ONE HUNDRED LAWMAKERS

Sketches of the Men Who Will Compose the Nebraska House.

THEIR INTERESTING LIFE STORIES

Many Veterans with Brilliant War Records Are Among Them—A Predominance of the Men Whose Business Is Tilling the Soil.

One week from Tuesday the Nebraska legislature will be called to order. THE BEE has already presented to its readers pen pictures of the men who will compose the state senate, and in order that everybody may know the members of the lower house as well we give below sketches of the even hundred representatives.

Successful Business Man.

George W. Ames, jr., is one of the best known citizens of Omaha. His nomination by the Douglas county democratic convention as a candidate for the state legislature came to him unsought and unexpected. Mr. Ames has never sought political honors. He comes from the Puritan stock of the old Bay state, and possesses all the pluck and capabilities characteristic of his illustrious ancestors. At present he is engaged in the real estate business with his father. He is one of the originators and president of the Omaha Athletic club, which institution has a membership of 800 of the young men of Omaha.

Has a War Record.

Mr. Patrick H. Barry was born in Ireland, August 25, 1844, and emigrated with his parents to the city of Boston, March, 1849, receiving his education in the public schools of that city. He enlisted in the union army in 1861, in company E, Third regiment, of Thomas Traver's Meagher Irish brigade, serving throughout the Peninsular campaign under Mr. Tellens in the battles of Bull Run, South Mountain and Antietam. He was wounded in the right leg at the battle of Antietam and disabled from service. He was discharged February, 1863, re-enlisted July, 1863, in the Twelfth Massachusetts infantry, and served under Grant through the Wilderness campaign in numerous battles, losing his right arm at the battle of Plank Road, July 7, 1864, in front of Fort Hell, Petersburg, Va. He emigrated to Nebraska, March, 1880, and homesteaded in Garfield county, moving to Greely county, June, 1881. Mr. Barry was defeated for the state senate on the democratic ticket in 1888; has never held any public office in this state or at any time. He will introduce a bill in the legislature equalizing taxation, whereby all classes will be taxed according to the amount of property they own and not on what they owe. Mr. Barry has been an independent for about three years, is a farmer of good standing in this community and was elected by a large majority.

Was a School Teacher.

C. W. Beal was born in Audrain, Mo., thirty-two years ago, and was brought up on a farm in Missouri. Has been a resident of Custer county, Nebraska, six years last April. Taught school four years, three of which were in Custer county, Nebraska. Has been president of the Custer county alliance four years and was a member of the state executive committee one year. Was educated in the common schools. He will advocate a reduction in railroad freight rates and a simplification of the Australian ballot as adopted by the last legislature. He is at present editor of the Custer county Beacon.

Served Under Generals Thomas and Crook.

John M. Brockman was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 20, 1841. He was left an orphan at an early age and had to work for his board and clothes while attending school. He soon had sufficient education to teach a country school and taught in Cass county, Illinois. He came to Brownville, Nebraska Territory, in the spring of 1861 and enlisted in First regiment, Nebraska cavalry, and afterward merged into Fifth Iowa cavalry. He was in the battle of Shiloh and seven other engagements, also served over a year as scout for Generals George H. Thomas and George Crook. After the close of the war he was married and came to Porter township, Richardson county, and has spent most of the time since in farming. He has held the office of county commissioner for three years and served the people well. He has also been president of the Old Settlers association for the last seven years. Has been a republican since old enough to vote. Was elected representative on republican ticket November 8 by 116 majority.

Champion of the Laboringmen.

Joseph Burns, one of Lancaster's new representatives, is an able champion of the laboringmen without going outside the republican ranks. He was born in Ireland forty-eight years ago and came to America at the age of 8. He spent his youth and early manhood in Connecticut, was a citizen of Monticello and Fort Madison, Ia., from 1869 to 1873, when he came to Lincoln, where he has since resided. His life has been spent in the well business, with an occasional side venture into politics as city councilman. He invented the well augur, an instrument that has been credited with hastening the settlement of Nebraska ten years. Mr. Burns does not often appear in evening dress, but he is a vigorous campaigner, a rough and ready speaker of great force.

He's Been There Before.

D. J. Brown, representative of the Twenty-ninth, was born in Roane county, Tennessee, March 26, 1844, where he resided until after the rebellion broke out. Being a strong unionist he was obliged to leave that state or be conscripted into the confederate army, consequently on the night of March 30, 1862, he, in company with others, started for the federal lines, which they entered near Somerset, Ky., after considerable trouble, traveling entirely at night. Mr. Brown went to Danville, Ind., where he enlisted in the Hundre dand Thirty-second Indiana Volunteer infantry.

After the close of the war he settled in Louisa county, Iowa, but soon returned to Tennessee, where he remained until 1872, when he returned to Louisa county, Iowa, remaining there until 1878. In 1878 he came to Seward county, Neb., where he has since resided, engaging in the stock business and farming, in which he has succeeded.

Mr. Brown was elected a member of the house from Seward county in 1882, and took an active part in the work of the session. Mr. Brown has always been a loyal and aggressive republican.

Is a Successful Nurseryman.

Gideon Judd Carpenter, representative-elect from Jefferson county, was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1853. Until 20 years of age he resided in Pennsylvania and attended the Kingston academy, of which the late Hon. A. J. Weaver of Falls City, Neb., was at that time principal. In 1873 he removed to Iowa and was for a time employed at the state capitol at Des Moines, and in 1876 was connected with the Iowa horticultural exhibit at the Philadelphia exposition.

The next year he removed to Nebraska, where he engaged in the nursery business at Fairbury, as senior partner in the firm of Carpenter & Gage, later organizing the G. J. Carpenter nursery company, which is now the largest nursery company in the United States, having extensive branch nurseries in Idaho, Colorado and at Eddy, N. M. Mr. Carpenter has served two terms as first vice president of the American Nurserymen's association and the same time as secretary of the Nebraska State Horticultural society and is president of the Fairbury Savings bank. He is an ardent republican in politics, and as he is largely interested in agricultural pursuits will be found in favor of any legislative measures for relief of farmers.

Founder of a Newspaper.

George Cross, representative-elect from the float district of Jefferson and Thayer counties, was born in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, in 1841. In 1864 he entered the First Wisconsin heavy artillery and served until the close of the war, after which he re-entered the state university, from which he graduated in 1867. He taught school in Wisconsin until 1870, when he removed to Fairbury, Neb., and in September of that year, founded the Fairbury Gazette, of which he has since been editor, and is at this time sole proprietor. He has lately erected a two-story brick building for his newspaper office and is also largely interested in farming, owning an improved farm of 800 acres near Fairbury. Major Cross has not yet lost his interest in military matters, and has served as major of the Second regiment, Nebraska National Guards. In politics he is a republican. He has no special measures to advocate before the next legislature. Mr. Cross was married shortly before locating in Nebraska to Miss Clara Tullis of Wisconsin.

Is a Native of New Jersey.

Hon. Charles D. Casper, one of Butler county's new representatives, is a native of New Jersey. He saw considerable service in the war, and shortly after moved to Iowa, where he worked on a farm. He came to Nebraska about 1876, located at David City and soon thereafter bought the Press, of which he has been the publisher ever since. He is not new to legislative work, having been a member of the house in 1885 and in 1887, and made a good record. He is a democrat.

A Radical Republican.

Hon. A. J. Cornish, a republican of radical tendencies, has been returned to the house from Lancaster. A young man of 34, he was born in Iowa and educated at Cornell university, New York. Later he graduated from the law school in Iowa City, taking the degree of L. L. B. In 1880 he took a post graduate course in Harvard university, and in the following year came to Lincoln and in partnership with A. S. Tibbetts opened a law office. He has been active in county and state politics since coming to Nebraska, and was sent to the legislature two years ago.

Is a Banker.

George R. Colton, representative-elect from Butler county, was born in Galesburg, Ill., in 1863. He was educated at Knox college and graduated from Ann Arbor, Mich. After leaving college he spent several years in New Mexico, and settled in David City in 1887 and shortly afterwards assisted in the organization of the Central Nebraska National bank, and has been a member of the board of directors since its organization and at present cashier. He has no special measure to advocate before the legislature, but would favor a change in the state banking law as to the enforcement of the present law.

From a Good State.

Thomas D. Crane was born upon the historic soil of New Bedford, Mass., January 6, 1854. He adopted the profession of law and in June, 1887, located in Omaha. This is Mr. Crane's first venture as a candidate for office, but he has always been prominently identified with local republicanism and is known as a hard worker.

Cast His First Vote for Grant.

A. S. Cooley, one of the representatives of Cass county, 46 years of age, was born in Johnstown, Ohio. Has never held office of any kind. His first vote was cast for General Grant in 1868, and he has always voted the ticket straight, although his father was a hidebound democrat. His occupation is farming and his postoffice address is Eagle, Neb.

Got In on a Split.

John B. Cain was elected as the republican representative from Hamilton county, although his running mate, J. A. Whitmore was defeated. Mr. Cain is very popular, as his election would indidate. He is a lawyer and resides at Aurora, the county seat.

Served as County Clerk.

Jacob S. Dew, representative-elect from Johnson county, was born in Mason county, Illinois, in 1841. He remained on his father's farm until the outbreak of the rebellion, when he enlisted in the Eighty-fifth Illinois infantry, commanded by Colonel Dilworth. In 1866 he came to Johnson county and took a homestead adjoining the city of Tecumseh. In 1873 he was elected county clerk and was re-elected in 1875. From 1877 to 1890 he was engaged in the hardware and furniture business. In 1880 he was elected representative from Johnson county, and in 1890 he made a race for state senator. He carried his own county by a good majority, but Nemaha succeeded in defeating him. He was this year elected to the legislature on the republican ticket and carried the county by 448, the largest majority given any candidate in the county.

Is a Silver Tongued Orator.

John A. Davies, age 34, one of Cass county's representatives, was born at Glenwood, Iowa. Has never held any office. He received a college education and graduated at the law school at Iowa City with high honors. Is a silver tongued orator and will be heard from in the next legislature. Has no particular measure to advocate and no preference yet for United States senator, but will probably favor Paddock.

A Blue Grass Independent.

Hon. Albert Dickerson, of Litchfield, who will represent Sherman county in the house for the second time, was born on a farm in Kentucky in 1835. In 1847 he removed with his widowed mother to Illinois, where he lived on a farm until 1856, when he came to Nebraska and located near Falls City. In 1884 he removed to his present farm in Sherman county. Formerly a democrat he was elected to the legislature by the independents.

He's a Native of Bonnie Scotland.

Hon. Richard Dobson, Fillmore's independent representative, is a native of Bonnie Scotland, but he has lived in Nebraska for nearly a quarter of a century. He held no important office till elected to the house two years ago. He proved one of the ablest orators in the independent party and was a clean legislator. He lives at Dobson.

Favors an Independent Senator.

James M. Dimmick, representative from Franklin county, lives at Bloomington and is 50 years of age. He was born at Pleasant View, Schuyler county, Ill., and follows the business of farming. He will advocate the reduction of freight rates and will support an independent for United States senator.

Began Life as a Laborer.

Arnold Eickhoff, representative-elect for the Nineteenth district, was born in Westphalia, Germany, in 1833. He came to America in 1850, served as a common day laborer until he came to Nebraska, where he purchased a farm in Cedar county twenty-five years ago. He has held but one public office, that of county commissioner of this county, for two terms. He is an uncompromising democrat and he is in favor of a democrat for United States senator. He is in favor of affiliating with the independents in choosing a senator.

Made a Picturesque Speaker.

Hon. S. M. Elder, who made a picturesque if not a brilliant speaker in the last house, has been returned by Clay county. He was born in Crittenden county, Kentucky, January 11, 1847. His parents removed to Illinois when he was 4 years old. He came to Nebraska in 1871, located in Clay county, making the first entry on land in what is now Lone Tree precinct and built the first house between Sutton and Spring Ranch, the distance between them being thirty-five miles. Mr. Elder yet owns the land he first entered, it being now a highly cultivated farm, and lived upon it till 1887, when he removed to Clay Center. He was formerly a republican and was elected coroner twice on that ticket, but two years ago he went to the legislature as an independent.

Still Has a Job.

Enos E. Ellis, representative from Dixon county, was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, on July 28, 1851, of Quaker parentage. He lived in Jefferson county until he was 13 years of age, when his father sold his farm and moved to Mahaska county, Iowa, near Oskaloosa, where they resided five years. In the fall of 1869 the subject of this sketch located in Dixon county, where he has resided ever since. He is a farmer and stock raiser by profession and has served two terms as justice of the peace, and was school director for ten or twelve years. His postoffice address is Allen.

Hails from the East.

Hon. George E. Felton of Angus is a native of the east and about 40 years old. He has been a resident of Nebraska about fourteen years. He had been a republican, but 2 years ago was elected to the house from Nuckolls as an independent.

One of the Re-Elected.

Samuel Fulton, representative from the Thirtieth district, was born April 18, 1848, in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, moved with his parents to Defiance, O., where he was living in 1861, and where he enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-seventh regiment, Ohio volunteer infantry; was honorably discharged August 8, 1865, after serving through the war. He engaged in manufacturing for several years after his discharge from the service, but in 1874 returned to his farm in De Kalb county, Indiana, where he lived until 1888, when he came to Harlan county, and has since resided here on his farm. He was a republican in politics until 1888, when he joined the union labor party. He was elected to the legislature in 1890 by the independents and re-elected this fall.

Elected Six Times Judge.

Hon. James B. Farnsworth, member-elect to the legislature from the Fifty-second Nebraska district, is a man 67 years of age, quite gray, but as straight as an arrow and well preserved. Mr. Farnsworth was born in Norridgwock, Me., receiving a common school and academic education; enlisted as a private in the Fourth Wisconsin cavalry, serving five years, coming home a major of volunteers. He has served six consecutive years as probate judge of Keya Paha county and two years as county attorney; was formerly a republican, but now an independent. Mr. Farnsworth's postoffice address is Springview.

A Substantial Farmer.

John Farrell, one of the democratic representatives of Dodge county, is a resident of North Bend. He is a substantial farmer.

From the Frontier.

Philo Ford will represent the two counties of Frontier and Gosper, which comprise the Sixty-sixth district. Mr. Ford lives on a farm in Gosper county, near the Phelps county line, and gets his mail at Bertrand. He was formerly a republican.

Was a Brave Soldier.

Hon. William M. Gifford, one of Pawnee's two republican representatives in the last legislature, and again in the coming session, was born in Parke county, Indiana, in 1845, of parents who had come from North Carolina. He enlisted in 1862 in the Eighty-ninth Indiana, made a brave soldier, was captured and exchanged, was wounded twice, and, by successive promotions, won a lieutenant's commission. From 1865 to 1874 he resided in Iowa. In the latter year he removed to Harlan county, this state, and in 1876 he located on his present farm, near Lewiston, which was raw prairie then, but has been made a productive and valuable property. Mr. Gifford has always been a farmer.

Isa Railroad Reformer.

Henry Gerdes was born in Illinois. His parents are German. His father represented this, Richardson county in the legislature fifteen years ago. Mr. Gerdes was a member of the last legislature, elected by the democrats. This year he owes his majority of eight votes to the demo-populo-fuso-ticket. He will advocate a maximum freight bill also better road laws a change in the Australian ballot system. He is 37 years old and a democrat pure and simple. His postoffice address is Barada.

A Good Business Man.

T. S. Goss, representative for Wayne and Stanton, is a farmer and lives near Wayne. He is in prosperous circumstances and is also said to be a good business man. He is a republican.

A Successful German.

Bennett Goldsmith, elected member of the legislature for the Fifteenth district (Cuming county), was born in Kemper, Grand Duchess, Posen, Germany, in 1844. Emigrated to this country in 1866 and settled in Beauford, S. C. He afterwards lived in New York City and subsequently removed to Fremont, Neb., where he resided five years. In 1875 he located in West Point, where he operated a general store and in which business he is still engaged. Mr. Goldsmith is a stalwart republican, is married and has a family. He has been eminently successful in business and is a man of commanding presence and broad views.

Served on Harrison's Staff.

Peter Griffith, the newly elected representative of Adams county, was born in Wyoming county, New York, on September 15, 1836. Mr. Griffith engaged in farming in his native state until he reached the age of 19 years, when he removed to Mercer county, Ills. There he lived until 1874, teaching school and farming. At the latter date he settled in Adams county, taking up eighty acres of land, which he has now increased to 160. His home is now near Roseland. Mr. Griffith has always been a republican. In 1862, Mr. Griffith enlisted in the One Hundred and Second Illinois, acting on General Harrison's staff as a clerk a good part of the time.

A Successful Farmer.

Hon. James N. Gaffin of Colon, representative-elect from the Twenty-seventh representative district, was born in Pickatonica, in Winnebago county, Ill., May 27, 1855, and is consequently 37 years old. Mr. Gaffin graduated at the High school of his native city at the age of 21. He then came to Douglas county, Neb., where he went into farming and stock raising on an extensive scale. After six years he removed to his present home in Saunder county, where he has been for ten years, and during that time has been a successful farmer and stock raiser. Mr. Gaffin was several times elected justice of the peace, both in this and in Douglas county, and was a member of the last legislature from this district. He belongs to the people's independent party, and since its organization; formerly he was a republican. He has a special interest in the transportation question and will support measures looking to a reduction of freight rates.

He says: "I shall favor the election of an independent to the United States senate first, and in case it should develop that we cannot elect an independent it will depend on who the men are whether I support a republican or a democrat."

Rose from the Ranks.

Charles A. Goss was born in Edinburg, Portage county, O., December 10, 1863, and after passing through the public schools entered Mount Union college at Alliance, O., where he was graduated in the class of '85. He found it necessary to teach school in order to secure money with which to defray the expenses of his collegiate course, and after his graduation came to Omaha, where he again entered the school room, taking charge of the West Omaha schools in 1886, at which time Walnut Hill was included in that district. He taught here a year, during which time he kept up the law studies begun in Ohio two years before, and on his 24th birthday, December 10, 1887, was admitted to the Douglas county bar. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession and two years ago formed a co-partnership with Joseph H. Blair, and the firm of Blair & Goss is still in existence.

Elected by Independents.

Hon. Charles Grammer, representative-elect for the Forty-eighth district, is a farmer, and was elected by the independent or people's party. Mr. Grammer was born in Adams county, Illinois, and is 43 years old. He moved to Adams county, Iowa, and in 1883 came to Howard county, where he has since resided. He homesteaded 160 acres and has since bought eighty acres more. He was a candidate on the republican ticket for sheriff in 1889, but was defeated. This had changed his politics and he has ever since been connected with the people's party. He has never held office in this county.

Always a Stalwart Republican.

W. D. Haller, representative from the Eleventh district, consisting of Washington county, was born in Walworth county, Wisconsin, April 27, 1846. He was raised on a farm and remained there until he was 20 years old, when he entered a drug store as clerk and learned the business of druggist in Burlington, Wis. His father and mother are natives of Canton Argan, Switzerland. They emigrated to the United States in 1833. In 1838 they moved to the then territory of Wisconsin. There they suffered all the privations incident to a sparsely settled country and remote markets. They raised a family of ten children, of which the subject of this sketch was the fifth. He was sent to the district school, later to the village high school, after which he attended for a while Berea college, Ohio.

In politics he is and always has been a stalwart republican. He is and has been a resident of Washington county, Nebraska, since 1871. His residence is in the city of Blair, where he is actively engaged in the drug business. He was elected councilman of the city of Blair four terms and mayor three terms. He is president of the Haller Proprietary company, of which he was the originator, which is doing a large business in the manufacture of patent medicines. He is one of the examiners to the Nebraska State Board of Pharmacy. He was elected to his present position, receiving the largest aggregate vote of any candidate on the ticket in Washington county. He has no special preference for United States senator, but only a straight, clean republican will receive his support.

Favors Railroad Reform.

W. P. Higgins was born in Harrison county, Missouri. He is 28 years of age and served out two terms as member of the Board of Supervisors of Custer county, Nebraska, and part of one term to which he was appointed to fill a vacancy. Has resided in Custer county, Nebraska, since 1885, having located here with his father two years before the county was organized. He is a farmer, having always been engaged in that business. He will advocate the reduction of freight rates, it being the only special legislation he has in view. His address is Wescott.

He's a Strong Anti-Monopolist.

Hon. George Horst of Valley precinct, Polk county, and representative from the Thirty-ninth district, is a native of Brown county, Wisconsin, and was born May 18, 1854. He comes from a good old German family, who emigrated from Germany and settled in Wisconsin in the early 40's. The whole family (a large one) moved from Wisconsin in 1871, homesteading and pre-empting land in the Platte valley, where they have lived ever since, George living with his parents. He attended the common school in district No. 5, worked on the farm and has taught school in the same district most of the time since he has been old enough to teach. He went to Oregon in the spring of 1880 and taught school for two years, then came back to Nebraska, being satisfied that this country is the best place this side of heaven. He has a little piece of Nebraska soil of his own consisting of eighty acres. He is an anti-monopolist from away back, and was one of the few who stood by Senator Van Wyck "first, last and all the time" in the legislature of 1887. He has always had something to do with politics; has been assessor of his precinct since the time "when the mind of man runneth not to the contrary." His name was on the ticket for assessor as well as representative this year and he was elected to both offices, receiving 104 out of the 131 votes cast in his own precinct, and 1,161 out of the 1,915 cast in the county. His address is Osceola.

Twice Elected Supervisor.

Hon. H. R. Henry of Minneola, representative from the Fiftieth district, was born in Ohio in 1849 and received a common school education. With his parents he removed to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1855. Mr. Henry since attaining manhood has been a farmer. In 1884 he came to Nebraska, locating on a homestead fifteen miles northeast of O'Neill. For nineteen years Mr. Henry voted the republican ticket. Mr. Henry was twice elected supervisor of Holt county and for one year was chairman of the board. The independents of Holt county sent him to the house two years ago and have returned him for a second term.

An Early Settler.

Frank A. Harmon of Pauline, Adams county, is the newly chosen float representative for the Forty-sixth district, Adams and Webster counties. He is 35 years old, being born in Libertyville, Ia. In 1874, when he was 17 years of age, Mr. Harmon came to Nebraska and for a considerable portion of that time has been a farmer in the southern part of this county. Although this is his first terms' experience in the state legislature, he has served for quite a long time as supervisor for his township. He affiliates with the people's independent party and will vote with that party.

A Green Mountain Boy.

E. B. Hinds of Odell representative from the Thirty-second district, was born in Vermont in 1842. In August, 1862, he enlisted in company M, First Iowa cavalry. He served three years and six months, receiving his discharge in Austin, Tex., February 15, 1866. During his term of service he took part in many engagements. He is a staunch Grand Army of the Republic man and an earnest worker in the ranks of the republican party. He was unanimously elected director on the first school board of Odell, of which he has continued to be a member ever since.

A Noted Politician.

Hon. Church Howe, who has vibrated between the two branches of the legislature for many years, will be in the house the coming session as the representative of Nemaha. He was born at Princeton, Mass., in 1839, and had an academic and commercial school education. He enlisted in 1861 in the famous Massachusetts Sixth, and was at Baltimore with that regiment when attacked by the mob while passing through. Afterwards he recruited the Fifteenth Massachusetts infantry, went out as quartermaster, and was subsequently commissioned captain. He retired from the army on account of ill health, after participating in sixteen engagements with the army of the Potomac. In 1869 he came west and helped organize the territory of Wyoming. On his way out he bought 700 acres in Nemaha county, and there he located in 1871. He has added many broad acres to Walnut Grove farm, and is now extensively engaged in raising blooded horses and stock.

Served in Grant's Regiment.

October 7, 1846, in Washington county, N. Y., W. J. Irwin, member-elect of the legislature from the Twenty-fifth district, was born. His father removed to Galena, Ill., in 1840, where the family resided until 1870. In 1863 the subject of this notice enlisted in the army as a veteran recruit, serving two years and four months, and now holds a discharge from the Twenty-first Illinois, General U. S. Grant's old regiment. Upon removing from Illinois Mr. Irwin came to Platte county, taking a homestead in the Looking Glass valley, where he has since resided. Mr. Irwin was a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1885 and was defeated for the same position in 1887 by but forty-two votes. He has been postmaster of West Hill postoffice for seventeen years. Mr. Irwin is a practical farmer. This year he was elected to the legislature as the candidate of the people's party. He is a member of the Platt county board of supervisors.

He's a Gentleman Farmer.

P. H. James of Cortland, representative from the Thirty-second district, was born in Pike county, Ohio, July 4, 1842. On July 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company I, Twenty-sixth Ohio infantry, and served till the close of the war. He was engaged in many of the hottest battles. At the expiration of his first term of enlistment he re-enlisted. In 1870 Mr. James came to Nebraska, locating in Johnson county. In 1872 he removed to Gage county. Mr. James is not what is commonly known as a "gentleman" farmer, but superintends his farm and does a large share of the manual labor.

A Typical Western Man.

Hon. E. M. Jenkins of Alexandria, who will represent Thayer county, Thirty-fifth district, was born in Washburn, Ill., in 1848, removed to Nebraska and settled in Alexandria thirteen years ago. He goes to the legislature in the prime of life with a brain unclouded or dimmed by the use of tobacco or whisky—and as a staunch, solid republican—uncompromising or unswerving in the principles of the grand old party. He is also a typical western man, full of push and enterprise, being the chief promoter in the building of a spacious farmers' elevator; also the agitator and worker-up of a fine $4,000 brick two-story building belonging to the order of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, just completed. Mr. Jenkins is also a thorough worker in the Baptist church.

Has a Good Record.

Jens Jensen of Geneva, the republican representative from Fillmore county, enlisted in the First Wisconsin heavy artillery in 1863 as a private, was promoted to a second lieutenancy for gallant service and was mustered out in 1866. He located in Nebraska the following year, taking up a homestead in Lancaster county, and then moved to Saline county, where he served one year as commissioner. In 1872 he located in Fillmore and took up a homestead. Three years later he was chosen county clerk and was re-elected for a second term. His home is now at Geneva. He has been a member of the State Agricultural Board for twelve years.

Will Look After the Farmers' Interests.

Hon. Nathan Johnson, representative-elect from York county, was born in Coventry, R. I., in 1840 and is now 52 years old. He was raised on a farm in northern New York, afterward residing for a short time in Illinois and Iowa, homesteading in this county in 1871. He still lives on his farm three miles southeast of York. Mr. Johnson has always been a republican and has taken an interest in politics. He has never before held office in this state, but being a farmer and having the interest of the farmers at heart, he was nominated by the republican party and elected by a large plurality over the independent candidate. Mr. Johnson will endeavor to bring before the legislature the necessity of a drainage law.

Hails from Sweden.

John L. Johnson of Grand Island, representative-elect from the Seventeenth district, is a native of Sweden. He was born in Nassja October 16, 1848. He came to this state in 1872, after having lived in Wisconsin from 1866 to 1869, and in Louisiana from 1869 to 1872. He is a farmer and an independent. He has never before been a member of any legislature nor did he hold any further offices than those of township treasurer and supervisor. Railroad legislation will receive his particular attention and he defines himself as strictly opposed to state bounty on sugar. Mr. Johnson has no particular candidate for senator, but says: "He must be in favor of free coinage of silver, in favor of a tariff for revenue only and must stand right on the transportation question. Above all, he must represent the Nebraska agriculturist and not the eastern manufacturers."

's an Ordained Minister.

Hon. B. J. Johnson of Howe, who was elected as representative from Nemaha county by the deomcrats and independents combined, was born in Jackson county, Missouri, April 12, 1829. His father was a simon pure democrat of the Jacksonian school, and taught democracy to his children from the cradle up. In 1855 Mr. Johnson moved to Leavenworth county, Kansas, where he owned a farm of 520 acres, and was there occupied in farming and freighting across the plains, continuing in this for about fifteen years. About 1865 he moved to Nebraska City, where he was engage in transferring goods for the railroad company across river to Nebraska City. He also owned a farm in Otoe county and carried that on in connection with his transfer business. In 1882 he moved to this county, where he has lived ever since. He has been a democrat all his life till about three years ago, when he joined the independent party. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and is ordained as a minister and has frequent calls to preach the gospel.

A Man the Railroads Don't Like.

Charles R. Keckley, one of the representatives from York county, has been a familiar figure in the legislature, but he has formerly occupied a seat in the senate. For two terms he represented York and Fillmore counties in the upper branch of the legislature, in 1887 and 1889. Mr. Keckley is 43 years of age and is a native of Ohio. His father was one of the pioneers of York county and at one time was elected a member of the house from the same district which his son now represents. Mr. Keckley resides at York and is a stock dealer. He has always been a republican and has been identified with the anti-monopoly element of the party. He is a very popular man at home, as his election amply indicates. He is also a veteran of the late war and bears honorable scars received in battle.

A German Representative.

John F. Kessler, who was elected representative of the Twelfth district, is of German parentage and was born in the state of Pennsylvania in the year of 1853, and is 39 years of age. He came to Burt county twenty years ago, going into the mercantile business in Tekamah, where he remained in business ten years, then moving on a farm near Oakland, where he has been in the stock raising business for the past ten years, and is today one of the largest stock raisers in Burt county. John F. Kessler has always been a staunch republican, this being the first time he ever run for office, and had a hard fight to make. John F. Kessler is a shrewd and conservative man, and is highly respected in this community. He will undoubtedly introduce a bill to reduce the rates of the stock yards.

Is a Practical Farmer.

Clarence E. Keyes, member of the legislature-elect from Sarpy county, was born in Spencer, Mass., in 1848 and is 43 years old. He removed to Sarpy county with his parents in 1874 and has resided there ever since. Mr. Keyes has always been a staunch republican and in county affairs has always been a leader in republican politics. Mr. Keyes is a practical farmer, and devotes his entire time and attention to farming and breeding of fine cattle. His beautiful farm home, three miles north of Springfield, is a model of neatness and one of the very best in the county.

Is a Banker.

R. F. Kloke of West Point, who will represent the Sixteenth district, comprising Cuming, Dakota and Thurston counties, is a successful young business man of German parentage. He spent his early boyhood on a farm, and at the age of 15 moved with his family to town, where he attended the public schools. He took a commercial course in a business college at Green Bay, Wis., then returned home to engage in the real estate business, and is now president of the Nebraska State bank of West Point. He has also become interested in several business enterprises, and enjoys the confidence of his fellow townsmen in a flattering degree. He has held no public office except that of school director, a position he has filled for three years. He is a republican.

Between Wind and Water.

William Kaup, one of the Saline county representatives, is a resident of Western, where he is a dealer in pumps and wind mills. He has always been a republican and was elected by that party by a good round majority.

Only a Small Stream.

Ed Krick has been returned as a representative of Kearney county. Mr. Krick is a farmer and resides near Minden. He was formerly a republican.

One of the Uncertainties.

J. G. Kruse will perhaps be a member of the legislature and perhaps he wont. He holds the certificate issued by the county clerk of Knox county, while Mr. Norton holds the certificate issued from Boyd. The contest for the office is now on and is an interesting one. Kruse is an independent and was one of the most radical members of the last legislature. He was formerly a democrat and he resides at Creighton.

Lost a Leg at Shiloh.

James H. Kyner was born in Ohio forty-four years ago. He enlisted in 1861 and lost a leg at the battle of Shiloh. In 1870 he settled in Nebraska, removing to this city twelve years ago. He was a member of the lower house of the legislature during the session of 1881. Mr. Kyner has amassed quite a fortune, all of which is invested in Omaha property. He is now a grading and railroad contractor.

Is a Buckeye Boy.

Hon. George C. Lingenfelter of Colton, representative-elect from the Fifty-fourth district, is a man of 30 years of age. He is a native of Ohio, and has lived near Sidney, this state, for the past seven years. He was nominated by the people's-independent party and received a good majority at the election. He is a farmer and teacher by occupation. He will introduce a bill in the house to revise our system of raising revenues. The object of the bill will be to secure uniform assessments and taxation over the state. He will favor a reduction or adjustment of freight and passenger tariffs that will be equitable as between railroad corporations and the people.

Three Times City Councilman.

Augustus Lockner, one of the republican representatives from Douglas county, was born and raised in Rochester, N. Y., receiving his education in the public schools of that city. He enlisted at the age of 16 in company H, Twenty-first New York cavalry, and served three years, mostly under General Phil Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley. When discharged in 1866, he came to Nebraska, took a homestead in Butler county, and he has been a resident of this state ever since. He helped organize Butler county and was afterwards postmaster at Pepperville. He left the farm in 1874, removing across the Platte to Columbus, where he engaged in the hardware and implement business, in which he continued for twelve years. His health failing, he then sold out and removed to Omaha, where he has resided for the past six years. He served for three successive terms in the Columbus city council which, with his incumbency in the Pepperville postoffice, has been the extent of his career in public life.

His First Successful Race.

George W. Leidigh, representative-elect from the Seventh district, was born in Philadelphia in 1850. He went to Nebraska City in 1870 and engaged in the butcher business, and later in the ice business. Fortune smiled upon him in both ventures, and he is now one of the largest property holders in the city. At present Mr. Leidigh is engaged in the commission business at the stock yards. He has been school director during the past six years, and is still a member of the board. Mr. Leidigh is a staunch democrat, and has been his party's candidate for various offices, this being his first successful race. Mr. Leidigh lives about one mile west of Nebraska City, owning one of the best farms in the county.

Has Always Been a Democrat.

G. A. Luikart, representative from the Twenty-third district, was born in 1852 in the Manor Sulzburg, near Stutgart, Wurtemburg, South Germany. He came to this country in 1870 and for ten years was engaged in the manufacture of soap and lard oil. He has been in the banking business nearly ten years and is now president of the Tilden State bank, also president of the Meadow Grove State bank. He has bought and improved over 1,000 acres of land and rents considerable land now. He has never foreclosed a mortgage and never been compelled to force collection by suit. He has always been a democrat.

One of the New Independents.

One of the new faces on the independent side of the house will be that of J. O. Lynch, the representative of the Fifty-ninth district. Mr. Lynch is a well known Dawson county farmer and resides near Lexington. Before he joined the independents he was a republican.

Always a Straight Republican.

Hon. W. S. McCutcheon, who will again represent Boone in the house, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1841. He enlisted in company K, Twenty-first Iowa infantry, July, 1862, and his first military experience was in fighting guerillas in Missouri. Later he was in the Port Gibson Champion Hill charge at Black River bridge, at the seige of Vicksburg under General Grant and was at the capture of Mobile, the Spanish Fort and Blakely. He was mustered out in August, 1865, after three years of hard and active service. Mr. McCutcheon came to Nebraska years ago and took up the farm in Boone county upon which he now lives. He was always a straight republican until he joined the independent party. He lives near St. Edwards.

An Old Settler in Clay County.

Hon. E. A. McVey, representative of the Twenty-fifth district, was born in 1844, in Delaware county, Indiana. He served during the late war in the Fourth Iowa cavalry, and moved to Nebraska in 1871, settling on a homestead in the north part of Clay county, where he now resides. He owns one of the finest farms in the county and is worth $15,000. He has never held official position until last year. Has been a member of the county Board of Supervisors. He generally identified himself with the democrats until the organization of the independent party.

A True Republican.

H. J. Merrick of Adams, representative from the Forty-fifth district, was born at Pleasantville, Pa., November 18, 1846. In February, 1864, he enlisted in company D, One Hundred and Eleventh Pennsylvania infantry, served till the close of the war and was mustered out at Pittsburg, Pa., August, 1862. He is a republican in the true sense of the word. This is the first time he has been selected to fill an office of this kind.

A Three Initial Man.

J. C. F. McKesson is one of the five republican representatives from Lancaster county. He is a farmer as well as a politician and resides on a homestead near Emerald. He was a member of the last legislature and was quite a prominent figure in the house.

An Omaha Old-Timer.

W. N. Nason, one of the republican representatives from Douglas county, has been a resident of Omaha, with the exception of a brief absence, for the past thirty years, and has been secretary of the Omaha Board of Trade for the past four years. He was born in Pennsylvania, migrated to Illinois and thence to Omaha, where he was for twenty years manager for the Singer Sewing Machine company. He is in close touch with the business interests of Nebraska and will command the support of the business men.

Another of the Re-Elected.

Hon. N. P. Nelson, one of the two democratic representatives from the Fourteenth district, was born in Sweden in 1851. He came to America in 1869 and has since resided on a farm near Hooper, Neb. He held no important public office until first sent to the legislature, two years ago.

The Newberry Bill.

Fred Newberry, who fathered the famous Newberry bill in the last legislature has a certificate of election to the house this time, but he only got it by one majority. His place is being hotly contested and Mr. Newberry may not have an opportunity to introduce his bill at this session. He resides on his farm near Aurora. He was formerly a republican.

A Candidate for Speaker.

Hon. R. H. Oakley, representative from the Thirtieth district, an influential republican who was re-elected to the house in Lancaster, was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1846 and was reared on a farm. His parents having removed to Cortland county, New York, he received there a common school education, which he finished at the Marathon High school. Mr. Oakley has educated and cared for himself since his early boyhood. Early in life he learned telegraphy, and when 18 went to New York City and became a clerk in the house of A. T. Stewart & Co., where he remained about two years, and then engaged with the American Telegraph company, having charge of a city office, and subsequently became superintendent of the Elmira division of the United States Telegraph company. Retiring from this position after two years he engaged in the dry goods business with a brother in Dunkirk, N. Y., from whence he came to Lincoln in the spring of 1870, and for a time resumed telegraphing. Later Mr. Oakley returned to the mercantile business, and for many years, latterly as partner, was connected with dry goods houses of that city. Eight years ago he engaged in the coal trade, which he still continues. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and has been grand commander and grand master of the state. He is president of the Lincoln Board of Trade and organized and was president of the State bank of Cortland.

His Second Term.

Peter B. Olson, one of the representatives-elect from the