

The Who's Who of Nebraska's Laws.

The Twenty-fifth session of the Nebraska legislature was convened at Lincoln on Tuesday, January 5. For the first time in the history of the people's independent organization that party is in control of both branches of the legislature and the executive department at the same time. Six years ago the independents controlled the legislature, with a democratic governor in the executive chair. Four years ago the populists had a bare majority in the house and partial control of the senate. Two years ago both senate and house were controlled by the republicans, while a populist occupied the governor's office. At the coming session, however, the fusionists will be in complete control of two of the co-ordinate branches of the state government.

As a result of fusion the two branches of the legislature will be made up of members who are officially classified by the returns tabulated at the office of the secretary of state as follows: Senate—Fusionists, 17; republicans, 8; populists, 7; democrats, 3. House—Fusionists, 40; republicans, 23; populists, 21; democrats, 5. The agricultural interests of the state have the preponderance of influence in both branches. According to their occupations the new lawmakers are classified as follows: The senate will be made up of thirteen farmers, six lawyers, four physicians, three merchants, two dentists, one druggist, one real estate agent and one banker. The house will be composed of seventy-five farmers, seven merchants, five physicians, one druggist, one clergyman, one blacksmith, one brewer, one creamery manager, one dentist and one tombstone maker.

The proportion of members with previous legislative experience is small. As a body of representative men from all walks of life the new lawmakers would seem by a perusal of their biographies to compare favorably with their predecessors. The list presents in the following columns a brief biographical sketch of each member of the senate and house. The sketches will be continued with this issue, for the reason that the coming session is confidently expected to do much for the future welfare and prosperity of Nebraska.

SENATE.

C. W. Beal of Custer.
C. W. Beal of Broken Bow will be Custer county's senator at the coming session. He is not without legislative experience, having served as a member of the house in 1875 and 1876. He was born on a farm in Adair county, Missouri, on April 25, 1850. He received a common school education and remained at home until he was 21. He then went to the east and entered college at Hillsdale, Mich., remaining in that institution until he graduated with honors four years later. He was then employed by the Chicago & North Western railway, locating at Broken Bow. For three years he taught in the public schools and then assumed editorial charge of the Custer county Democrat, published at Broken Bow, and recognized as one of the leading and most influential populist newspapers in the state. He is still the editor of that paper, his brother, Boyd, being the publisher. Miss Kate Willis, an estimable young woman of Broken Bow, on January 1, of the present year.

S. T. Caldwell of Nuckolls.
Smith T. Caldwell was born in Jersey county, Iowa, on January 1, 1852. Just after the election he moved with his father to Macoupin county, which at that time was a new county. He was then only 17 years of age. He attended the common schools until he was 18, then went to the University of Iowa to study law. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in the fall of 1876. He was re-elected in 1877, and served as a member of the United States senate until the end of the session of 1878. He was re-elected to the legislature in 1879 and 1880, and was again elected in 1881. He was re-elected in 1882, and was again elected in 1883. He was re-elected in 1884, and was again elected in 1885. He was re-elected in 1886, and was again elected in 1887. He was re-elected in 1888, and was again elected in 1889. He was re-elected in 1890, and was again elected in 1891. He was re-elected in 1892, and was again elected in 1893. He was re-elected in 1894, and was again elected in 1895. He was re-elected in 1896, and was again elected in 1897.

J. S. Canaday of Kearney.
J. S. Canaday of Kearney county will go to the senate in the interests of the Twenty-eighth district. He was born in the town of Kearney, Phelps and Harlan. Mr. Canaday is a populist and was elected on the fusion ticket. He resides at Minden.

J. B. Conway of York.
J. B. Conway, senator-elect from the county of York, was born on September 17, 1847, in the town of York. He has lived his life in the Buckeye state. When the war of the rebellion called the union army, he joined the eastern corps of the Fifth Independent Cavalry. He was promoted to sergeant and then to lieutenant. He was discharged in 1864, and returned to his home in York county, where he lived for several years. He then moved to Nebraska, where he lived for several years. He was then elected to the legislature in 1875, and was re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

W. H. Deering of Cass.
Dr. William H. Deering was born in Cass county, Illinois, January 19, 1829; removed to Warren Co., Mo., in 1854, where he received his medical education. He attended the medical department of the State University of Iowa in 1852, practicing his profession until 1852, when he was elected clerk of the district court of Cass county, in which office he served four years, being defeated by a small plurality of the vote in 1856. He is a prominent member of the Medical Women of America, Loyal Mosaic legion and other fraternal insurance orders. He is a Mason of high degree and a United Brethren. He is a married man and has a family consisting of himself, wife, two boys and a daughter. He has for many years been a prominent democrat, and was elected to the legislature in 1875. He was re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

J. H. Dundas of Nemaha.
J. H. Dundas, senator-elect from the Second district of Nebraska, was born near Union, Mo., on August 15, 1831. He was one of the earliest students at the State Normal school, and for some time thereafter followed the calling of a teacher. Having graduated from a business college, he completed, copyrighted and published a work of ready reference called "Every Man's Account."

Book," which still meets with an extensive sale. He has since engaged in mercantile business in Sheridan, now Auburn, for a little over three years, and in 1884 entered upon the profession of journalism, which still occupies his time. He was elected to the legislature in 1875. He was re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

J. H. Evans of Douglas.
John H. Evans, republican senator-elect from Douglas county, is one of the leading business men of the city and has been identified with its growth for nearly twenty years. He was born in Wales and came to this country with his parents in 1862. They settled at Racine, Wis., where for several years he was engaged with his father in the tanning business. After the Chicago fire they went to Kansas, but soon after, in 1875, Mr. Evans came to Omaha and engaged at once in the laundry business, which he afterward built up to mammoth proportions. The firm name was originally W. J. Evans & Co. This firm has a large laundry west of Chicago. Mr. Evans still retains the ownership of the laundry and is also president of the Bank of Commerce. He was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

T. P. Farrell of Merrick.
Thomas P. Farrell of Chapman, senator-elect from the Fifteenth district, comprising the counties of Polk, Merrick and Nance, was born in Canada, December 25, 1859. He came to Nebraska in 1871 and settled upon a farm in Merrick county. He has since that time made his home in that county, where he has resided ever since. Being a farmer, he has taken an active interest in all the agricultural interests of the state. He was always a democrat, until the birth of the people's independent party and has been one of the leaders of that organization from its inception. He was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

F. Q. Felz of Keith.
F. Q. Felz, senator-elect from the big Thirtieth district, comprising the counties of Dawson, Lincoln, Keith, Cheyenne, Logan and Kearney, was born in Washington county, Iowa, February 8, 1852. He made that county his home for many years. After receiving a common school education, he was admitted to practice at the bar in September, 1878. For six years he practiced his profession at Red Oak, Ia., and then removed to Lincoln, where he resided until the latter city until two years ago, when he moved to a large ranch, where he now resides.

Nick Fritz of Thurston.
Nick Fritz, who was elected on the fusion ticket to represent the eighth district, was born in Central Germany, Prussia, in 1847. At the age of 20 he came to America and located near Erie, Pa., where he worked on a farm. He then moved to Nebraska, locating at Broken Bow. For three years he taught in the public schools and then assumed editorial charge of the Custer county Democrat, published at Broken Bow, and recognized as one of the leading and most influential populist newspapers in the state. He is still the editor of that paper, his brother, Boyd, being the publisher. Miss Kate Willis, an estimable young woman of Broken Bow, on January 1, of the present year.

J. M. Gooding of Platte.
John M. Gooding, senator-elect from the Twelfth district, was born at Chicago, Ill., in 1854. He was educated at the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

L. M. Graham of Frontier.
Loyd M. Graham of Stockville is the senator-elect from the Sixty-ninth district, including Furnas, Red Willow, Hitchcock, Dundy, Gosper, Frontier, Chase and Butler counties. Mr. Graham was born in Haver county, N. C., in 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

O. Grotham of Howard.
The Seventeenth senatorial district, which includes Hall and Howard counties, is represented by O. Grotham of St. Paul. Dr. Grotham came to Nebraska in 1872 with his family. He was educated at the University of Iowa, where he received his medical degree in 1875. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

G. A. Murphy of Gage.
George Arthur Murphy, senator-elect from the Twenty-first senatorial district, is a resident of Beatrice, Neb., Ia., a lawyer by profession. He was educated at the law school of the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

J. W. Heapy of Sherman.
J. W. Heapy, senator-elect for the Sixty-third district, was born in Ontario, Canada, on November 15, 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Toronto, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

E. E. Howell of Douglas.
Edward E. Howell, the only democrat elected to the legislature in 1896, has been a resident of Omaha for many years. He was born in Canada in 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

L. L. Johnson of Clay.
L. L. Johnson, senator-elect from Clay county, was born in Indiana in 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

J. D. Lee of Keya Paha.
J. D. Lee of Lynch is the senator-elect from the Thirtieth district, which comprises Holt, Kearney and Keya Paha counties. Mr. Lee was born in Jackson county, Va., in 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

M. W. McGan of Boone.
M. W. McGan of Albion was elected senator from the Ninth district, which includes Antelope, Boone and Greeley counties. Mr. McGan was born in Boone county, Mo., in 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

E. R. Spencer of Lancaster.
E. R. Spencer, one of the two senators-elect from Lancaster county, was born in New York state in 1841. He received his education in the common schools of the city and at the age of 17 was a teacher in the public schools. He moved to Nebraska in 1879, locating first in Richardson county. He was then elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

C. F. Steele of Jefferson.
Jefferson county's senator at the coming session will be C. F. Steele, a resident of Fairbury. Mr. Steele was born and reared in Illinois. In 1861, although a mere boy of 18, he enlisted in the Second Illinois cavalry for two years and served in the war, during which he saw much hard service. At the close of the war he attended school a year and a half in Illinois, and then came to Nebraska, locating at Fairbury. His standing as a citizen of Jefferson county may be understood from the fact that he served four years as sheriff and later four years as county treasurer. He has always been a republican.

T. P. Sykes of Adams.
Tracey P. Sykes, senator-elect from Adams county, is another veteran union soldier who will help make law for his fellow Nebraskans at the coming session of the legislature. He was born in Strikersville, Wyoming county, N. Y., May 29, 1843. With his parents he moved to Henry county, Illinois, in 1850. He lived near the town of Adams, Ill., until the breaking out of the civil war. On August 7, 1862, he enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Illinois volunteer infantry and with his regiment was assigned to General John A. Logan's division of the Seventeenth army corps. He was with his regiment during the entire Vicksburg campaign. In December, 1863, he was transferred to the company E, Fourth regiment, veteran reserve corps, for disability, and was discharged June 24, 1865, having attained the rank of sergeant. He then came to Nebraska and located at Beatrice, where he has since resided and practiced law. In 1889 he was admitted to the supreme bench at Washington, D. C. In the spring of 1890 he was chosen city attorney of Beatrice, which he held for two years, and then moved to Lincoln, where he was elected to the board of the Board of Education of Beatrice, which he held for three years. During the last year he was elected president of the board, but he resigned on account of press of other duties. In 1894 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Adams county, and is now practicing law at Adams county, Mo., where he has since resided and practiced law.

A. R. Talbot of Lancaster.
A. R. Talbot, senator-elect, is a lawyer, being the senior member of the firm of Talbot, Bryan & Allen of Lincoln. He was born on April 11, 1859, in Warren county, Illinois, and is 37 years of age. The first twenty years of his life were spent on a farm, he attending public school during the winter months. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1881, and in 1882 entered the Union College of Law at Chicago. He graduated in June, 1883, and was admitted to the bar in 1884. He has since that time been engaged in practicing law, and has been an active practitioner ever since. For over ten years Mr. Talbot has been assistant attorney for the Missouri and North Western railway company in Nebraska. He is the general attorney for the Woodmen's Accident association of Lincoln, and is a director of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics Mr. Talbot is a republican, and for eight years was chairman of the republican city central committee of Lincoln. He is an active and honorable gentleman and gives to his district and to the state his energy and ability that has characterized him in his profession and private life.

E. G. Watson of Saline.
Dr. E. G. Watson, senator from Saline county, was born on a farm in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, on the 15th day of January, 1857. He received his early education in the public schools of Wisconsin and Illinois. He attended the University of Wisconsin, where he received his medical degree in 1881. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

J. O. Osborn of Pawnee.
John M. Osborn, senator from the First district, comprising Richardson and Pawnee counties, was born in Indiana in 1847. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

J. J. Bernard of Pawnee.
James J. Bernard, representative-elect from Pawnee county, was born on Prince Edward Island, October 3, 1852, and came to the United States when he was 18 years of age. He was educated at the Black Hawk, Colo., for about eight years and then began blacksmithing at Leadville. In 1884 he removed to Pawnee county, Nebraska, settling on the western part of the county, where he engaged in farming and cattle feeding. The farm has grown to a full section in size and Mr. Bernard has become a successful and successful and prosperous farmer of the county. In 1882 Mr. Bernard was married to Miss Mattie Morrison at Monroe, Ia. He was elected to the legislature in 1894, and his re-election this year is proof of the confidence the people of Pawnee county have in him.

O. P. Billings of Keya Paha.
O. P. Billings, representative-elect from Keya Paha county, was born in Iowa in 1842. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Palmer Blake of Johnson.
Palmer Blake, Johnson county's representative-elect, is a native of Vermont and was born in East Brookfield, Orange county, June 1, 1845. His early life was passed on a farm, and he attended the common schools and the University of Vermont. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Samuel Bowers of Howard.
Samuel Bowers, representative-elect from Howard county, was born April 26, 1828, in the town of Howard, Iowa. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

E. J. Burket of Lancaster.
E. J. Burket, one of the members of the house from the city of Lincoln, is one of the prominent business men of the city. He was born December 1, 1867, in Mills county, Iowa, being the oldest of a family of nine children. He had the benefit of a common school education, and then attended the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1890. He was admitted to the bar in 1890, and has since that time been engaged in practicing law, and has been an active practitioner ever since. For over ten years Mr. Burket has been assistant attorney for the Missouri and North Western railway company in Nebraska. He is the general attorney for the Woodmen's Accident association of Lincoln, and is a director of the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics Mr. Burket is a republican, and for eight years was chairman of the republican city central committee of Lincoln. He is an active and honorable gentleman and gives to his district and to the state his energy and ability that has characterized him in his profession and private life.

Frank Burman of Douglas.
Frank Burman, representative-elect from Douglas county, was born in Sweden August 11, 1854. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

B. W. Campbell of Clay.
Bartholomew Campbell, representative-elect from Clay county, Nebraska, was born May 27, 1838, on a farm in Scott county, Illinois, where he remained with his parents, working for his father and attending the public schools and Winchester academy until 1860, when he went to Macon county and commenced farming on his own account. On October 8, 1862, he was married to Miss Mary Cooper, the daughter of a neighboring farmer, which has proved to have been a fortunate and happy union. In the year 1865 they moved to Macon, then a small town on the Illinois Central railroad, and became engaged and interested in the general merchandise business. Here he remained until 1870, when he removed to Clay county, Nebraska, renting a farm adjoining the town of Clay Center, upon which he remained until 1880, when he purchased a farm of 400 acres, which he has since cultivated. He has since that time been engaged in farming, and has been one of the most able men connected with their organization in that county.

J. H. Caschere of Gage.
James H. Caschere of Gage county is a republican. He was born in Illinois in 1859, and was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

W. B. Chittenden of Gage.
W. B. Chittenden, representative-elect from Gage county, was born in Iowa in 1859. He was educated at the common schools and the University of Iowa, where he received his law degree in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in 1878, and was elected to the legislature in 1875, and re-elected in 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897.

Paul F. Clark of Lancaster.
Paul F. Clark was born at Green Lake, Wis., July 14, 1861. He attended the public schools until 15 years of age and came to Nebraska in 1880, settling on his father's farm. He worked his father's farm two years and then concluded he wanted a home of his own. He was married in July, 1877, to Miss Margaret A. Clark, daughter of a prominent family of Nebraska, where he has since been engaged in stock raising and farming since. He has always been a staunch republican.

R. A. Clark of Richardson.
Ralph Almond Clark of Stella, Neb., who has been elected to the Twenty-eighth district in the lower house, was born December 3, 1866, in Covington, Ky. His father is a Connecticut Yankee, who allied himself with the democratic party and was distinguished by the democratic county convention of Richardson, held at Falls City, as a candidate for the legislature, and endorsed by the populists and was elected by a very creditable majority.

W. G. Cole of Kearney.
William G. Cole was born in 1849 on a farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, of Irish parentage. He attended school in winter, working in summer, and has a fair education. He was married to Miss Mary Cole, an older brother to Monroe county, Iowa, where he remained one year, then removing to Ringgold county, Iowa, where he bought a farm and improved it. He then moved to Omaha and came to Nebraska in the fall of 1872 and located at North Bend, where he resided for twelve years. He was married in 1873 to Miss J. F. Funnell of Mt. Airy, Ia. In the year 1882 he again sold his farm and engaged in the mercantile business, in which he remained one year, but owing to the ill health of his wife he had to make a change, which he did in 1884, locating in Kearney county. He is at present engaged in raising thoroughbred hogs and in farming.

Levi Cox of Douglas.
Levi Cox, one of Douglas county's representatives, was born in Plano, Ill., in 1848, and moved to Nebraska in 1878, locating at Harvard. After engaging in the grain and stock trade for some time he was called back to Illinois by the serious illness of his mother, and remained there three years. He then returned to this state, locating at Hampton, and later at Phillips, where he remained until 1883, when he moved to Douglas county and was engaged in the commission business at South Omaha. For two years Mr. Cox was deputy circuit clerk of DeKalb county, Illinois, and during the year 1895 at Phillips, Neb., was appointed a