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Pen Sketches of the Men Who Will Make the State's Laws.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE OF THEM

Senators and Representatives.Elect Who Have Led Eventful Lives-Some Won Distinction on the Field of Battle-interesting Records.

The Bee presents herewith sketches of the members-elect of the state legislature, which assembles at Lincoln one week from tomorrow. The two houses of the logislature are made up of 133 members, thirty-three of whom are in the senate. The biographies Bllowing will be found full of interest:

KNOWS ALL ABOUT IRRIGATION. W. R. Akers, senator elect from Scotts Bluff county, is one of the men who will be of valuable service in shaping irrigation legislation at the coming session. He has been a practical irrigation farmer for eight years in Scotts Bluff county, and has given that branch of agriculture a great deal of intelligent study. He is a farmer of the more practical sort, and has made a close study of political and economic questions.

ONCE AN ANTI-MONOPOLY REPUBLICAN. W. E. Bauer, senator-elect from Seward and Butler counties, was born near Akron, O., September 2, 1860. After obtaining the Usual common school education he entered Union City High school and graduated, after went to Ann Arbor university. He which he removed to Iowa in 1881 and for some time was engaged as instructor in Latin in the city schools of Muscatine. He pursued his law studies in the meantime and in 1884 was admitted to practice in the lowa courts. He became a citizen of Nebraska in 1885,

and has practiced law continuously since that Politically Mr. Bauer adhered to the year. republican party until the refusal of the republican convention to renominate Judge Reese in 1892. Since that time he has affiliated with the prople's independent movement SERVED WITH CREDIT IN THE WAR.

Joseph Black, senator-elect from Buffalo and Sherman counties, is one of the best known citizens of the city of Kearney. H was born in Virginia sixty years ago, and has since resided in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. At the breaking out of the war of the re bellion he was a resident of Illinois and a once enlisted in the Fifty-fifth infantry as a private. By gallant conduct he was gradu-ally promoted until he received from Governor Yates a commission as captain of com pany K. He participated in the battles of shiloh, was in the Yazoo campaign and at the siege of Vicksburg. After the close of the war he located in Iowa, where he lived until 1875, when he came to Kearney. He has served one term as county treasurer, one term as mayor of Kearney and has three times been elected president of the Kearney

Board of Education. LIVED HERE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS. John T. Bressler, who will represent the people of Wayne county in the next senate, is a native of Huntington county, Pennsyl vania, having been born in the Keyston state in 1849. He became a resident o Nebraska in 1870, and has been an active progressive farmer since that time. He has served Wayne county as treasurer two terms, having been elected to that position in 1877 and 1879.

# LUCKY OHIO MAN.

George H. Caldwell, state senator-elect for March, 1844, and is therefore 50 years of age. He was raised on a farm. During the war he enlisted in company C, One Hundred and Fortieth Ohio infantry, and after the close of the rebellion lived in West Virginia for some time. He was admitted to the for some time. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1876, and in the year fol-lowing located in Grand Island, where he opened a law office. In 1878 he formed a opened a law once in this in order or O. A. Abbott. His pleasant business relations with Mr. Abbott continued until 1882, when he was elected judge of Hall county. This position he held for eight years. Since 1890 he has practiced law with ex-Governor Ab-

was elected to the state senate in 1892 and is now elected to his second term. REPRESENTS FOUR COUNTIES. William M. Gray, from the district com prising Custer, Valley, Blaine and Loup counis also a second termer, having served with credit to his constituents at the last obtaining a common school education in Insession. He is a native of Pennsylvania, hav-ing been born near Pittsburg in 1847. He vas trained for an active business life and for thirteen years was engaged in mercantile tered Knox college at Galesburg, Ill., where pursuits. He was compelled to leave this he pursued his studies until he graduated profession for a more active out-of-door life with high honors. He came to Nebraska in

and so came wort, settling in Valley county in 1884 and engaging in farming. He owns ways been a leading farmer of his county. a well cultivated half-section of choice farm-ing land and is as good a farmer as he is politician. He has been one of the leaders in the farmers alliance movement and is a strong independent.

LEOPOLD KNOWNS THE ROPES. Leopold Hahn wil serve his second term

senate from Adams county, having already served still another term in the house. is one of the few natives of Germany in He the legislature, having been born in that country in 1844. He has been a resident of Adams county for sixteen years and has al-ways taken an active part in politics.

ANOTHER LUCKY OHIO MAN.

J. H. Hitchcock, who will represent the float district composed of Nemaha and Johnson counties in the next senate, is one of the proverbially lucky Ohio men. He was the proverbially lucky Ohio men. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, and spent his boyhood days in that state. He moved directly from Ohio to Sterling, Neb., but afterwards went to Burlington, Ia., where he entered a business and law college. After completing his studies at Burlington he returned to Nebraska and commenced his business career by teaching school at the little town of Adams. After two years of educational work he again resumed the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in 1885. He has made his home at Sterling until recently, when he removed to Te-cumsch, and is now in the closing month of his second term as county attorney o Johnson county.

IS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI.

W. D. Holbrook is the republican senator from the Tenth senatorial district and will represent the people of Dodge and Wash-ington counties in the next session. He is a native of Missouri and was born on April 17, 1850, at Scottsville, Sullivan county. When he was 13 years of age his parents moved to Hilinois, where he lived in Coles Milwaukee in 1858, when he returned to and Woodford counties for fifteen years. Canada, where he remained two years, at the Mr. Holbrook first became a resident of Nebraska in 1878. When he came to this state he adopted agriculture as a profession, the plasterer's trade, Going to Chicago in and has always been a prominent farmer of Dodge county. He was an active and in-fluential member of the Grange and recently of the Farmers alliance, but ceased to be identified with the latter organization when it pushed its way into politics. He has never held any official position higher than school director and has always been a consistent, active republican

ONE OF THE CHARACTERS.

E. W. Jeffres, senator-clect from the Ninth district, comprising Antelope, Boone Anth district, comprising Antelope, Boone and Greeley counties, is a resident of Horace. He is one of the leaders of the independent party in his district and will be probably, one of the most unique char-acters in the senate. Ho is a farmer and has a personality that will attract attention. ELECTED IN A POPULIST STRONGHOLD W. J. Lehr, republican, will represent the people of the Fifth senatorial district, comprising the countles of Saunders and Sarpy. He is 38 years old, of German descent and was born in the state of Illinois. He has lived in Saunders county for sixteen years and owns one of the finest half section farms in that county. His abilities as a business man prompted the people of Saunders county to make him their county commis-

elect for Richardson and Pawnee counties, was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, on November 8, 1861, his father being Hon. Richard Lindsay, one of the leading lawyers of the Badger state. H. C. Lindsay com-menced the study of the law in his father's office, was admitted to practice in 1882 and menced the study of the law in his father's office, was admitted to practice in 1882 and admitted to practice before the Wisconsin supreme court the following year. He re-moved to Pawnee City in the fall of 1883 and formed a partnership with Hon. G. M. Humphrey, His legal connection with Caphe has practiced law with excounter was and formed a partnership with Hon. G. I bott as a partner. Two years ago he was the republican candidate for the senate, but tain Humphrey was severed in 1888, and PROMINENT IN CHURCH WORK, TOO. that year Mr. Lindsay was elected county attorney for Pawnee county. He served the people of his county in this capacity for four years. William Steufer, senator-elect from Cuming county, is of German descent and was four years. He was for several years chairman of the republican county central born in Watertown, Wis., in 1847. He has been a resident of Cuming county ever since 1863 and has had a successful business committee. His friends claim for him that career, being the president of the West he is a successful attorney, a pleasing orator, Point National bank at the present time. Although this is to be his first term in the musician and a "royal good fellow. ALWAYS A CONSISTENT REPUBLICAN. legislature he has for many years occupied positions requiring the exercise of good executive ability. His first office was that Edwin E. Mitchell, senator-elect from Clay and Hamilton counties, is a resident of Aurora. He was elected by the republican party, of which he has always been a con-For fifteen years he was a of county clerk. member of the Board of Education at West Point and is still president of that organiza-SERVED THROUGH ALL THE WAR. tion. He also served as chairman of the Gilbert E. McKeeby, representative from town board and afterward as mayor of West Webster county in the coming senate, was For twenty-five years he has been a born in Bath, Summit county, O., November 4, 1846, and removed to Wisconsin with his trustee in the German Lutheran church. Personally he enjoys a wide popularity in two years later. He grew to manhis district and possesses the confidence hood in the Badger state, and while still a student in the Wisconsin State university all his constituents. student THIRD TERM AS A POPULIST. enlisted in company C. First Wisconsin heavy artillery, and served through the entire war, H. G. Stewart was one of the leading mem bers of the senate on the populist side of He had turned his attention to the study of He had turned his attention to the study of medicine and surgery and graduated from Bellevue Medical college in New York City three years after the end of the war. For fourteen years he followed the practice of bits profession at Lodi. Wis. During his the chamber at the session two years ago and will be leader among the small handful of independent senators at the coming session. He was born in Fon du Lac county, Wisconsin, in 1854 and spont his earlier life During his his profession at Lodi, Wis. on a farm. After removing to Nebraska in 1875 he resided in Nance county for six residence at Lodi he served in the Wisconsin state senate during the years 1881 and 1882. He afterwards moved to Nebraska and has where he still makes his home. He has been ived at Red Cloud for the past twelve a farmer all his life and a successful one. years. In politics Senator Stewart was a republican A WELL MERITED PROMOTION. until about ten years ago, when he eschewed John C. F. McKesson, senator-elect from Lancaster county, was born in Buena Vista, Ill., on December 13, 1858. Immediately at the close of the war and after a year's resi-dence in Kansas, he came to Nebraska, locarepublican politics and assumed an attitude independent of all parties. He was one of the leaders in the farmers alliance move-ment and was for several years vico president of the state organization ting in Richardson county. He has lived in Nebraska ever since it was admitted into the ALWAYS A LEADING REPUBLICAN. Orlando Tefft of Cass county has been union as a state. After completing a com-mon school education he entered the Nefamiliar figure in Nebraska politics a great many years. He is a native of Illinois, being braska State university and studied there for braska state university and scholed there for six years, passing through all the classes to nearly the completion of the senior year. In the meantime he embraced the field of journalism, joining with Colonel Hyde in founding the Lincoln Daily News, his labors born at Elgin in 1843. He received an ex-cellent education. He came to Nebraska in the territorial days with his parents. In 1867 he purchased the 480 farm which is still his homestcad and has long been looked upon as one of Cass county's most successful on that paper making it necessary for him to leave the university before completing his senior year. He continued with the Daily News for one year and then removed to the citizens. He has been prominently associated with the republicans of the state, is fre-quently a delegate to the state and congressional conventions and was elected to the senate in 1878 and 1880. He was re-elected farm near Emerald, upon which he still re-sides. In 1887 he went to Goodland, Kan., o assume the position of cashier in the bank of Russell Bros. In 1888 he returned to Lancaster county, of which he has been a resident ever since. In the fall of 1890 he was elected a member of the legislature on tenant governor, but declined to permit his name to be used. the republican ticket. He was re-elected to the house in 1892, and was one of the leaders

on the republican side. He is skilled in the

art of parliamentary strategy and was al-ways in the front rank of the hot battles

on the floor. This year he was elected to the senate by a large majority.

SERVED IN NEW YORK

He instituted a contest before

ELECTED FOR A THIRD TERM.

service and remained until peace came. He closely identified with the republican party in has been a resident of Gage county since Saline county. 1880 and has been an active politician. He FROM A HOMESTEAD TO THE SENATE.

F. M. Rathbun, state senator from the Twenty-ninth district, comprising Franklin and Furnas counties, is to serve his first term in the legislature at the coming session. He was born in 1849 in the little town of Courtland, in De Kalb county, Ind. After diana he removed to Illinoia, where mained for five years with the Hoyt Bros, Manufacturing company. He afterwards en-

ONE OF NEBRASKA'S SONS. Sherman Saunders, senator-elect from th Eighth district, is a native of Nebraska, and as far as learned the only member of the

senate born in this state. He was born at Helena, Cedar county, Neb., in August, 1864. After obtaining such an education afforded by the common schools he attended Yankton college, where he received his diploma. For the past four years he has been cashler of the Farmers and Merchants State bank at Bloomfield, Knox county, Mr. Saunders re-

ceived the largest plurality ever given to any senatorial candidate in his district. BELIEVES IN FILLMORE COUNTY.

Charles H. Sloan is to represent the Twee y-fourth senatorial district, comprising the unties of Fillmore and York, in the coming legislature. He is a young man, having been born May 2, 1863, near Monticello, Ia. After finishing a course in the public schools he completed his education at that well and favorably known institution, the Iowa State Agricultural college, at Ames, and it is no discredit to him to say that he paid his expenses during the three years and a half he spent at college by working at manual labor a part of each day. As soon as he finished his course he secured the principalship of the public schools at Fairmont in this state, hold-ing the position for three years and pursuing the study of the law at the same time. He was admitted to the bar at the end of three

years study. In 1890 he was made county atorney of Fillmore county and was re-elected n 1892. As a result of his work in Nebraska ne owns a fine farm in Fillmore county and a comfortable home at Fairmont. IS A GOOD ORGANIZER.

Richard Smith, one of Douglas county's rio of senators, is a native of Canada and is 47 years old. He went with his father t 1871, he was engaged in business as a con tractor and builder until 1886, when he came to Omaha to follow the same line of busines. ness. He has always been an active repub lican and was chairman of the city central committee in 1891, when he proved his skill as a political organizer, being successful in securing the election of George P. Bemis for mayor by a plurality of about 4,000. Mr

Smith has always been in entire sympathy with laboring men of all classes and with labor organizations and was the principal mover in introducing the system of arbitration into Omaha. He is the president of the Builders and Traders exchange.

WIELDS THE SCHUYLER QUILL. John C. Sprecher, senator-elect from Colfax county, will be one of the notable figures in the next senate. He is the editor of the

Schuyler Quill, and naturally a leader. He was bern in Arcannum, O., March 9, 1864, and came to Colfax county with his parents in 1871. Reared on a farm, he obtained the ducation afforded by the district schools of his county and at the age of 16 was himself t teacher in Colfax county. He wielded the birch for six years, part of the time being in charge of one of the ward schools of Schuyler. In 1886 he first formed the Idea of entering the newspaper field, and being

disappointed in his purpose of buying an in terest in the Schuyler Sun he established a new paper, the Quill. He was confronted wRh the usual obstacle in the path of the average newspaper man-a lack of funds; but his energetic nature declined to balk at so trifling a matter as the want of money. Making a personal canvass of Colfax county, he secured a pretty fair subscription list and enough cash in advance to start his enter-

born at Rochester, N. Y., on December 10, 1845, and during the greater part of his youth resided at Bonalo. He moved to Michigan in 1861, and sfrom that state to Montana, where he 'roughed' it in the ter-ritory for six years. He first became a periode of Newsyley in 1574 periods to work, and for several years served as prinresident of Nebraska in 1874, moving to Lincoln, where he has always been promi-nently identified with the business interests of the second city of the state. He organ-ized and is now president of the Columbian National bank. In 1876 he was elected councilman and afterwards served two terms in the mayor's chair. In 1885 he was elected a member of the house of repre intatives

The biographical sketches of the memberselect of the lower house of the legisla-ture make interesting reading. Many of the members have led eventful lives, the details of which are given below:

USED TO INSPECT SIDEWALKS. James Allan of Douglas county was born in Scotland in 1854, and came to America when but 5 years of age, his parents coming directly to Nebraska and locating on a farm near West Point. He was assessor of the precinct for four years and has been one of the workers in that line for years. He came to Omaha twelve years ago. He worked five years on the street commissioner's force was for three years sidewalk inspector, and was afterwards foreman under Street ioner Balcomb

ALWAYS A FARMER.

William Ashby, republican representative from Clay county, was born in Champaigne, III., April 15, 1857. He was fortunate it being able to secure a liberal education graduating from the high school at Champalgn in 1882. He entered the University of Illinois the same year and rose high in his classes. In 1884 he was obliged to leave the university by reason of the removal of his parents to Nebraska. He has made farming his profession ever since coming to this state, with the exception of having taught a few terms of school.

ANOTHER FIRST TERMER

Frank Bacon is one of the deservedly popular republicans of Dawson county and this fact accounts for his election to the house of representatives for the ensuing term He is one of the acknowledged repub lican leaders in his county and is a hard worker for his party. His election to the legislature is a well earned reward for his services to the people of his county.

A TAX EQUALIZER.

Mr. Patrick H. Barry, who served in the last legislature and took an active part in the impeachment proceedings, was born in Ireland, August 25, 1844, and emigrated America in Match, 1849, locating in Boston, he received his education in the public schools of that city. In 1861 he joined the union army, enlisting in company E. Third regiment, of Thomas Travor's Meagher Irish brigade and served aroughout the Peninsular campaign, under Ir. Tollens in the battles of Bull Run, South Mountain and Antietam. He was wounded in the leg at the battle of Antietam and disabled from duty. In February, 1863, he was discharged, but re-enlisted in 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 Rond, July 1864, in front of Fort Hell, Petersburg Va. In March, 1880, he emigrated to Ne-braska and homesteaded in Garfield county, moving to Greeley county in June, 1881. In 1888 Mr. Barry was defeated for the state senate on the democratic ticket. Mr. Barry is a great believer in the equalization of taxation and he will introduce a bill in the legislature, the object of which is to in-augurate a system of taxation whereby all classes will be taxed according to the amount I property they own and not on what they owe. Mr. Barry is a farmer of good standing in the community, and was elected to the lower house by a good sized majority. SCOUTED WITH MAJOR NORTH.

Gus G. Becher, the representative-elect for the Twenty-fourth district, was born in Pilthe Twenty-fourth district, was born in Fil-sen, Bohemia, in 1844, and came to America in 1849. His early years were passed in St. Louis, where he received his education. In 1858 the subject of this sketch moved to Nebraska and spent six or seven years in Omaha, working for a firm by the name of Hurford & Brother, dealers in hardware whose store was located on Douglas street Becoming somewhat tired of the monotony of commercial life, in 1867 Mr. Becher joined Major North in a scouting expedition, and served as both lieutenant and captain of the major's famous Pawnee scouts, who did the leading members of the populist party in Indians of those days in good order. In 1870 Mr. Becher entered the real estate

Mr. Becher has held public offices,

WAS A GALLANT SOLDIER.

lent, a republican, and a member

infantry, serving under General Pope,

he commenced the banking business at

FAVORS LOWER FREIGHT RATES.

nas county, is a republican and an anti-mo nopolist, if anti-election pledges count. H

was born in West Virginia and divided h

time between farming and teaching school until 1882, when he came to Nebraska and

located on a farm near Arapahoe. He held the office of postmaster under President Har-

ison with complete satisfaction to the patron

of the office and to the authorities at Wash-

ington. During the campaign he championes

anti-monopoly principles and pledged himsel

NEVER DABBLED IN POLITICS.

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E. R. Bee, representative-elect from Fur-

the democratic candidate.

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cipal of high schools. His first official posi-tion was as county superintendent of schools of the People. In 1876 Rutherford and Cas-per came to Nebraska, and established themin Fillmore county, Minnesota. He held this position ten years, always being elected by the republican party. He has always been a republican, and as a man is a deep thinker and a close student of the living questions of the day. He is now engaged in farming laiure a number of terms, and was in one and stock raising, being one of the most exof the day. He is now engaged in farming and stock raising, being one of the most ex-tensive land owners in Buffalo county. As a parliamentarian he is said to have but few popula in the state campaign the democratic candidate for con-gress in the old Second congressional disequals in the state.

ENLISTED FROM NEBRASKA.

John M. Brockman, who will represent Richardson county, backed by the experience gained as a member of the last session, was born in Morgan county, Illinois, August 20, 1841. Growing up to young manhood in that state, he followed the profession of teaching

state, he followed the profession of teaching until the territory of Nebraska was carved out of the Louisiana domain. Then he located near Brownville, where he lived when the war broke out. He promptly enlisted in the First Nebraska regiment of cavairy, after-wards merged into the Fifth Iowa. He was in the battle of Shiloh and in the long Mis-meteric comparison which followed they can sissippi campaign, which followed that san-guinary engagement. For a year he served as a scout under Generals Crook and Thomas the close of the war he married and settled in Richardson county, where he still makes his home. He takes an active inter-est in the welfare of his home county and has makes his home. He takes an active inter-est in the welfare of his home county and has served several terms as a commissioner. He has been a republican since he was old enough to vote.

LIVES IN SEWARD.

#### W. A. Brokaw, one of Seward's two mem-

w. A. Blokaw, one of Seward's two mem-bers in the lower house at the coming ses-sion, is a farmer, living near the little town of Ruby. He is an enthusiastic democrat, and was elected on the fusion ticket over his republican opponent.

PROUD OF HIS PARTY.

R. C. Brownell, legislative member-elect from Saunders county, is a life long re-publican and is proud of the record of his party. He is to serve in the legislature for the first time, but is a shrewd, practical man, and hopes to distinguish himself by graph:

serving his constituents well and faithfully. ALSO A BANKER.

J. C. Burch, who will help represent Gage J. C. Burch, who will help represent Gage county at the coming session of the legisla-ture, was born in Niagara county, New York, October 11, 1852. His boyhood days were spent on a farm in Fayette county, Ohio, and later he removed to lowa, where

he graduated from the Upper lowa uni versity in 1874. He commenced a journalistic career and achieved success for ten years. In 1882 he located in Wymore and engaged in the banking business with his father. He has long been considered one of the repre-sentative republicans of Gage county.

LABORINGMAN'S TRUE FRIEND.

J. W. Cole, representative-elect from the Sixty-seventh district, is a resident of Cul-bertson, his district including Hitchcock, Joseph Burns, an able champion of the cause of the laboringman, has again been elected to represent Lancaster county in the lower house. He is a republican of the right stamp, and came to this country from Dundy, Chase and Hayes countie Ireland fifty years ago, when only 8 years of age. His youth and early manhood were spent in Connecticut, and later resided at Monticello and Fort Madison, Ia. In 1873 he came to Nebraska and took up his resi-dence at Lincoln, in which city he has since Irish descent. He received a liberal educa-tion, and resided in the Buckeye state until n 1861. Then he enlisted in an Ohio cavalry lived. His life has mainly been spent in the well business, but has taken considerthe well business, but has taken consider-able interest in politics, having served as city councilman. Mr. Burns has been someregiment, and by gallant conduct was pro moted from the ranks to the captaincy of Company F, Thirteenth regiment. When seace was proclaimed he entered the medical what of an inventor, the well auger owing college at Hopedale, O., and commenced the study of medicine. After fortifying himself its existence to his ingenuity. This inven tion has been very highly spoken of by ex-perts in well digging. While Mr. Burns is with the advantages of several institutions. he commenced the practice of his profession and has continued it without interruption for not often seen in a swallow tail coat, he is a fluent talker and has a knack of always arousing enthusiasm whenever he addresses a political gathering.

WAS IN MANY BATTLES.

Edward C. Burns, republican member the lower house for Dodge county, has

war record equalled by but few of his fellow members. He is a native of New York state, having been born in Ontario county, November 3, 1838. When quite young he went with his father and family to Kalathe memorable legislative session of two years ago, and made his mark as one of the leading members of the house. He is 46 years of age, and was born in Johnstown O. Although his father was a rockribbe democrat, Mr. Cooley has affiliated with the mazoo, Mich., where he lived until he was 10 years old, when the family moved to republican party ever since he became a voter, and it is his boast that he has always Coldwater, where his father died in 1850 While a young man Mr. Burns learned the voted the republican ticket without a scratch. blacksmith's trade and followed it until the He is a farmer by professi breaking out of the war. He at once en-listed, and saw four years of hard service in the Fourth Michigan regiment. He J. O. Cramb of Jefferson county, served four years ago in the legislature. He is a ing in the fights at Fairfax Station, Bull republican, well versed in the arts of law making. He is prominently mentioned among the several candidates for speaker, and will Run and oa the Peninsula. He was also at Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Layne's Hill, Savage Station and Malvern Hill. He at least be given one of the important comwas among the prisoners captured on the Peninsula by rebel forces, but was exchanged after being held twenty-two days. He par-ticipated in the battle of Gettysburg in July, mitteships

AN OMAHA ATTORNEY. Joseph Crow of Douglas county is a native

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greenback newspaper known as the Volce and great determination, and highly re-of the People. In 1876 Rutherford and Cas-

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SERVED UNDER PRESIDENT HARRISON. Peter Griffith has for the second time been elected by the republicans of Adams county, to represent them in the lower chamber this winter at Lincoln. Mr. Griffith is a native of New York, having first seen daylight in Wyoming county, on September 15, 1838. Wyoming county, on september Griffith was Until he was 19 years of age Mr. Griffith was gress in the old Second congressional dis-trict, being defeated by James Laird. He made an excellent record in the last session he remained until 1874, teaching school and farming. He then selected Nebraska as his and means committee, and it was his carnest fight that prevented the usual raids upon the state treasury. He was selected as one he has increased to 160. Mr. Griffith has a of the managers of the impeachment of Sec-retary of State Allen, Commissioner Humgood war record, having enlisted in 1862 in the One Hunderd and Second Illinois, and phrey and Attorney General Hastings. While acted on General Harrison's staff, being se-closely in sympathy with the populist movelosely in sympathy with the populist movement, he has always been a straight and capacity of clerk a good part of the time, consistent democrat. WAS A SUBJECT OF THE QUEEN.

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DECLINED THE OFFICE ONCE. David Guthrie, representative-elect from Charles H. Chace, representative from Stanton county, was born in East Clarendon, Nuckols county, is a Canadian by birth, and one of the few statesmen of that nation in O., February 29, 1855. He went with his parents to Buchanan county, Iowa when 6 active political life in Nebraska. He was born near Ayr, Ontario, fifty-six years ago, years of age, and in 1869 relocated in Barion county, Missouri, He emigrated to Nebraska and resided in Canada a subject of the queen until 1878, when he came to Nebraska. Upon Upon in 1884, settling on a farm on the Humbug, arriving in Nebraska he engaged in the millthe business, and has been very successful. He is looked upon as one of the leading citin Slanton county. He has been a farmer izens of the thriving young town of Su-perior, and has been a member of the city ouncil several times since the town was made a city. He has twice been elected mayor of Superior, and is now serving his second term in that position. been a politician, although always an ardent republican. Always taking a great interest in agricultural matters, he has for years been the president of the Stanton County

STANDS HIGH IN HIS PROFESSION.

Elmer E. Hairgrove, one of Clay county's Agricultural society. Four years ago he was offered the legislative nomination, but demembers-elect to the house, was born on August 7, 1861, at Jacksonville, 111. He atclined to accept. He was elected this last election by a round plurality. tended Jacksonvillo college a number of terms and the Waverly High school for sev-eral years. Later he studied law with Lay-mon, Morrison & Whitlock, at Jacksonville, W. O. Chapman, one of Nebraska's brightand then entered the law department of Drake university at Des Moines, from which est journalists, and a member of the next house from Saline county, modestly tells the story of his own life in the following parahe graduated with the degree of bachelor of "I was born in Indianapolis, Ind., first opened a law office October 8, 1363, and lived there until 12 years of age, the latter three of them being spent Waverly, Ill., and afterward removed to Clay county in 1888. He has held the office of city attorney at Sutton several terms. He of age, the latter three of them being spent as a newsboy in that city. Entered the office of a country newspaper at Cambridge, Ill., when 14 years of age, to learn the printers' trade, and have been working about a coun-try office in one consulty on another since stands high in his profesion and enjoys a lucrative practice

HAS HAD EXPERIENCE.

W. D. Haller will represent Washington ounty in the coming legislature for the second time. He is a prominent business man of Blair, and has been a resident of that city since 1871. He was born in Walworth county, Ohio, April 27, 1846, and at the aga of 20 years began his career as a druggist, He moved to Blair in 1871, and has always been one of the leading business men of that city. He has served as a city councilman four terms, and as mayor of Blair three terms. He is also president of that

Haller Proprietory company, and for many years a member of the State Board of Pharmacy. Two years ago he was sent to Dr. J. B. Conaway, representative-elect from York county, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, September 17, 1840, of Scotchthe legislature by the largest majority ever given to a legislative candidate in Washing-ton county. He was re-elected last November by a handsome majority. He is and always has been a stalwart republican. President Lincoln called the nation to arms

HE'S A FARMER, TOO.

Henry Harkson, one of Lancaster county's five representatives, is a farmer and a republican. He owns a fine farm near Davey, and although he has never taken an active part in state politics, he has long been counted one of the reliable men in his party in Lancaster county.

FROM OLD SAUNDERS.

James Havlik, representative-elect from Saunders county, is an independent, and one more than twenty-five years. He has resided in York county since 1888, and has always affiliated with the republican party. of the prominent members of that party in unders. This is his first term as a legis-

lator. AN EX-ARMY SURGEON.

Dr. R. D. Harris, member-elect from the Fifty-fourth representative district, has had an eventful career on the plains. He was born in Zanesville, O., in July, 1848, and is by profession a physician and surgeon, having been in active practice for twentyeight years. He visited Nebraska in 1866, before the days of the Union Pacific, and drove an ox team overland across the plains to California. He was a resident of the Golden state until 1876, when he entered the

service of the United States, serving as an army surgeon for three years with General Miles on his frontier campaigns. After leav-ing the army he located at Ogalalla, and has practiced medicine and surgery there ever since. He is a staunch republican, and enters upon his legislative work with a great deal of enthusiasm. He has made a

special study of the irrigation question, and hopes to assist in passing needed irrigation

was defeated by the fusion candidate, John L. Johnson. This year he had the satisfaction of turning the tables on Mr. Johnson. FAVORS RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

J. N. Campbell, senator elect from the Eighteenth district, is one of the youngest members of the coming senate. He was born in Atchison county, Missouri, twenty-nine years ago. He moved to Nebraska while quite a young man, and was always identified with the democratic party in this state until the independent movement attracted his attention. He was a member of the last senate, and one of the leaders in the demand for railroad legislation. He was the especial champion of the anti-Pinkerton bill, and made a galant fight for its passage is also a friend of the National guard and an officer in the company at Fullerton. BORN ON HISTORIC SOIL.

Thomas D. Crane, another one of Doug-las county's senators, was born upon the historic soil of New Bedford, Mass., January 6, 1854. He was educated in his nativ-state, and adopted the profession of the law which he has been engaged since June 1887. He has been an active republican for many years, and was elected a member of the house of representatives two years ago, and led the list of candidates, polling the largest vote in the county.

CAME FROM THE LAND O' CAKES. John Crawford, senator elect from the dis-trict composed of Holt, Garfield, Wheeler and Boyd counties, was born in Renfrewshire, Scotland, in August, 1831, and with his parents came to America and settled in Canada near the Vermont line at a very early age. He received his education in Canada, and lived in that province until 1862, when he became a citizen of the United States, locating in Marquette county, Wisconsin. He became a resident of Boone county, Nebraska, in 1879, and settled in Holt county in the year following. He is a prosperous farmer and never participated in politics until 1890 when he entered the populist party and was elected one of the supervisors of Holt county, a position he has occupied four years.

STATESMAN AND JOURNALIST. George Cross, editor of the Fairbury Gazette, has been promoted from the lower house to represent the people of Jeffersor county in the senate of the coming legisla ture. He was born in Kenosha county, Wisconsig in 1841. He resided in the Badger state until 1870, when he came to Nebraska and located at the thriving city which is still his home. He served throughout the war in the First Wisconsin artillery, and after the coming of peace entered the Wis State consin State university, from which he graduated in 1867. He founded the Fairbury Gazette in 1870, and has been its editor con-tinuously ever since that time. He has been very successful and has made his paper one leading republican organs in southern Nebraska.

# WAS FORMERLY A REPUBLICAN.

W. F. Dale, one of the independent senators elect from Harlan county, will enter the next session with the experience of a term already well served. He was one of the leaders of the independent side of the senate at the last session and was chairman of the committee on appropriations, besides serving on the railroad and other important committees. He was formerly a republican, but joined the independent movement in 1890. He is one of the forceful men of the independent party in this state and was frequently mentioned prior to the last campaign candidate for both lieutenant governor and congress.

#### ONE OF THE OLD WAR HORSES.

Alexander Graham is a veteran, not only in republican politics in Nebraska, but of the row margin. He instituted a contest before the legislature, but the decision was against him late war, through which he served with gallantry. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1845. When the war broke cut he John D. Pope of Saline county will serve his constituents in the senate for the third time, having been elected to the Twentyenlisted in an Ohio regiment, although sev-eral years under the legal age. He served in the army four years, participating in the first session and re-elected to the last ses-battle of Shiloh, riding with Buell on the sion. He was born at Waukegan, Ill., in 1856, raid against Kirby Smith, did mounted serv-ice in the regiment which captured Morgan, spent his earlier youth on a farm and re-ceived such education as was afforded by the common schools of which his country is so proud. At the age of 21 he entered Dari-mouth college and remained there the requi-site four years. After receiving his degree the rebel raider, participated with Burnside commo in the battles of eastern Tennessee, was at proud. the slege of Knoxville, fought in the battles of Resaca and Altoona, and was through the whole Georgia campaign. He was severely wounded at the battle of Chattahooche, but after four weeks in the hospital returned to practice his profession. He has always been the commenced the study of law in Chicago and afterwards located at Friend, Neb., to practice his profession. He has always been the commenced the study of law in Chicago and afterwards located at Friend, Neb., to practice his profession. He has always been Resaca and Altoona, and was through the

J. C. WATSON, A WELL KNOWN LEGIS-LATOR.

John C. Watson, who will represent Otoe county in the senate, is a familiar figure in Nebraska legislative halls, having served his county in every session since 1887. He is a native of Missouri, having been born SERVED IN NEW YORK. Isaac Noyes, the farmer senator from Douglas county, was born in Saratoga county, New York, in 1828, and was a prominent manufacturer of wooden ware in that state

date for the presidency of the next senate.

IS A NATIONAL BANK PRESIDENT.

John B. Wright, one of the senators-

manufacturer of wooden ware in that state for a number of years. He served two terms in the legislature o fNew York and removed to Nebraska in 1879, and has since been one of the largest and most successful farmers of the state. He has always been an ardent republican, and has been prominently consid-ered as a gubernatorial candidate. Two years ago he was a candidate for the posi-tion to which he has now been elected, but his opponent was declared elected by a nar-row margin. He instituted a contest before J. J. Bernard, Pawnes county's representa tive-elect, is a blacksmith by trade and came to this state from Colorado, where he had been carrying on that business for fourteen years. Ten years ago he came to Pawnee county and located on a farm there. Ho has been quite successful in this business, and also as a stock raiser. He is yery popular with all who have the good fortune to make his acquaintance. Mr. Bernard possesses excellent business qualifications, and will doubtless make a first-rate legislator. with the speakership, a position which his acknowledged ability us a parliamentarian peculiarly fitted him. His services to the republican party of this state led President Harrison to tender him the appointment of United States attorney for the district of Alaska a position which he declined Ha His republicanism is beyond question, a and

AN EXTENSIVE LAND OWNER. John Brady, one of Buffalo county's new Alaska, a position which he declined. He has served his party as chairman of the state central committee and was appointed judge advocate on Governor Thayer's staff, a position which he also filled under Gov-ernors Boyd and Crounse. He is a candiway through the Wisconsin State university by exercising the strictest economy and way through the Wisconsin State university by exercising the strictest economy and earning what money he could in the time not devoted to study. After leaving the uni-versity he turned his attention to educational efford, and commenced the publication of a

1863, and in November of that year was again taken prisoner at Mine Run, Va., and of Becher, Jaeggi & Co., at Columbus, in held at Libby prison four months, after which business he has remained up to the present time. He was married in 1869 to which he was sent to that other rebel hell Andersonville, where he was held for nearly Miss Annie Bradford. At different time a year longer, when he was paroled and mustered out of service. In the spring of 1869 he came to Nebraska and located in Cuming county. He lived on a farm until served as assessor and city councilman, and from 1888 until 1891 occupied the position of treasurer of Platte county. He has the confidence of the people of his section of the 1888, when he removed to Scribner, in order to give his children better educational adstate, and his popularity is shown by the fact of his having been elected to so many offices during his residence in Columbus. vantages. He is a republican of the stalwart kind.

# AN OLD SETTLER HONORED.

David W. Burke, the republican candidate Henry S. Beck is a national bank presi or representative from Cuming county, is one the of the earliest settlers in that county. He next house of representatives. He is of Ger-man descent, and was born in Lancaster has always taken a lively interest in the administration of its affairs. D. W. Burke is a native of Canada, being born in Perth, county, Ohio, April 12, 1837. He received his education in the common schools of the Lanark county, in 1839. His boyhood days were spent on a farm and he received a Buckeye state, and at the outbreak of the war enlisted in company I, Forty-third Ohio country school education. In 1865 he came to the United States, locating in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. He followed Horace H remained in active service all through the rebellion, marching with Sherman from At-Greeley's advice in 1867, coming west, where lanta to the sea. After the end of the he found employment as a bridge builder for the Union Pacific railroad. In 1869 he located war Mr. Beck came to Nebraska, engaging in mercantile pursuits at Lincoln. In 1882 on his homestead in Logan township in Cuming county. After engaging again in the bridge building business as foreman for the and is now the president of the First Na-tional bank of that city. He was elected to Missouri River, Fort Scott & Gulf railroad in represent Pierce and Cedar counties by a plurality of 270 votes over Arnold Eichoff, Kansas, he improved his claim in this county and made it his permanent home. Du the winter of 1871, Mr. Burke taught Durin

first school in what is now Legan township, in his own house. In 1887 Mr. Burke was elected a member of the first board of county supervisors and was made its first chairman. Then he held the office of chairman of the road and bridge committee, after having served as a member of that committee for four years. Always a staunch and fearless four years. republican he has taken an active part in the county councils of that party and has on several occasions represented it in the dis trict and state conventions. His sympathies have invariably been on the side of the antimonopoly element of his party. FROM HAMILTON COUNTY.

to do all in his power to bring about the passage of a law giving the people of Ne-J. B. Cain, representative-elect from Hamilin Otsego county, New York, in 1843, and like the majority of the members of the ton county, served through the session two years ago and brings to the coming session Emerson Benedict of Douglas county was much valuable experience. He is a staunch republican. By profession he is a lawyer Ill., some forty years on a stock farm, attending school in the win-ter, eventually graduating from the Princeand enjoys a lucrative practice at his ho at Aurora.

A REPRESENTATIVE FARMER ton High school. When hardly more than a boy he want to Chicago, where he entered Robert W. Campbell, is a representative armer of Merrick county, and by that token two years ago and will serve his fourth term at the coming session. Previous to the last republican convention he was looked upon as a candidate for the nomination of lieu-tenant sovernor, but declined to permit his dent of Merrick county for many years and has always been a true and ardent republi

Sixteenth district, is a democrat, and will have to contest the right to hold his seat on a farm in that country until 1870, when he with his republican opponent, Mell Jay. Mr. Fritz was born in central Germany in 1847. At the age of 20 he came to America and located first at Erle, Pa., and afterward at Davenport, Ia. His next residence was at

in that county. He is accounted one of the most prosperous and thrifty citizens of Kesrney county and has an interesting family Council Bluffs, from whence he moved to his present home in Thurston county. Mr. Fritz is a cripple, having jost a leg in an of wife and six children. Mr. Carlson has studied the English language with great unfortunate runaway accident in 1872, bu assiduity so that he can now read and write it far better than many native-born Ameri-cans. He is a man of great integrity and is highly esteemed by all who know him. when he received the nomination for the leg-islature. In 1889 he ran for county treas-urer, but was beeten by his republican op-

HAS HAD AN EVENTFUL CAREER. Charles D. Casper is one of the demo rats who succeeded in securing an election the legislature in the recent republican lawmaker. idal wave in this state. He has been a

great many years, having always been ne of the leading anti-monopoly democrats John Brady, one of Buffalo county's new members, has been a resident of the city of Kearney since 1886. He was born on a farm in Columbia county. Wisconsin, in 1851, and is therefore 43 years of age. He is one of the self-made men of this state, as he spent the self-made men of this life on a farm, ob-taining only such education as was to be had at the village schools. He worked his way through the Wisconsin State university he lived for a number of years, supporting the lived for a number of years, supporting the lived for a number of years, supporting

was born in 1856. He graduated at the De Pauw university in 1876, was admitted to the bar in 1877, and was city attorney for Greencastle for three

the confidence of his entire constituency.

FROM THE BADGER STATE.

moved to Nebraska when 25 years of ag and commenced farming in Box Butte county

He is the owner of a fine 250-acre farm, ha

never held an elective office in this state and is an enterprising and progressive citi-

zen of his county, having a considerable in vestment in the young city of Alliance.

WAS A BOLD CAVALRYMAN.

HAS A CONTEST ON HAND.

HAS STRONG CONVICTIONS.

ALSO WANTS TO BE SPEAKER.

try office in one capacity or another since

being directly connected as editor for the past ten years. Never was a candidate for

any office, elective or appointive, until I made

the race for the legislature this fall. First vote was cast for Blaine and Logan at the

age of 21 years and 27 days. Am now junior editor of the Crete Vidette."

THE GENTLEMAN FROM HITCHCOCK

SUCCEEDED AS A PHYSICIAN.

ALWAYS A STAUNCH REPUBLICAN.

WAS A FORMER MEMBER.

A. S. Cooley of Cass county, served through

legislation for the benefit of the state. DEALS IN LUMBER. W. H. Harrison, representative-elect from

terms. He came to Nebraska in 1886, and served one term as county attorney in Chey-Hall county, was born in Morris, Ill., May 19, 1860. Three years later his parents setenne county. He removed to Omaha in 1889. He is an ardent republican, and tled in Falls City, Neb., but in 1872 they worker. relocated in Pawnee county. Although

WILL BE ONE OF THE LEADERS. raised on a farm, Mr. Harrison evinced a taste for a business life early in years, and John A. Davies of Cass county served his after securing a common school education, attended a business college at St. Joseph, maiden term as a legislator two years ago and attained much prominence by his elo-quent and scathing arraignment of the boo-Mo. He commenced the lumber business as an employe of Linn & Co., at Table Rock in dle methods that had prevailed for so many years in the management of the state institutions. He was one of the leaders in 1879 and from that time has remained in the business. In 1884 he accepted the position as western auditor and manager for S. R. that house and is bound to be a prominent member at the coming session. He received Howell of Chicago, and as such had sole charge of thirty lumber yards. In 1891 he commenced business for himself, purchasing a college education while a young man and afterward graduated from the law depart extensive yards at Grand Island, Elba, North Loup and Ord. He is still the owner of these ment of the Iowa State university. He is one of the leading candidates for speaker of the house, and his abilities are universally yards. He has served two years as a member of the Grand Island city council and was two years ago the republican candidate for the

CHARLIE CASPER'S PARTNER. legislature, but was defeated by the fusion M. C. Delaney, representative from But candidate. ler, is the legislative partner of C. D. EDUCATED IN OMAHA. county and one of the leading populists. He

August C. Harte of Douglas county was born in Louisville in 1869 and came to Omaha with his parents in 1864. He was educated in the Omaha schools. He is a carpenter by trade. For a number of years he has been is elected to the legislature for the first term and goes into the session backed by contracting and supervising buildings and had William Dempsey, representative-elect from charge of the work on the public library, telephone and other prominent buildings. He Box Butte county, is a native of Wisconsin, born in Madison, April 6, 1861. He lived owns property in Omaha and South Omaha. He is a member of the Builders and Traders in Madison for twenty-five years, receiving a good education, first in the public schools and then in the Wisconsin academy. He exchange and is especially strong with the

laboring classes. FAVORS RAILROAD REFORM.

W. P. Higgins, who will for the second time represent Custer county in the lower house, is one of the youngest members, having been born in Harrison county, Missouri, thirty years ago. He has resided in Custer county since 1885, and has long been looked upon as one of the successful farmers from that region. He is a populist and is a strong, James F. Ely, representative-elect to the ower house from Nemaha county, was born unflinching advocate of radical reforms in railroad operation and regulation in Nebraska,

A GALLANT VERMONTER.

legislature, was raised on a farm. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted in the Twenty-fourth New York cavairy and remained in the E. B. Hinds of Odell, who has just been elected by the republicans of the Thirty-second district to look after their interest in the house, was born in Vermant in 1842. In August, 1862, he tendered his services servica until after the close of the war. While in the service he participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, In Addust, 1962, he tendent in a service in defense of the union, enlisting in company M, First Iowa cavalry. He had quite a lively time of it during the war, taking part in many battles. After serving three years and a half he received his discharge in Austin, North Anna, Pamunky, Cold Harbor and Pe-tersburg. At the latter battle he was se-verely wounded. He located in Nemaha county in 1868 and has followed farming as an avocation ever since. Although he has never before taken an active part in politics Tex., February 15, 1866. He is an enthusi-astic member of the Grand Army of the Rehe has always been an enthusiastic repub public and an indefatigable worker in the cause of republicanism. He has held the office of director of the first school board held th Nick Fritz, representative-elect from the of Odell, ever since it was established and has represented his district at Lincoln once

WAS A VAN WYCK REPUBLICAN.

before.

George Horst, populist member of the lower house from Polk county, attracted much at-tention as one of the leaders of his party in the house two years ago. He is a native of Brown county, Wisconsin, born there May 13, 1854. He comes from German stock and is a man of much strength of mind and force of character. Together with his father's family Mr. Horst removed to the Platts his running abilities were in no way impaired valley in this state in 1871. He received his education in Nebraska's public schools and is a well taught man. He taught school in ponent. In 1892 he was more successful and has served in the treasurer's office two terms, his own township many years and at one time thought of making his home in Oregon his second term drawing to a close just in After remaining in that state a couple of years he returned to Nebraska, and has since made Polk county his home. He has to permit him to take his seat as a always taken a deep interest in politics. He was was formerly a republican, and one of the kind that stood by Senator Van Wyck in the days when the latter was opposed by the combined strength of the corporations of the Isaao Newton Goar, representative-elect from the Fifty-sixth district, was born in Tipton county. Indiana, April 29, 1851, and was the fourth in a family of fourteen chilstate. He has been a populist since the or-ganization of that party in Nebraska. dren. He was brought up as a farmer and given an excellent common school education. He followed the profession of a farmer until

### AN EDITOR MAN.

1873, when he was attracted by the liberal inducements offered by Nebraska as a farm-ing region, and came west, locating in the Edgar Howard, the democratic representa-tive from Sarpy county, is one of the bright young newspaper men of the state. He formerly worked as a printer in Omaha, but went afterward to Papillion, where he as-sumed control of the Times. He is a hard worker and has made his paper one of the

In 1886 he came to Nebraska and soon afterwards organized the Western Pottery has company at Louisville. Some months later can. he sold his interest in this company ganize the Western Gravel company. At the present time Mr. Benedict is the principal stockholder in the Omaha Portland Cement Pipe company. During the past eight years

A LEADING SWEDE. Oscar Carlson, Kearney's representative-elect, was born in Sweden in 1859 and lived Pipe company. During the past eight years he has been engaged in contracting. He has never dabbled in politics, this being the first time that he has ever been a candidate for office.

prominent figure in Nebraska politics fo

war he removed to Iowa county. Iowa, where he lived for a number of years, supporting the city of Callaway, in Custer county. He