsible blatherers and political demagogues.—Bee of August 4.

It seems from returns so far in that the census statistics relative to mortgage indebtedness will not prove any scientific value. The figures have been imperfectly arrived at and actual indebtedness is not shown. The superior who have the matter in charge are managing to draw their pay, and that is about all the good that is coming from the ill stirred by Mr. Cleveland authorizing it.—Bee of August 5.

We give the two items above to show just how unreliable these jumping jack editors who are tied to a banker and corporation string are. The first statement is a square falsehood. We will wager the editor the Bee five hundred dollars that the official figures, to be taken from the county records, will show the mortgage indebtedness of Nebraska to be far in excess of the amount named by the Alliance memorial, viz: \$150,000,000. We are waiting for the official figures of Gen. E. F. Test for some representative counties, when we are prepared to produce the figures in the counties he will try to falsify. The Bee knows as well as we do that Mr. Porter's census scheme, as far as it related to farm mortgages, was a gigantic fraud, designed to deceive, and it practically admits it in the second item quoted above. Some enterprising gentlemen of Saline county obtained the official figures of the indebtedness of that county, and they were furnished to the Bee and other Omaha papers. But as they conclusively refuted the statements those corporation sheets were making, they never either published or alluded to them. We will say to the editor of the Bee that we will win the confidence of the people is to tell the truth. It does not seem necessary for us to point out to him the way to lose this confidence.

"An Amosin Little Cuss." Rosewater, of the Omaha Bee, reminds us of Artemus Ward's kangaroo, whom Ward always described as "an amosin little cuss." As he was present at our Independent State Convention we felt some interest in what he might have to say about the movement in the Bee for the next day. Instead of finding anything on the subject in the editorial columns of that day, we found his leading editorial was on the subject of the disastrous effects the organized farmers in the South, particularly in South Carolina, was going to have on the Democratic party of that section. To quote: "There has certainly been no such political upheaval in the South since the war, and it is to be borne in mind that the people who are causing it are not republicans, but democrats. They are men who have become thoroughly dissatisfied with Bourbon rule in the States, and have determined to make a courageous effort to sweep out of power the aristocratic and tyrannical element that has so long administered affairs with no regard for the interests and welfare of the people."

So it seems that our brethren of the South are stirring up the dominant party there, and overturning things generally, all of which Brother Rosewater can plainly discern. But the great uprising of the same element against railroads and ring rule in the West is but a small affair. It would be well if Rosewater could find the large beam in his own eye, before he tries to pluck the mote from his brother's eye. This democratic party is wonderfully and fearfully made, according to some of the party sheets in this State. It is encouraging the Alliance to destroy the democratic party in the South where it is secure in its supremacy, while in the West, where it has always been in the minority, it is also encouraging the Alliance. The fact is that the people in both sections are rising up in their mighty power, and are casting out of high places those partisan bosses who have betrayed them in the past.

The Pauper Ticket. Mr. Richards has struck the key note of the railroad campaign. It is money against the people. A man with a mortgage on his farm is a pauper, and a pauper is not eligible to office in this country, where dollars and not men are being represented. Most of us are paupers, according to this dictum. One thing is quite certain, if the paupers, as defined by Mr. Richards, vote together their ticket will be elected. Mr. Richards is likely to be considerably astonished by the pauper vote. While admitting that "it is no particular disgrace to be poor," Mr. R. will do well to remember that it is a "particular disgrace" to be rich, if riches are gained by grinding the face of the poor. This fling at the farmers of Nebraska will effectually shut the door of one "Kingdom o' heaven" in Mr. Richards' face.

The Nebraska Blizard, published at Ord, has hoisted the independent ticket at its masthead. The Blizard can be depended upon to blow a freezing blast upon the falsehood and humbuggery of the railroad ticket. It is a cold day for that outfit when the Nebraska Blizard strikes it.

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