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## PREFACE.

In presenting these Memoirs I do so not without some hesitation. The labor of collecting the material and writing out the sketches is far greater than would seem to one not familiar with work of this character, and, indeed, it has greatly exceeded the expectations of the writer. I was fairly in the middle of it and must go on, ere I was aware of its magnitude. The Legislature had been in session almost two weeks before I was encouraged to undertake the enterprise. Thus it will be seen to what extremity my time has been circumscribed. The work, it will be observed, contains two hundred of these epitomized biographies, and a glance through its pages will explain the large amount of writing it contains. With few exceptions the parties have granted me interviews, and kindly answered my interrogatories, thus supplying me orally with reliable data and such other facts as were fresh in their memories. For my personal remarks, of course, I have had to depend upon my own knowledge of the individual, and upon information obtained from indirect sources.

That the work is free from errors, or that it has been pruned as it should have been, I do not claim, but in such a long catalogue of dates and names, prepared under so many disadvantages, who would be so inconsiderate as to look for perfection?

The subjects of these pen sketches are the servants of the people, and it is highly proper that the people should know something of the history of their servants, at least so much of it as pertains to their public lives. Some men are oversensitive about appearing in print, but the public always suspects those who strive to hide their lights under a bushel. Give us lawmakers whose characters will shine brightest when undergoing the most searching tests of public criticism, and the strength, perpetuity and glory of our State and nation is assured.

To Hon. William R. Marshall, State Railroad Commissioner; J. Fletcher Williams, Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society, and Hon. Penock Pusey, Gov. Pillsbury's Private Secretary, I am under obligations for valuable information and personal favors. In conclusion, I return my thanks to *all* the members for their courteous attention, and for the uniform kindness and encouragement they have extended me. If I have done any of them injustice it has not been intentional; and they are reminded that "to err is human, but to forgive is divine." With these brief remarks, I send it forth on its mission, and respectfully dedicate it to those whose biographies I have written.

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## STATE OFFICERS.

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*HON. JOHN S. PILLSBURY*, Governor of Minnesota, was born in Sutton, N. H., July 29, 1828. Received a common school education in his early days, and subsequently learned the trade of painter; but having more taste for trading and mercantile life, engaged as a salesman in a store in Warner, at the age of 16, and remained until he was 21, when he formed a partnership with Walter Harrimon, afterwards Governor of New Hampshire, and continued in trade with him two years, when he went to Concord, where he was in business four years. He made a tour through the northern States in the fall of 1854, passing the next winter at Grand Rapids, Mich., where he had a contract for sluicing a dam. Came to Minnesota in June, 1855, and went into the hardware business at St. Anthony. In Sept., 1857, was burned out, losing \$22,000, without insurance, and in the midst of the terrible financial depression of that year. From that time to 1862 it was a continual struggle to pay his debts and re-establish his business, which he did by intense application and unremitting economy, and began doing a large and prosperous trade, becoming known in our State as one of its most sagacious and honorable merchants. In 1872 he purchased (with a nephew, C. A. Pillsbury,) a flouring mill. They were the first to introduce successfully the "Middlings Purifier process," which proved very profitable, after expending \$14,000 before receiving a cent of return. They now carry on an extensive flouring business. Gov. Pillsbury was appointed a Regent of the State University in 1863, at a period when its financial affairs were hopelessly involved; and by his earnest, untiring work and prudent management, soon placed it on a prosperous footing, and its present gratifying condition is largely owing to his faithful and conscientious labors. He represented his county as Senator in nine sessions of the Legislature, as follows: 1864-65-66-67-68, 1871-73-74-75. He was elected Governor in 1875, by a vote of 47,073, over D. L. Buell, who had 35,275.

*HON. J. B. WAKEFIELD*, Lieutenant Governor, was born in Connecticut, in 1828. He is a graduate of Trinity College; studied law in Ohio, commenced practice in Indiana, and came to Minnesota in 1854. He was a member of the first State Legislature, in 1857; elected to the House in 1865, and was Speaker of that body during the session of 1866. He was a member of the Senate in 1867, 1868 and 1869. Appointed Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Winnebago City in 1869; resigned in 1875, and was elected Lieutenant Governor that fall. He was Chairman of the Minnesota delegation to the Chicago Convention, that nominated General Grant in 1868, and a member of the Cincinnati Convention, at which Governor Hayes

was nominated for the Presidency. Lieutenant Governor Wakefield is a man of distinguished ability. He has filled important public positions for more than twenty years. One among the very early pioneers, his public career is so interwoven with the growth and development of Minnesota, that it properly belongs to her history. As the presiding officer of the State Senate he is dignified, impartial, and universally esteemed. His thorough knowledge of men, and his past experience at the head of deliberative bodies are relative terms in his official composition. Few men possess such a splendid physique; six feet two from foundation to dome; broad-shouldered, massive chest, large head and limbs, commanding presence, he appears the very embodiment of physical manhood. His ordinary weight is two hundred and fifty pounds. Like nearly all large men, he is good natured, and sometimes bubbles over with humor.

*HON. JOHN S. IRGENS*, Secretary of State, was born in Christiania, Norway. February 11th, 1832, and is descended from an old and eminent family of that kingdom, many of whose members for several generations past, have been eminent in civil life and in the church. He was educated by private tutors. In 1848 he arrived in the United States, and settled in New York; removed to Chicago in 1850, and to Minnesota in 1857; settled in Adams township, Mower county, and engaged in farming. Was County Treasurer of that county for four years. Enlisted as a private, Feb. 1st, 1862, in the Fifteenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to a Lieutenancy in June of that year. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1875, and on November 7th of that year, he was elected to his present position. Mr. Irgens is a very efficient Secretary; talks three languages, English, French and German, besides his native tongue. He has been a Republican since the birth of his political opinions in this country.

*HON. O. P. WHITCOMB*, State Auditor, was born in New York in 1831. He removed to Wisconsin in 1845, and was educated at Appleton University, that State. In 1855 he removed to Minnesota, settled in Olmsted county, and engaged in farming. He was elected County Treasurer in 1861, and held that office for a period of eight years; was President of the State Agricultural Society for three years, and in 1872 was elected State Auditor for the term of four years; was re-elected in 1876. Mr. Whitcomb is a popular and influential member of the State Government, and an efficient and worthy officer.

*HON. WM. PFAENDER*, Treasurer of State, was born at Heilbrunn, Wurtemberg, July 6, 1826, and emigrated to America in 1848, settling at Cincinnati, where he resided until 1856, when with quite a colony from that place, he settled at New Ulm, Minn., and engaged in farming. He was elected a member of the Legislature (House) 1859-60, and was Presidential Elector on the Lincoln ticket in 1860. In September, 1861, he enlisted in the First Minnesota Battery, and was commissioned senior First Lieutenant. In May, 1862, New Ulm was burned, and all his property destroyed, his family barely saving their lives. In the fall of that year he was mustered

out of the First Battery to accept the commission of Lieutenant Colonel in the Mounted Rangers, with which he served until their term (12 months) expired. He was then commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Cavalry, and served with them three years, being mustered out December, 1865. He resumed farming until 1870, when he engaged in the lumber business at New Ulm, and soon after built a saw and planing mill, &c. He was a member of the State Senate of 1870, '71, and '72, and was elected State Treasurer in the fall of 1875.

*HON. WILLIAM R. MARSHALL*, State Railroad Commissioner, St. Paul, was born in Boone county, Mo., Oct. 17, 1825. His father, Joseph Marshall, was a native of Kentucky, and his mother, Abby Shaw, of Pennsylvania. In his young days Mr. Marshall followed the business of surveying, mining, and spent several years in the lead region of Wisconsin. In 1847 he settled at St. Croix Falls, for a short time. In September of that year, he visited St. Anthony Falls, on foot, and for the first time saw them in all their native grandeur. At that time a claim cabin or two were the only habitations there. Gov. Marshall at that time staked out a claim and cut logs for a cabin, but left it for a time, and returned in 1849, and perfected his title, which has since become a part of the city. After settling at St. Anthony in 1849 he was elected from that district a member of the first Legislature. He removed to St. Paul, in 1851, and established the first iron store in that city, which is still in operation, by Nichols & Dean. In 1855, with his brother, Joseph M. Marshall, (now of Colorado), and N. P. Langford, he established a banking house, which was successful until the crash of 1857. In 1855 he was the candidate for delegate to Congress on the Republican ticket, but the opposition carried off the laurels, electing the Hon. H. M. Rice. A few years later, however, the tables were turned and Mr. Marshall was elected over Mr. Rice for Governor. In December, 1860, he purchased the *St. Paul Daily Times*, and on the first of January, 1861, issued it as the *Daily Press*, in connection with Newton Bradley, as business manager, and Joseph A. Wheelock as assistant editor. The *Press* was very successful, soon absorbing the *Minnesotian*, and it was the leading journal of the State until merged into another. In August, 1862, Gov. Marshall enlisted in the 7th Minn. reg't, of which he was appointed Lieut. Colonel. During the Sioux outbreak he was constantly in active service, and in several engagements led his men with heroic bravery characteristic of the man. He was also in the expedition of 1863, and in November of that year he was commissioned Colonel. The regiment went south that fall, and was assigned to the Sixteenth Army Corps. It experienced its full share of the battles and campaigns until the end of the war, Col. Marshall, in the meantime, having been breveted a Brigadier. Shortly after the discharge of the regiment, in August, 1865, he was elected Governor of Minnesota, and in 1867 re-elected for another term. On the conclusion of his term, January, 1870, he again engaged in banking, being vice president of the Marine National Bank, and president of the Minnesota Savings Bank. In 1874 he was appointed a member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, and

in November, 1875, was elected Commissioner for two years. Gov. Marshall, it will be seen, has been one of the foremost pioneers of Minnesota. With strong hands and a willing heart he has ever labored to promote the best interests of the State and the government under which we live.

*HON. D. BURT*, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was born in Munson, Mass., August 2d, 1822. In his younger days attended district schools in Massachusetts, preparing himself also for college in classical studies, and teaching school part of the time, being first engaged as teacher when only 19 years of age. He graduated at Oberlin College, O., in 1848, and up to that date had taught school altogether nearly ten years. He subsequently graduated at Andover Theological Seminary, in 1851, and soon afterwards became pastor of the Congregational Church at Raymond, N. H., which relation he sustained several years, interrupted somewhat by feeble health. In May, 1858, he removed to Winona, Minn., and became pastor of the Congregational Church there. He was also Superintendent of the city schools of Winona, and in 1859, appointed a Director of the State Normal School; laboring hard to build up that institution, for several years, and himself acting as teacher at various times, when no one else could be had. In August, 1866, he was appointed on the staff of Gen. Clinton B. Fiske, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau at Nashville, Tenn., as Superintendent or Commissioner of Common Schools in Tenn. under that Bureau, and had charge of the same for two years. Severe illness compelled him to return to Minnesota in 1868; and for two years feeble health prevented him from doing much active educational work. In April, 1870, he was appointed Superintendent of Schools of Winona county, which post he filled with much success until April 5, 1875, when he was appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction.

*HON. A. R. MCGILL*, Insurance Commissioner, was born in Crawford Co., Pa., Feb. 19, 1840, and received an academic education in that county. After leaving the academy, he followed the profession of teaching, and also studied law. In 1859, he removed to Kentucky, where he was engaged in teaching until the outbreak of the war, when he removed to Minnesota, settling at St. Peter, and resumed the profession of teacher, in the public schools of that city. In 1862, he enlisted in the Ninth Minn. Vols., and served a year in that regiment. In 1864, he became editor of the *St. Peter Tribune*, and followed journalism for about two years. In 1866, he was elected Clerk of the District Court, which position he held for four years. Was for one or two terms a Justice of the Peace and practiced law for some time. Was also Superintendent of city schools in St. Peter, and appointed County Superintendent of Schools, January, 1868, for two years, &c. In January, 1870, he was appointed private Secretary to Gov. Austin, and held that position four years. Early in 1874 he was appointed Insurance Commissioner.

*GEN. HORATIO P. VAN CLEVE*, Adjutant General, was born in Princeton, N. J., Nov. 23, 1809. Graduated at West Point in 1831; was commissioned 2d Lieutenant in the Fifth Infantry July 1, 1831. Served during Black Hawk war at

various frontier posts in Wisconsin. Resigned Sept. 11, 1836. Was a civil engineer, farmer, etc., in Michigan some years. Removed to Minnesota in 1856, and settled at Long Prairie. On July 22, 1861, was commissioned Col. of Second Minn. Vols. For gallant conduct and meritorious services at Mill Springs, Jan. 19, 1862, he was made Brig. Gen., March 21, 1862. Commanded a brigade in Crittenden's Div. before Corinth, through Nor. Alabama, and at Louisville took command of the division on Crittenden's promotion (Oct. 1, 1862); joining Rosencranz in Dec., took part in the b. of Stone River, where he was wounded, having rendered distinguished service; engaged at Ringgold, Ga.; and Gordon's Mills, 11-13 Sept., 1863; Chicamauga, 19, 20, Sept. '63; and in command at Murfreesboro, 1863-65. By commission dated March 13, 1865, the rank of Maj. Gen. was conferred on him "for gallant and meritorious services during the war." Was mustered out of service Aug. 24, 1865. Was appointed Adj. Gen. of Minnesota Jan. 1866. Commissioned P. M. at St. Anthony, where he then resided, March 3, 1871; served until July 31, 1872. Was re-appointed Adj. Gen. March 1, 1876.

*HON. PENNOCK PUSEY*, Governor's Private Secretary, was born in Chester Co., Pa., Sept. 6, 1825, and educated in West Town, Pa. In 1854 he came to St. Paul, and was engaged several years in the real estate business with the late Henry McKenty, the largest operator in the Northwest. In 1862 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State, and held that office ten years, performing most of the time the responsible duties of the principal of that office. In 1869 the State created a Commissionership of Statistics, to which Mr. Pusey was appointed, and published two annual reports of great ability and value, and prepared the State Immigration Pamphlet. In 1872 he was appointed Commissioner of Insurance, and held that office two years, resigning on account of the health of his wife, who was compelled to spend a winter in Florida. In Jan., 1876, he was appointed Governor's Private Secretary, by Gov. Pillsbury.

*CAPT. A. COLEMAN MACY*, Secretary to the Executive Department, was born at Hudson, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1844. He is a descendant of one of the early settlers of New England, and for two centuries past his family have contributed to the civil service of our nation many able and eminent officials. but being members of the Society of Friends, none of them ever attained rank in the military service; Capt. Macy, however, served in the war for the Union while a mere boy. He became a resident of Minnesota in 1873, and in November of that year was appointed Secretary to the Executive Department, by Gov. Austin, and has held that position since that date. He is also mustering officer of the State volunteer military, with rank of Captain.

*DR. JOHN B. PHILLIPS*, Commissioner of Statistics and Assistant Secretary of State, was born in Kennett Square, Pa., in 1832. In his youthful days, he was a playmate and companion of Bayard Taylor, who subsequently, in remembrance of this fact, dedicated one of his volumes of poetry to him. He entered the Medical Department of the University of Pa. in 1850; graduated in 1855, having in the



meantime passed two years in Europe, studying his profession there. In 1854, while in Switzerland, he was arrested in mistake for the patriot Mazzini, to whom he bore a striking physical resemblance, and incarcerated in a dungeon for some time. In 1856 he came to St. Paul, and soon afterward purchased a large tract of ground at Cottage Grove, farming extensively and practicing his profession. In 1875 he was appointed to the office he now holds, for which his past experience, and professional studies admirably qualify him.

*J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS*, Secretary of the State Historical Society, was born in Cincinnati, O., Sept. 25, 1834; educated at Woodward College, and subsequently at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. Removed to St. Paul Sept. 1855; soon after engaged in journalism, in which profession he remained twelve years, being engaged on all of the leading dailies at various times. In 1865 was appointed private secretary to the Governor, and State Librarian. In Jan., 1867, was elected Secretary and Librarian of the Historical Society, which position he has since filled, and managed the accumulation of the large and valuable library of that society. Is also Sec. of the "Ramsey Co. Pioneer Association," and Cor. Sec. of the "Old Settlers' Association of Minnesota," two kindred societies. In 1871 was appointed U. S. Centennial Commissioner from Minnesota, and served until the close of the exhibition. The library of the society occupies an apartment in the basement story of the Capitol, where the secretary has his office; and, by reason of his literary acquirements and versatile knowledge, he is styled "the subterranean philosopher."

*CHARLES E. CHAPEL*, Janitor State Capitol, was born in Rock county, Wis., Aug. 6, 1843; removed to Illinois with parents when but four years of age. At nine years of age settled in Iowa, remained four years, then immigrated to Minnesota, where he has since made it his home, March 14, 1862. He enlisted in Co. C, Fifth Minn. Vols. for three years or during the war; March 14, 1864, re-enlisted in the same reg't. Was in 34 engagements; among the most important were the battles of Vicksburg, Raymond, Champion Hill and Jackson, Miss.; Pleasant Hill and Port Hudson, La.; Nashville, Tenn; siege of Spanish Fort on Mobile Bay, in which latter engagement he lost his left arm, just one week before the war ended. June 14, 1865, he was discharged. Was elected Sheriff of Faribault county that fall, served one term and then turned his attention to farming. He has held the position he now occupies for the past four years.

## JUDICIARY.

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*HON. JAMES GILFILLAN*, Chief Justice of Minnesota, was born in Scotland, March 9, 1829; came to New York in infancy; received academic education; studied law at law school at Ballston Spa, and at Buffalo. Admitted to bar at Albany, N. Y., in 1850. Emigrated to Minnesota in 1857, and commenced practice of law at St. Paul. In 1862 enlisted in Co. H, Seventh Regiment, and was commissioned Captain Aug. 6; served with the regiment in their Indian campaign, and afterwards in the south, at Tupelo, Tallahatchie, the pursuit of Price, and other battles and campaigns. On Sept. 7, was promoted Col. of the Eleventh Minn., and commanded it until mustered out at close of war, June 26, 1865. On July 14, 1869, was appointed by Gov. Marshall, Chief Justice, vice Wilson, C. J., resigned. Again appointed Chief Justice March 10, 1857, by Gov. Davis, vice McMillan, C. J., elected Senator. Elected Nov. 1875, for full term of seven years, 1876-83.

*HON. JOHN M. BERRY*, Judge of the Supreme Court, was born in New Hampshire Sept. 18, 1827. Graduated at Yale College in 1847. Studied law, and was admitted to the bar Sept. 1850. Removed to Faribault, Minn., in 1855. Was elected a member of the Territorial House of Representatives of 1857, and again to the State Senate in 1863 and '64. In 1860 was appointed a regent of the State University, and for several years rendered important service in extricating that institution from its financial troubles. Elected Judge of the Supreme Court in 1864, and re-elected in 1871. Term expires Jan. 1879.

*HON. F. R. E. CORNELL*, was born in Coventry, Chenango Co., N. Y. Nov. 17, 1821. Graduated at Union College in 1842. Was admitted to the bar in Steuben county in 1864, and not long afterwards became a partner of the late Judge A. G. Chatfield, afterwards also of this State. He was elected a member of the N. Y. Senate in 1852 and '53, from the district composed of Steuben and Chenango counties. In 1854 he was induced to come to Minnesota for the health of his wife, but without any intention of remaining here permanently. He settled temporarily at Minneapolis, and soon decided to make it his future residence. He was elected a member of the Legislature in 1861 (House), and re-elected to that of 1862, and again to the session of 1865. In 1867 he was elected Attorney General, and re-elected in 1869, serving until Jan. 1874. In the fall of that year he was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court for the term 1875-82.

*HON. GEORGE P. WILSON*, Attorney General, Winona, was born in Pennsylvania in 1840. He was educated at the Ohio Wesleyan University, and came to Minnesota in 1860; studied law with Lewis & Simpson, and was admitted to the bar in 1862; has practiced in Winona since. In 1864 and in 1865 he was Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and Secretary in 1866 and 1867. He was County Attorney for Winona county for six years, up to the time he was elected Attorney General, in the fall of 1873. In the winter of 1873 he was a member of the House, and the following year he entered upon the duties of his office as Attorney General. Before the expiration of his first term, 1875, he was re-elected for two years more. He is justly considered one of the ablest members of the bar in Minnesota, and has discharged the important duties of his office with admirable fidelity.

*HON. SAMUEL H. NICHOLS* was born in Malden, Mass., Aug. 7, 1830. Educated at Malden High School and Medford Seminary. Was engaged in mechanical and mercantile pursuits in early life. Emigrated to Minnesota in 1855, and settled in Salem, Olmsted Co., where he engaged in farming, and continued in that occupation some years. Was elected Co. Commissioner of Olmsted Co. one year; was clerk in Provost Marshal's office at Rochester some months during the war, and was enrolling clerk of the Senate in 1867 and 1868, Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives in 1869 and 1872, and Chief Clerk of same in 1873, '74 and '75. Appointed Assessor of Internal Revenue in 1870 at Alexandria and Fergus Falls, and held that position three years. In 1873 elected Clerk of the Court of Otter Tail Co.; was Register of Deeds of same Co. in 1874 and '75. Elected in latter year Clerk of the Supreme Court. Term expires Jan. 1880.

*CAPT. JOHN C. SHAW*, State Librarian—Born in Exeter, England, April 10, 1829. Educated at Sanders Military College. Entered the army in 1844; served in H. M. 18th infantry and other commands in Hindostan, Crimean war, etc. Came to U. S. in 1860. Enlisted in 75th N. Y. (Sickles' Brig.) 1861, and subsequently in regulars. Served eight years in all. Wounded in skirmish with Indians 1867. Was secretary to Gen. Hancock some time. Came to St. Paul 1870. Served as clerk in Adj. Gen.'s office until April, 1873 with rank of Captain, when he was appointed State Librarian.

## SENATE.

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Among the professions and occupations, the lawyers head the list, ten in number; farmers nine, bankers five, merchants four, lumbermen three; and the rest are about equally divided among five or six branches. Two are single and two are widowers. Fourteen are natives of the State of New York, while the others are scattered from Ireland to Norway. Senator J. V. Daniels is the senior member. He is in his sixty-eighth year, and he has served longer in that body than any other member; nine regular and one extra session, and one term in the House besides. Senator Archibald is the junior member. He is twenty-seven years old. Lieutenant Governor Wakefield, the President, supports the most avoirdupois, two hundred and fifty pounds; and Senator Wilkinson stands above all in physical stature, a little over six feet two. There are twenty-eight Republicans, twelve Democrats, and one Independent. I believe it is generally admitted that no similar body in the Union possesses more ability than that which characterizes the State Senate of Minnesota, the present session. Among her members are men who have held some of the most distinguished positions on the roll of national honor. One has been a member of the United States Senate for the term of six years, and a member of Congress one term. Another has served four years in Congress, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Minnesota four years, and for half a lifetime has filled positions of public trust and honor. Others have occupied some of the highest positions in the State, and helped shape her destinies. The Senate Judiciary Committee is a body that would do credit to the Congress of the United States.

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*HON. JOHN M. ARCHIBALD*, Dundas, Rice county, is a native of New York, born December 25, 1849; the youngest member in the Senate, single, and by occupation a miller. He was educated at the Military Institute, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; removed to Minnesota in 1865, and settled in Dundas. His father, E. T. Archibald, established the celebrated Dundas Flouring Mills that have since become so widely known. Mr. J. M. Archibald devotes his attention largely to his grain and flouring interests, which require his presence abroad much of the time. The father and sons, of which there are two, are, besides, improving a six thousand acre farm in the northern part of the State. They are men of capital and business ability, and their influence extends beyond the limits of Minnesota. He votes the Democratic ticket and attends the Episcopal church.

*HON. THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG*, Albert Lea, Freeborn county, was born in Ohio in 1829. He was educated at the Western Reserve College, and graduated at the Cincinnati Law School. In May, 1855, he removed to Minnesota, and settled at High Forest, in the practice of law. In his early political life he was a Douglas Democrat and adhered to that faith up to the breaking out of the war in 1861, at which period he became identified with the Republican party. He

was a member of the Democratic wing of the Minnesota Constitutional Convention of 1857, and had to make the trip on foot both ways, a hundred miles distant. In 1864 he was a member of the Legislature from Olmsted county; re-elected in 1865, and was Speaker of the House that session. In 1865 he ran for Lieutenant Governor on the ticket with Gov. Marshall, was elected by a handsome majority, and re-elected in 1867, thus serving four years in succession. He was a candidate before the Convention of 1873, for Governor, but withdrew, and Gov. Davis was nominated. In all the intervening periods of his official duties he has steadily adhered to the practice of law. In April, 1874, he settled at Albert Lea. That fall he was taken up by his friends, ran independently, was elected to the State Senate, and re-elected last fall by 1500 majority. One of the early settlers, he has been identified with many of the most important public measures of the State. Since settling at Albert Lea he has established the "Freeborn County Bank." His law library is said to be one of the largest and best in the State.

*HON. P. C. BAILEY*, Waseca, Waseca county, was born in New York in 1828; settled in Minnesota in 1856; by occupation a hardware merchant. He has been a Republican since the organization of the party. In religion he is inclined to be liberal, as in every thing else. The most trying time of his life was during the "great Minnesota blizzard," Jan. 7, 8 and 9, 1873. That event forced him to the conclusion that a superior power may ride upon the whirlwind and direct the storm. Mr. Bailey looks like a man capable of enforcing muscular Christianity. He has the build of an athlete, weighs 208 pounds, is as active as an acrobat. In 1862 he was a member of the House, and was elected to the Senate last fall by a hard fight against two competitors.

*HON. EDWARD S. BROWN*, is a native of Maine, born in 1830. He was educated at the common schools and learned the trade of millwright, which he followed many years. In 1852 he erected mills in Washington Territory, Puget Sound, and other places on the Pacific; returned to Maine after an absence of two and a half years, and came to Minnesota, in 1855. He was in the employ of the St. Anthony Water Power Co. about eight years, a portion of the time as agent. He went to Stillwater four years ago and purchased an interest with Gen. Hersey, now the firm of Hersey, Bean & Brown. Mr. Brown has been Mayor of St. Anthony two terms, and City Treasurer for four years. He trains with the Democratic party, and swears by Tilden.

*HON. LEVI BUTLER*, Minneapolis, Hennepin county, is a native of Indiana, born in 1818. He settled in Minnesota in 1855, and is one of the successful business men of Minneapolis. He was educated in his native State principally, but graduated in medicine in Ohio. This is his third term in the State Senate. He served two and a half years of active duty in the army of the Mississippi, as surgeon. Mr. Butler is a representative man, and as his merit has been thoroughly tested on previous occasions his constituents have learned the worth of his sterling qualities and prefer to

keep him where he can do them the most good. His political sentiments are Republican. One of the leading citizens of Minneapolis, he has done much towards building up and developing the resources of that wonderful city. He is president of the Farmers' & Mechanics' Savings Bank, of Minneapolis, and identified with nearly all the philanthropic and benevolent institutions of the city in which he lives.

*HON. C. H. CONKEY*, Preston, Fillmore county, is a New Yorker, 48 years of age, and a miller by occupation. From New York he moved to Iowa in 1852, having previously resided two years in Illinois. He settled in Minnesota in 1859, and has held local offices most of the time since. He is serving his second term in the State Senate. Always a Republican since the party had a name, he has conducted himself with moderation and made more friends than enemies even among his political opponents. In church matters he is a Presbyterian. Mr. Conkey may be counted among the pioneers, and he has borne his full share of the burdens incident to the founders of this great State. His was but a common school education, yet he is more capable of solving the knotty practical problems of life, than many who have taken their degrees within the college confines.

*HON. J. V. DANIELS*, Rochester, Olmsted county, is a native of New York, born in Schoharie county in 1809. He received a common school and academical education, studied law in his native county, but was not admitted at that time; removed to Pennsylvania in 1840; held a local office there for a period of eight years, then removed to Minnesota in 1856, and was admitted to the bar in this state. Followed farming for a time; went into the banking business in 1870; is now president of the "Union National Bank" of Rochester. Has been mayor of the city of Rochester; in the house one session, and in the Senate nine regular sessions and one extra session. He is a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Baptist church. From the many positions of trust and responsibility Mr. Daniels has filled it will be seen in what esteem he is held by his fellow citizens.

*HON. BURR DEUEL*, Quincy, Olmsted county, was born in New York in 1827. He received a common school education, and emigrated to Minnesota in 1855. He has traveled extensively in the United States but never gained a residence in many of them. Was a member of the House in 1875, and is now serving his first term in the Senate. Republican in politics, he was formerly an old line Whig. He lost his property in the Minnesota State bond scheme—a grievous eye-sore. Mr. Deuel is an active, wideawake member, thoroughly alive to the best interests of his district and the State. He is one of the early settlers, and has worked his way through the turbulent times to the era of better days. By occupation a miller.

*HON. IGNATIUS DONNELLY*, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 3, 1831. Educated in public schools; graduated from Central High School in 1849; was made Master of Arts in 1852; same year admitted to practice law from the office of the celebrated Benjamin Harris Brewster. Married in 1855, removed to Minnesota in 1856 and settled at Nininger, Dakota county, where he bought farm-

land and entered on the business of farming. Was elected Lieut. Gov. in 1859; re-elected in 1861, and was elected to Congress in 1862; re-elected in 1864 and 1866. Was nominated in 1868, but defeated by C. C. Andrews running as an independent candidate, Eugene M. Wilson, the Democratic candidate, being elected. In 1873 he was elected to the State Senate from Dakota county, by 1,500 majority; in 1875 was re-elected. In 1874 (July 16) Mr. Donnelly commenced the publication of the *Anti Monopolist*, an independent newspaper, which is still in existence, and attained at one time a circulation of 13,000 copies—the largest regular weekly circulation ever known in the State. Mr. Donnelly is a fluent speaker, a ready debater, and whether on the stump or in the forum, he is undoubtedly the most brilliant orator in the Northwest.

*HON. MICHAEL DORAN*, LeSueur, LeSueur county, was born in the county of Meath, Ireland, Nov. 1, 1829. He attended school in the old country, and immigrated to the United States in 1850; remained about a year in the state of New York, then removed to Ohio, and in 1856 immigrated to Minnesota; settled at LeSueur, and tilled the soil. He was eight years County Treasurer of that county, and has since followed banking. In 1864 he was a delegate to the Cincinnati National Convention. He was a member of the State Senate in 1871-75. In the fall of 1875 he was nominated on the Democratic ticket for State Auditor, but declined. Mr. Doran is a prominent banker of LeSueur, and one of the representative men of the State. He has been a lifelong Democrat, and still loves his old faith. In religious belief he is a Catholic, and his people worship at that church.

*HON. I. P. DURFEE*, Worthington, Nobles county, is a native of Rhode Island, born Jan. 1838; was educated in the common schools in his native State; settled in Minnesota in 1872. He is now serving his first term in the Senate. Has held local offices, and devoted six or seven years of his life to the business of rail-roading; otherwise he has enjoyed a pretty smooth career. The grasshoppers have kept him uneasy for the last four years, but he has fought them in the meantime with fire and water, to the best of his ability. Mr. Durfee went to Nobles county when that part of Minnesota was new, and is therefore among the earliest agriculturists in that section of Minnesota. He stands square on the Republican platform. He is not a talking member, but works with a will, and accomplishes far more than many who make the long winded speeches.

*HON. A. J. EDGERTON*, Mantorville, Dodge county, is a New Yorker, born in 1827. He was educated at Middletown, Connecticut, and graduated at the Wesleyan University, in the class of '50; resided in Illinois a year and a half, and came to Minnesota in 1855. His law practice extends back a period of twenty-two years. He was in the army about five years, divided as follows: Indian campaign, for a time; Department of the Missouri one year, and the remainder of the period in the Department of the Gulf. Went in a private and came out a Brevet Brigadier.

General. Was elected to the State Senate in 1858. Mr. Edgerton is one of the very able lawyers of the State, an influential Republican politician, and a leading man at all times.

*HON. C. G. EDWARDS*, Spring Valley, Fillmore county, is a native of New York, born in 1836, and educated at the Canandaigua Academy. He came to Minnesota in 1857, returned to Ohio, enlisted in the army from that State, and served until the close of the war. Accompanied Gen. W. T. Sherman in his march to the sea; was in all the battles fought by the army of the Cumberland; four times wounded, and still lives to tell the tale; saw war in all its phases; was mustered out a Lieutenant Colonel. Took up his permanent abode in Minnesota in 1870. Has been in business where he now resides, ever since. Politically he is a Republican, and is now serving his first term in the Senate.

*HON. A. K. FINSETH*, Kenyon, Goodhue county, is a native of Norway, born in 1836. He left his native country in 1853, for America; settled in Wisconsin; remained two years; then removed to Minnesota in 1855. He was one of the first settlers in the township of Holden. Mr. Finseth was Hayes Presidential elector from his district for the State of Minnesota. One among the very earliest settlers, he steadily pushed ahead through the era of dark days, and helped lay the foundation for others to come in and share with him the fruits of his toil and deprivation. A man of few words, he makes it up in deeds that will shine when that which falls from the tongue is forgotten. He is one of Minnesota's sturdy farmers; is doing duty for the second time in this legislative body, and stands on the Republican platform.

*HON. W. H. C. FOLSOM*, Taylors Falls, Chisago county, is a native of New Brunswick, born in 1817. Immigrated to Minnesota in 1845. His parents were New Englanders. Mr. Folsom is a self-educated and a self-made man in every sense of the word. He has been west forty-one years, and is truly the architect of his own fortune. He has been a Republican since the organization of that party, and in fact he helped organize it. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of Minnesota. This is his seventh term in the State Senate, and he has served one term in the House. Was in the Legislature and bitterly opposed the five million loan measure, a large portion of which hangs like an incubus over the State to-day, amounting — principal and interest — to about \$7,000,000. He was sheriff of the territory of Wisconsin, embracing all that region from the Chippewa river to the Missouri, and from Lake Superior to the northern boundary of Iowa. He helped organize the first District Court held in Minnesota, at Stillwater. Few men living have seen and done more real pioneering, and he is perhaps as familiar with the various history of the State and the great Northwest as any other man. Mr. Folsom is a man of large observation, keen perception, good practical knowledge of men and measures, and his integrity is beyond question. He has been an extensive lumber manufacturer, but has disposed of that interest, and is now turning his attention to the more quiet pursuits of agriculture.



*HON. JOHN B. GILFILLAN*, Minneapolis, is a native of Caledonia county, Vermont, born in 1835. He attended the grammar school of his native place, and fitted himself for college. In 1855 he removed from Vermont to Minnesota; studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1860. He has been County Attorney for eight years; a member of the Board of Education, and he has taken a prominent interest in educational matters at all times. He was elected to fill the unexpired term of Governor Pillsbury in the Senate, and was re-elected. Senator Gilfillan is a member of the firm of Lochren, McNair & Gilfillan, of Minneapolis, one of the ablest law firms in the State. He is a man of fine legal acquirements, a logical speaker, and a ready debater.

*HON. S. A. HALL*, Yellow Medicine, Yellow Medicine county, is a native of Jefferson county, New York, born in 1835. His education up to ten years of age, was in the district school. In 1845 he emigrated with his parents to Wisconsin, and there witnessed the vicissitudes and struggles of the early pioneers in their western homes. Attended the Madison University in 1855, from whence he graduated in 1861. Took charge of the Wesleyan Seminary immediately after, at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Threw up his position, and in the summer of 1864, raised a company; was appointed its Captain, and went into the Federal army with the Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Took part in the battle of Hatcher's Run, Sailor's Creek, and was present when General Lee surrendered. He was mustered out of the service in 1865, after which, for a period of four years, he engaged in teaching, and in 1869 immigrated to Minnesota for his health, where he has ever since held positions of honor and trust. He was elected a member of this body by 1,360 majority over his competitor. In politics Mr. Hall is a firm Republican, and in religion a member of the Methodist Church.

*HON. WILLIAM HENRY*, Belle Plaine, Scott county, was born in Ireland in 1826. He was educated in his native land for the priesthood; immigrated to America in 1847, and settled in New Jersey; lived in New Jersey and in New York; came to Minnesota July 14th, 1854; was a member of the House in 1868, in the Senate in 1869 and '70. He has been Judge of Probate, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and filled other positions in the gift of his party. He pins his political faith to the good old Democratic doctrine, and his spiritual faith to the great Roman Catholic church. Mr. Henry is a well educated man and he will do credit to his constituency.

*HON. R. B. LANGDON*, Minneapolis, is a native of Vermont, born Nov. 24, 1826. He received an academical education, and started out on life's voyage alone. His business took him into almost every state in the Union; he was in Mississippi when that state seceded, and witnessed the great political breakup of those turbulent times. He built the first Washburn mill at Minneapolis, and many other important buildings of the city, the great canal, the river road from St. Paul to LaCrosse, the one from Farmington to Glencoe, the McGregor Western, the cut-off from Lyle

to Mason City, the one from Racine to Chicago, forty miles of railroad in Ohio; built the bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Paul, the one at Hastings, three across the Minnesota river, and dozens of others. It will be seen Mr. Langdon has been one of the most extensive contractors in the State. In the days of the Whig party he was an old liner, but when that light went out, he found his affinity in the Republican fold. This is his third term in the State Senate. He is vice president of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railroad, and also of the National Exchange Bank of Minneapolis, and is a prominent business man and capitalist of that city.

*HON. CHARLES H. LIENAU*, Chaska, Carver Co., was born in 1835 in Hols-tein, Germany; was educated at the high school in Schwartau near Luebeck, and followed teaching as a profession while in Europe. Immigrated to America in September 1854; lived successively in New York, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Came to St. Paul in 1858; purchased the *Volksblatt* in 1861 and edited and published the same for eight years, of which two years daily. Was elected alderman of the 3d ward of St. Paul in 1862, City Comptroller of St. Paul in 1863. Was delegate to the National Democratic Convention held at Chicago in 1864; represented Ramsey county in the Legislature in 1867 and '68. Was candidate for elector on the Seymour ticket in 1868, stumped the State with Gen. Malmros, candidate for elector on the Grant ticket. Removed to Carver county in 1869. Was elected to the Legislature in 1872; Judge of Probate in '73. Elected to the State Senate in '74 and re-elected in '76. This is his sixth year in the Legislature. At present he is engaged in the manufacture of plows. Mr. Lienau is one among the active and prominent members of the Senate; a man of more than ordinary legislative acumen, and from his political standing and influence in his party he has made himself familiar with the political interests of the State and nation.

*HON. C. F. MACDONALD*, St. Cloud, Stearns county, is a Nova Scotian thirty-three years of age, and by profession a journalist. He came to the United States in 1848; lived in Pennsylvania a number of years, and removed to Minnesota in 1855. He enlisted in the Ninth Minnesota regiment; served three years; he resided in St. Paul until two years ago, then settled in St. Cloud. In politics he is Democratic. Mr. Macdonald is a man more given to thoughts than words, but when occasion demands it he can express his sentiments clearly and with effect. He is the editor and proprietor of the *St. Cloud Times*.

*HON. JAMES McHENCH*, Plainview, Wabashaw county, was born in the State of New York in 1824. He received his early training at the district school, and then taught for a period of fifteen years; removed to Minnesota in 1856, and finally settled on Greenwood Prairie, where he has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and stockraising. He is one among the large farmers of the county, and is a staunch, clear-headed, well-to-do citizen. In politics he is a Republican, and in his religious belief a Protestant. Mr. McHench is more of a thinker and worker than talker, but his practical good sense and keen foresight enables

him to seize and accomplish his work while the talking members would be looking around for something to say. He has been identified with the State Agricultural Society for several years, and believes in encouraging that branch of industry.

*HON. JOHN McNELLY*, Wilmington, Houston county, is a native of the Emerald Isle, born in 1830. He was educated in the old country, but came to America at eighteen years of age; lived in Norwich, Connecticut, for a number of years, and then immigrated to Minnesota in the spring of 1855. Differing from most of his countrymen, Mr. McNelly has been a staunch Republican of long standing, and a member of the M. E. Church. He has served two terms in the House, and is now serving his first term in the Senate. Ever since the organization of the State government he has filled some official position either of his town or county. He is a farmer by occupation, a man of fine physical development, erect, broad-shouldered, six feet in height, well proportioned, and weighs 190 pounds. In manner and address there is scarcely a trace of his Celtic origin.

*HON. LEWIS MAYO*, druggist, Sauk Rapids, Benton county, is a native of Maine, born in 1828. He received his preparatory education in his native state, and attended the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn.; removed to Iowa in 1856, thence to Minnesota in 1867. Like other early settlers his measure of frontier experience is well filled, otherwise his life has been smooth and without incident. His parents were New Englanders. What is not usual, he is a member of the Methodist church, and yet a Democrat. There is no particular reason why a man should not be a good Christian even if he is a Democrat. He practiced law in Iowa, and is a member of the bar in this State. Mr. Mayo will carefully watch the interests of his constituents and see that the rural population are justly protected.

*HON. C. A. MORTON*, St. Paul, Ramsey county, is a native of Ohio, born in 1839. He was educated at the Des Peres Institute, St. Louis, Mo.; resided 20 years in that city, engaged in mercantile pursuits. He entered the army in May, 1861, as Capt. in the Thirty-second Ill. Infantry; was detached the same year, and assigned to the staff of Gen. W. T. Sherman; made Lieut. Col. in 1862, and appointed Chief Commissary of the Fifteenth Army Corps. Assigned to duty as Chief Commissary of the Army of Tennessee in 1864; mustered out in 1865. He entered the banking business in St. Paul in the fall of 1871, establishing the "Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank" of that city. Mr. Morton is chairman of the finance committee of St. Paul, and is distinguished for his financial ability. He is an enterprising and successful business man, and ably represents his district in the State Senate. Politically he stands square on the Democratic Platform.

*HON. KNUTE NELSON*, Alexandria, Douglas county, was born Feb. 2, 1843, in the parish of Voss, in the kingdom of Norway; came to America July 3, 1849. Served as a private, and non-commissioned officer in the Fourth Wis. reg't during the late rebellion, from April, 1861 until Aug., 1864. Graduated from Albion Academy, June, 1865. Was admitted to the bar at Madison, Wis., in the spring of

1867. Was a member of the Wisconsin Legislature in 1868 and 1869. Came to Minnesota in August, 1871. Was County Attorney of Douglas county in 1873 and '74, and was a member of the State Senate in 1875 and '76. Politics, Republican; religion, Lutheran. Mr. Nelson is a wideawake and influential member of the Senate, a lawyer of marked ability, and one of the most distinguished politicians of the Northwest. He is an easy and fluent speaker, a good parliamentarian, and wields an influence in the politics of Northwestern Minnesota second to no man in the State.

*HON. H. G. PAGE*, Fergus Falls, Otter Tail county, was born in Sandwich, Carroll county, N. H., in 1832. He was educated at the academy of his native town and at the New Hampshire Conference Seminary, Northfield; removed to Illinois in 1855; engaged extensively in farming in that state, and in connection with his brother-in-law opened a bank. Health failing he was compelled to abandon his business and seek a more favorable clime. In 1870 he arrived in Minnesota, and was restored to health in her invigorating climate; settled at Fergus Falls in 1872. He now owns and operates a flouring mill there, does a successful banking business, and is honored with the presidency of the enterprise—the First National Bank of Fergus Falls. His early life was spent in one of the most rugged and romantic places in the Granite State. The red mountains looked down upon the home of his youth, and a beautiful lake nestles in the valley between their mural abutments. Mr. Page is a firm Republican, a man of fine business capacity, and a worthy and influential Senator. This is his second term in the Senate, and he is chairman of the finance committee of that body.

*HON. HENRY PÖEHLER*, Henderson, Sibley county, is a native of Germany, born in 1833; immigrated to the United States and settled in Iowa in 1848, thence to Minnesota in 1853; was a member of the House in 1857-8, and also in 1865; was elected to the Senate in 1872-3, and is now putting in another term. His political aspirations run on the Democratic side of the chasm. He is a member of the Free Evangelical church, but a Protestant in belief. Mr. Pöehler shows his rugged German origin in his strong constitution, inflexible will, and good sound practical knowledge.

*HON. J. F. REMORE*, St. Charles, Winona county, was born in the State of New York in 1826; immigrated to Wisconsin in 1846, thence to Minnesota in 1856; was a faithful worker in the organization of the Minnesota State Government, and one of the founders of the city of St. Charles; was early identified with the Republican party, and sees no cause at this day to forsake it; has been mayor of the city of his adoption for two terms, and alderman or mayor since the organization of the city government; voted for the railroad bonds, and believes they should be paid. Mr. Remore is a self-made man, and has the good of his constituents at heart.

*HON. ANDREW B. ROBBINS*, Willmar, Kandiyohi Co., is a native of Maine, born in 1845; settled in Minnesota in 1855. He was educated in this State. After leaving school he went into the army at the age of 17, and served three years;

was with Gen. Sully in his expedition to the Yellowstone; had a fight with the Sioux on the Little Missouri in the "Bad Lands." The command rescued Capt. Fisk's emigrant train from their perilous situation, surrounded by Indians. He went south down the Missouri river, and joined the army of Gen. Sherman; took part in the battles of Murfreesboro, Clifton, Tenn., and the Cedars, N. C.; belonged to the 8th Minn., the regiment that did more marching than any other one in the army; crossed four territories and eleven States; was with Gen. Sherman when Lee surrendered—joined him at Ft. Fisher. After being mustered out of the service he was in the employ of the St. Paul & Pacific R. R. Co. six years; located at Minneapolis; went to Willmar, and was in their employ there two years; resigned to give attention to his own business. He has been Mayor of Willmar, and has filled local offices ever since he settled there. This is his first term in the Senate, elected on the Republican ticket. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

*HON. J. P. SCHÖENBECK*, Norsland, Nicollet county, is a native of Sweden, born in 1825. He immigrated to Minnesota in 1853, and engaged in agriculture; served three years in the army, a member of the First Minn. reg't, enlisting April 29, 1861; was in all the battles of the reg't—17 in number—from Bull Run to Gettysburg; was wounded at Antietam, and twice wounded at Gettysburg; served in the memorable seven days campaign before Richmond, and bivouaced in the wilderness. Few men saw more service. His war record would make a book of itself. He is now serving his second term in the State Senate, elected on the Democratic ticket.

*HON. JAMES SMITH, Jr.*, is a native of Ohio, born at Mount Vernon in 1815. He was educated in his native town, and read law in Lancaster, O., four years, and was admitted to the bar in 1839; practiced in Mount Vernon until 1856, then came to Minnesota, and settled in St. Paul, where he has practiced his profession steadily up to the present time. This is his third term in the Senate. It was through his instrumentality that a charter was secured for the building of the Lake Superior & Mississippi railroad, which road he is the attorney for, and one of its directors. Mr. Smith was one of the early movers in the organization of the Republican party, but left it five years ago; since that time he has been identified with the opposition. In his profession he is one among the very able men of the State, and, as he is styled, "a wheel-horse of the Democratic party."

*HON. R. I. SMITH*, Austin, Mower county, is a native of New York, born in 1838. He was educated at the Sand Lake academy, under Prof. Schram, of Yale College, was engaged five years in teaching, after leaving school; removed to Wisconsin in 1853, and resided at Ripon, Fondulac county, two years; then removed to Illinois, and remained there about two years, and from there he came to Minnesota in 1857; settled in Rochester, Olmsted county; took the Pike's Peak fever, and went out to the land of gold in 1860. Returned in 1862, and enlisted in the 9th Minn. Reg.; took part in the career of those gallant fellows through thick and thin; returned from the war, and settled in Austin. Mr. Smith is serving his second winter in the Senate; politics Republican.

*HON. JAMES NEWTON STACY*, Monticello, Wright county, was born in North Adams, Mass., in 1838; received a common school education, and moved to Minnesota in 1856; settled in Wright county, and engaged in Surveying, up to the outbreak of the Indian war in '61; enlisted, and served one year; re-enlisted in Minn. 11th, and served until the close of the war as Lieutenant; engaged in general merchandise at Monticello, on returning home; political sentiments Republican. Mr. Stacy is a thorough business man, a highly respected and competent member of the Senate, and a popular and influential man in his district.

*HON. E. G. SWANSTROM*, Oneota, St. Louis county, is a native of Sweden, born in 1837; immigrated to America in 1854, and settled in Minnesota. He has held the position of County Commissioner where he now resides for the period of 13 years, and filled some office ever since his arrival in the United States. Was a member of the House in 1872-3, and is now serving his first term in the Senate. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Swanstrom is a popular man, not only among his countrymen, but among Americans as well.

*HON. J. M. WALDRON*, Litchfield, Meeker county, is a native of New York, 39 years of age. He was educated at the common schools and the academy; immigrated to Minnesota in 1862; was eight years in the United States land office, and Judge of Probate for two years. He is a member of the Republican party. This is his first Senatorial term. Mr. Waldron is an active member, and never yet got into the political cesspool beyond his depths.

*HON. J. P. WEST*, Wells, Faribault county, is a Vermonter, born in Waterbury in 1839. He received an academic education, and was admitted to the bar at 21 years of age. Immigrated to Wisconsin in the spring of 1861; settled in Wausau, Marathon county, and practiced his profession there for a period of ten years. He was District Attorney of that county for two terms, postmaster for three years, and Assistant Assessor for Marathon, Wood and Portage counties. Came to Minnesota in Sept., 1871; has since served two terms in the House, and is now serving his second term in the Senate.

*HON. LEWIS L. WHELLOCK*, Owatonna, Steele county, is a native of Jefferson county, N. Y., born in 1840. He enlisted as a private in the 160th N. Y. vols. and was soon promoted to a captaincy; served while the war lasted; after that read law with Hon. Chas. C. Dwight, at Auburn, N. Y., and graduated at the Albany University. Came to Minnesota in Sept., 1866. This is his second winter in the Senate. Mr. Wheelock is not a professional politician, but his popularity at home and the strength he would give to the Republican party in his district, called him into the field. He has held prominent offices in the city of Owatonna, and he enjoys a good practice there.

*HON. M. S. WILKINSON*, Mankato, Blue Earth county, is a native of Skaneateles, Onondaga county, New York, born Jan. 22d, 1819. His education was aca-

demical; studied law in his native town, and was admitted to the bar there; removed to Michigan, and settled at Eaton Rapids. In 1847, he removed to Minnesota. In 1849, when the Territory was organized, he was elected to the first legislature, which assembled that fall. He was selected by that body to draft a code of laws for the Territory, which duty he performed, exhibiting much legislative and legal ability. In 1859 he was chosen United States Senator from Minn. for the term of six years. On that occasion he distinguished himself by his famous speech pertaining to the expulsion of Jesse D. Bright. While in the Senate he was chairman of the Committee on Revolutionary claims, and a member of the Committee on Indian Affairs. He was elected to the 41st Congress, and was a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the 9th Census. A member of the State Senate in 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877. It will be seen Senator Wilkinson has achieved a political standing that places him high among the distinguished men of the nation.

*HON. W. C. WILLISTON*, Red Wing, Goodhue county, is a native of South Carolina, born in 1830. He received a log-school-house education in Ohio; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1855; remained in that state until he left for Minnesota, in 1857. He was in the army two years, a member of the Seventh Minn. vols.; campaigned it on the plains and in Missouri. Served two terms in the House and is now serving his first term in the Senate. Politically he is a Democrat, and Episcopalian in religion. Mr. Williston is a lawyer of marked ability, an active and influential Senator, and a strong party man.

*HON. W. H. YALE*, Winona, Winona county, is a native of Connecticut, born in New Haven in 1831; settled in Winona in 1857, and was admitted to the bar that year. This is his eighth winter in the State Senate. He was Lieut. Gov. four years, and has held public positions for half a life time. Mr. Yale is an able lawyer, a good parliamentarian, a fluent speaker, and one among the prominent Republican politicians of the State.

## OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

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HON. J. B. WAKEFIELD, *President.*

*CHARLES W. JOHNSON*, Minneapolis, Sec'y of the Senate, was born in Belleville, St. Clair Co., Ill., and is 34 years of age. He is a self-educated man. At the age of 12 he was apprenticed at the printing business. In 1860 he came to Minnesota, and settled on a farm in Brooklyn, Hennepin Co. In 1862 he enlisted in the Sixth Minn. vol. inf. and served as a private until the close of the war, participating in Indian campaigns on the Minnesota frontier, and in the campaigns in the Southwest and around Mobile. After the war he taught school in Minneapolis, and worked as a journeyman printer. He became a correspondent, and subsequently city editor of the *Minneapolis Tribune*. He was also associate editor of the *Minneapolis Evening News*, and for two years the editor and one of the proprietors of the *Minneapolis Evening Mail*; served one year as city clerk of Minneapolis, one year as As't Sec'y of the Senate. In 1874 Mr. Johnson was elected Sec'y of the Senate, and has held that position ever since, having been unanimously elected by the members of both parties. He is a thorough parliamentarian and transacts business with a ready facility that can only be acquired through natural adaptation for the business and practical experience.

*WM. H. CRANDALL*, Assistant Secretary, is a native of Birmingham, O., born March 1st, 1848. He was educated at Hiram College, that State, and studied law at Norwalk, O.; was admitted to the bar in 1871, and has since been in the practice of law at Austin, Minn. He has been Judge of Probate, and hopes to be again. Mr. Crandall is a good scribe, a quick and accurate clerk, and a well-informed affable gentleman.

*CHARLES RICHARD MCKENNEY*, Enrolling Clerk, was born in Franklin, Grant county, Wisconsin, in 1846; received his education in Wisconsin; at 17 commenced the printing business, and with the exception of one year, has devoted the entire time to his business. Was one of the few employes ordered to New York from the La Crosse office by M. M. Pomeroy, when Pomeroy started the *Daily New York Democrat*; remained about one year; returning to La Crosse, he assisted in the local department of the *La Crosse Leader*; continued there until he went to Eureka, Nev., where he had charge of *The Daily Eureka Sentinel* for one year; returning home, accepted a position on the *Republican-Leader*, and continued in the employment of



that company until he became editor and business manager of the *St. Cloud* (Minn.) *Press*, which paper he conducted from Jan. 3, 1873 to May 18, 1876, when he purchased the *Rushford* (Minn.) *Star*, and is now the editor and proprietor of that journal.

*M. A. DAILEY*, Engrossing Clerk, was born in Granville, Washington Co., N. Y., April 19, 1821. He was educated in his native town and in Kentucky; attended the grammar school at Paris, Ky., and the college at Danville. Taught for a number of years after leaving college; then studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1857, at Owatonna, Minn. Practiced his profession until 1863; was Register of Deeds for five years, Clerk of the District Court, and postmaster; As't Sec'y of the Senate in 1862, and at the called session Acting Sec'y. In the fall of 1862 he was elected to the Senate, served through the session of 1863, then resigned and took a position in the army. Served from April, 1863 until April '66; was Capt. and Commissary of Subsistence when he went in, and came out a Major by brevet. In 1868-9 he was special agent of the Postoffice Department for Wisconsin and Minnesota; has been engaged since in the real estate and collection business at Owatonna. Mr. Dailey is a Republican from a Henry Clay Whig down.

*C. A. ROSE*, Sergeant-at-Arms, is a native of Canada, born in 1845. At the age of fourteen he came with his parents to Minnesota, and when 16 years old he went into the army, enlisting in Co. C., 5th Minn. Vols. He was stationed at Fort Ridgely when the Indian outbreak occurred, and that fort was besieged; went south with his regiment, and joined Gen. Grant's army, then trying to make its way to Vicksburg; was at Vicksburg during the siege, and took part in the principal marches and battles of that campaign; was under A. J. Smith in the Red River campaign; at Nashville when Hood was defeated; siege of Spanish Fort, and so on to the end of the war. Sept. 27th, 1865 he was mustered out; returning, was appointed Dept. Sheriff of Faribault Co., and served in that capacity two years. Mr. Rose is a Republican in politics, a miller by occupation, and resides at Anoka, Anoka county. He is a very efficient officer in his present capacity, and is highly esteemed.

*JAMES M. HURLBUT*, As't Serg't-at-Arms, was born in Patterson Co., N. Y., in 1814; removed to Connecticut when young; remained there until 16 years of age, and picked up a little education at the district school, then moved to Bradford Co., Pa.; was married there, remained until 1847, and settled in Waukesha, Wis. Was Provost Marshal for a time. In 1865 immigrated to Rochester, Olmsted Co., Minn., and remained there one year. He then went up to Alexandria, Douglas Co., this State, and followed farming for a livelihood. He was a Free Soiler when that party broke out and has been a Republican since that party stepped in.

*E. C. SANDERS*, Chaplain, was born in Ashford, Cataaugus county, N. Y., in June, 1826. He was educated at the Springville Academy, Erie Co., and graduated for the ministry; came to Wisconsin in 1854, and became pastor of the 1st Baptist Church at Oshkosh. In 1856 he removed to Minnesota and settled in Le Sueur, Le Sueur county, his present home. He was pastor of the Baptist Church

there until 1862; then went into the army as Capt of Co. G, 10th Minn. Inf.; was promoted to the position of Major of his regiment in the spring of 1865; took part in the severe engagement at Nashville, and several other hard fought battles; was wounded by the Indians in the battle of New Ulm, Minn. At the close of the war he was mastered out, returned to his pastorate at Le Sueur. Mr. Sanders is a good Republican, and believes religion may even help a patriot. He was Chaplain of the Senate last winter also. The parson is six feet in height, weighs 225 pounds, and is said to be the most dignified gospel expounder that ever appealed to the throne of grace in behalf of a Minnesota Legislature.

*W. H. H. JOHNSTON*, Madelia, Watonwan Co., Sec'y of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was born at Williamsport, Lycoming Co. Pa.; removed to New York with his parents while quite young; attended public school. Commenced teaching at the age of 17, at Great Neck, Long Island; taught two years; completed course at State Normal School, Albany, Jan., 1863. Enlisted in the 13th Brooklyn vols. and took part in the battles of Gettysburg and Falling Water, under Gen. John Sedgwick. Reg't ordered back to fight enemy in rear in New York Riots; subsequently honorably discharged. In 1864 was appointed successively to the principalship of Flushing public school, Jamaica Seminary. In 1866 entered the law office of W. W. Goodrich, of the firm or Emerson & Goodrich, Wall-st.; attended Albany Law School; was appointed on N. Y. Rep. State Central Com. In 1868 was elected City Attorney of Bayonne, N. J., and established and edited for two years the *Bayonne City Herald*, the first official paper of the city. Came to Madelia in 1871; was elected Judge of Probate for two years in 1874; was elected delegate to the 1st Dist. Cong. Convention, and appointed on Cong. Com. In 1875 was chairman of Senatorial Convention 38th Dist.; at the State Convention was appointed a member of State Cent. Com.; 1876 was appointed Sec'y of Senate Jud. Com. As an ardent supporter of Jas. G. Blaine made a canvass of 1st Cong. Dist., and at the State Convention introduced the Blaine presidential resolution which was successfully carried, eliciting a personal compliment from the now U. S. Senator. In 1877 was unani- mously reappointed Sec'y of the Senate Jud. Com. Denominationally a member of the M. E. church; was lay delegate to Annual Conf. at St. Paul; was re-elected Jan. 1877, As't Supt. of Jackson-st. M. E. Sabbath School.

*A. S. BRISBINE*, Secretary of the Senate Railroad Committee, was born in St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 28th, 1856; remained there until the fall of 1876; then removed to Morris, this State, where he now lives. He attended the public schools in St. Paul, and graduated from the high school; by occupation a farmer.

*ED. H. FOLSOM*, Clerk of Enrolling and Engrossing Committees, was born in Massachusetts, in 1847; removed to Minnesota in 1856; published the *Taylor's Falls Reporter* for several years, and afterwards started the *Stillwater Lumberman*, which he managed for upwards of one year. Served one term as Engrossing Clerk, and one term as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, Married.

*GEORGE WILLOUGHBY*, Page, was born in St. Paul, April 12, 1859, and still resides there. George's history is yet in the future.

*JAMES C. ROBERTSON*, Page, was born in Vernon, Faribault Co., Minn., in 1862; now belongs in Blue Earth City, Faribault Co. James is commencing his political career early.

*EDWARD RICHARDS*, city editor of *St. Paul Pioneer-Press*, was born in the village of Jefferson, York Co., Pa., 25th Dec., 1829; received a common school and academic education in New Lisbon, O., where he also learned the art of printing; conducted literary and political newspapers in Pittsburgh and New Lisbon; was married in Pittsburgh, 1850; removed to Minnesota in April, 1858, from which time to the present he has been connected with the *Pioneer* and *Press*; served three years as a soldier in the 8th Reg, Minn. Vols., and followed that regiment in all its adventures from St. Paul to the Yellowstone, and in its march through Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina.

*JAMES D. WOOD*, *Dispatch*, was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, 1834. Thirteen years old went to learn printing trade on *Fredonia Advertiser*, New York. Three years later went to Marietta, Pa., where published *Mariettian*, for one year. Then went to Baltimore, Md., where remained as compositor on the *Daily American*, then removed to Princess Anne, Somerset County, Md., and established a paper called the *Somerset County Democrat*, where was married; there remained in the publication of paper until spring of 1860, when removed to LaCrosse, Wis. In May, 1861, enlisted as private in LaCrosse Light Guards, afterwards Co. B 2d Regt. Wis. Vols. Participated in first battle Bull Run, and all principal battles of Army of Potomac. Sept. 26, 1861, was promoted to 2d Lieutenant of Company. August 25th, 1862 was promoted to 1st Lieutenant same Company, and on 1st January, 1863, to Captain of Co. D, same regiment, and the 13th of March following to Assistant Adjutant General with the rank of Captain, and assigned to duty with the "Old Iron Brigade," Gen. Solomon Meredith; served with the Brigade until August 18, 1864, when he was taken prisoner in front of Petersburg, Va. Remained in prison until Feb. 22, 1865, being confined in Libby, Richmond, and at Danville. After exchange, ordered to Washington and placed on special duty in mustering out convalescents from different hospitals until June 28, 1865, when mustered out. Returning home to LaCrosse, remained there one year, when removed to Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota, where established the *Owatonna Democrat*, selling the same at expiration of nine months, and removing to St. Paul, where he has since remained connected with the daily press, first with the *Pioneer*, and for the last three years with the *Dispatch*.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

- On Judiciary*—Messrs. Armstrong, Nelson, Yale, Gilfillan, Wheelock, Edgerton, Wilkinson, Williston and Smith, J. jr.
- On Finance*—Messrs. Page, Gilfillan, Durfee, Lienau and Morton.
- On Elections*—Messrs. McNelly, Deuel, Finseth, Macdonald and Brown.
- On Claims*—Messrs. Daniels, McHench, Remore, Brown and Archibald.
- On Education*—Messrs. Wheelock, Hall, West, Donnelly, and Mayo.
- On Public Lands*—Messrs. Waldron, Daniels, Stacy, Edwards, Swanstrom, Lienau and Schœnbeck.
- On Internal Improvements*—Messrs. Smith, R. I., Remore, Hall, Donnelly and Mayo.
- On Federal Relations*—Messrs. Yale, Stacy, Durfee, Henry and Macdonald.
- On Agriculture*—Messrs. Finseth, McHench, McNelly, Donnelly and Schœnbeck.
- On Military Affairs*—Messrs. Edgerton, Swanstrom, Hall, Doran and Macdonald.
- On Corporations*—Messrs. West, Bailey, Smith, J. jr., and Doran.
- On Banks*—Messrs. Page, Finseth, Armstrong, Morton and Doran.
- On Railroads*—Messrs. Butler, Nelson, Wheelock, Smith, R. I., Bailey, Robbins, Edgerton, Smith, James jr., Wilkinson, Donnelly, Pœhler, Archibald and Mayo.
- On State Reform School*—Messrs. Gilfillan, Conkey, Nelson, Morton and Brown.
- On Insane Asylum*—Messrs. Daniels, Durfee, McHench, Schœnbeck and Henry.
- On Deaf, Dumb and Blind*—Messrs. Conkey, West, Deuel, Archibald and Macdonald.
- On Towns and Counties*—Messrs. Durfee, West, Butler, Williston and Brown.
- On Indian Affairs*—Messrs. Swanstrom, Deuel, Hall, Schœnbeck and Henry.
- On Public Buildings*—Messrs. Stacy, McHench, Remore, Pœhler and Morton.
- On State Prison*—Messrs. Langdon, Yale, Waldron, Smith R. I., Brown, Williston and Doran.
- On Library*—Messrs. Deuel, Edwards, Hall, Mayo and Henry.
- On Printing*—Messrs. Finseth, Stacy, Butler, Morton and Macdonald.
- On Engrossment*—Messrs. Edwards, Remore, Deuel, Pœhler and Henry.
- On Immigration*—Messrs. McHench, Waldron, Hall, Doran and Lienau.
- On Enrollment*—Messrs. Hall, Robbins, Remore, Brown and Mayo.
- On Retrenchment and Reform*—Messrs. Yale, Nelson, Stacy, Donnelly and Smith, James, jr.
- On Soldiers' Orphans*—Messrs. Remore, Stacy, Edgerton, Wilkinson and Morton.
- On Tree Planting*—Messrs. Donnelly, Hall, Durfee, Robbins, and Schœnbeck.
- On Roads and Bridges*—Messrs. Folsom, Hall, Waldron, Doran and Mayo.

## JOINT COMMITTEES.

- On Taxes and Tax Laws*—Messrs. Conkey, Armstrong, Williston, Folsom, Langdon and Doran.
- On University*—Messrs. Gilfillan, Wheelock, Finseth, Lienau and Macdonald.
- Special Committee on Destitution by Reason of Grasshopper Devastations*—Messrs. Donnelly, Armstrong, Bailey, Durfee, Robbins, Morton and Pœhler.
- On Printing*—Senator Macdonald.

## HOUSE.

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In this body are some able men. About one-third of the entire number are old members, having served from two to six or seven terms. The numerical preponderance is decidedly with the rural districts—fifty-six farmers. The lawyers are a mere fraction—not a *vulgar* fraction, but in point of numbers—five. The merchants number eight in the catalogue, and the remainder are about equally divided among a dozen different occupations. As in the Senate, the State of New York heads the nativity list—fifteen; then comes Norway, nine; Ireland, seven; Ohio, six; Massachusetts, six; Indiana five; Pennsylvania, five; and the others are from almost every State in the Union, and from half the civilized nations under the sun. The senior member is the Hon. D. B. Truax. He will be 59 May 25th, next. Hon. Geo. W. Pugh was 58, Sept. 17th, 1876. It is difficult to determine who the youngest member is, and it may have to be settled as they fixed up the difficulty with Jonah—by casting lots. There are two who are co-eval: Hon. S. G. Fulton and Hon. A. P. Peterson. The date of their natal morn is Sept. 7th, 1851, and God only knows which is the older, for one was born in Sweden and the other in Massachusetts. There are four members whose aggregate weight is 907 lbs., and if they were strung out in a horizontal line, they would measure 24½ feet. Hon. Anthony Huyck weighs 300 lbs. and is 6 ft. ½ inch in height; Hon. Edmund Rice, 242 lbs., 6 ft. 1½ in. in height; Hon. L. A. Huntoon, 235 lbs and 6 ft. 2 in.; Hon. Frank Erickson, 200 lbs., and 6 ft. 2 in.; and there are a score besides that measure well. It is very doubtful if any other legislature on earth, of equal number, embodies such an amount of flesh and blood and bones as the Minnesota Legislature carries around every day of its life. In point of ability it is conceded to be far ahead of the average Legislature. The Democratic members number thirty-two; Independents, three, and the remainder of the catalogue are Republicans, seventy-one.

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*HON. OLE AMUNDSON*, Alexandria, Douglas County, is a native of Norway, born in 1844, came to the United States in 1862, settled in Wisconsin, a farmer; immigrated to Minnesota in 1867, farmed four years and was then elected Sheriff of the county. He was married in 1874. Much of the time since he has been a dealer in agricultural implements. Attended the LaCrosse Commercial College for a time, and thus fitted himself for mercantile pursuits. Mr. Amundson is a quiet, intelligent gentleman, more given to thought and work than words. This is his first term in the Legislature. Politically he supports the Republican ticket.

*HON. D. ANDERSON*, Cambridge, Isanti County, was born in Sweden, in 1842. In 1850, with his parents, he immigrated to the United States, and settled in Minnesota in 1851; enlisted in the Tenth Minn. Infantry and went west on an Indian campaign with Gen. Sibley's command, had a few brushes with the red skins, then went after the other fellows down South; stayed one year and came back to Fort Snelling on detached service, recruiting, etc.; was mustered out in July, 1865;

and settled in Isanti county in 1868; was married in 1869, and settled down to business in the town of his adoption. He served one term County Auditor, was in the House in 1873, 1875, and 1876. Mr. Anderson must be popular among his friends, or he would not be serving his fourth term in this body.

*HON. W. J. BEAN*, Nicollet, Nicollet County, is a native of Heth, Harrison County, Indiana, born July 27, 1831. He was brought up on a farm, and attended the district school of his native place. In 1856 he removed to Missouri, near Jefferson City, remained one year, then came from there to Minnesota in 1857, and settled at Nicollet. Since his arrival in this State he has stuck to his farm and prospered. Although in the grasshopper belt, they damaged his crop seriously but once—1875. Mr. Bean was married in the State of Indiana in 1852. In politics he is Republican, and this is his first term in the Legislature. In addition to farming he loans money, and does a collection business.

*HON. SAMUEL B. BEATTY*, Dryden, Sibley Co., was born in Armstrong, Indiana Co., Nov. 15, 1841; attended school in his native place until 14 years of age, then removed with his parents in 1855 to Henry Co. Ill.; pursued his studies there in a graded school for a period of two years, and in 1855 immigrated to Minnesota and settled in Dryden. When the war broke out he enlisted in the Tenth Minn. reg't, Co. I; went south and was soon under command of A. J. Smith in the 16th Army Corps. He was at the siege of Nashville Dec. 15 and 16, 1864, and was mustered out at Ft. Snelling, Minn., Sept. 10, 1865. Since that time he has followed the pursuits of farmer and drover. He is a Democrat, descended from a Democratic ancestry as far back as he has any knowledge of their history. This is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. DAVID BENSON*, Gordon, Renville Co., was born in Norway in 1841. He was educated in the agricultural college; came to the United States in 1867 and settled at Rochester, Olmsted Co., Minn. Removed from there to the town of Benson in 1871, and has since followed the plow for a living. This is his fourth term in the House. He is styled "The Great American Bolter." The gentleman was first elected on the Democratic ticket, the next time he ran on the Republican ticket and was elected, the third time, Independent, with like success, and last fall he whitewashed them on all three of the tickets and came in with flying colors. No man in Minnesota can jump the political fence as nimbly and as successfully as he can.

*HON. WM. A. BENTLEY*, Rush City, Chisago County, was born in Lebanon, New London County, Ct., Nov. 30, 1837, of Scotch and English parentage. He was left early in life, dependent upon his own resources; received a common school education, and came to Minnesota in 1856. In 1861 he went into the army. He is an active and devoted worker in the cause of temperance, and has been Grand Secretary, Grand Chief, and State Lecturer of the Order of Good Templars of Minnesota. He is a resident physician and surgeon of Rush City, and represents the twenty-eighth legislative district. Dr. Bentley is an earnest Republican, a good speaker, and champions a good cause with a zeal that knows no abatement. He is serving his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. SEGUR BERG*, Pilot Mound, Fillmore Co., is a native of Norway, born in 1820; immigrated to the U. S. and settled in Boone Co., Ill., in 1853; remained there until 1856, then removed to Minnesota. He was educated in his native country, and learned the trade of wheelwright. His farm embraces an area of 300 acres, under a good state of cultivation, and his family consists of himself and five sons. He is a Republican, has been a member of the Board of County Commissioners, and belongs to the Lutheran church. Mr. Berg is an upright citizen, a working member of the Legislature and a man highly respected at all times.

*HON. E. P. BERTRAND*, Home, Brown county, was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, in 1838; immigrated to the U. S. and settled in Illinois in 1856; came from there to Minnesota in 1857, and engaged in farming. Mr. Bertrand is a man of few words, but a faithful worker, and a Democrat of the old school. In religion he is a true Roman Catholic, and believes in living up to his faith. An industrious farmer himself, he thinks there are too many who are trying to get along without labor. He would equalize capital and set more producers at work in the great human hive.

*HON. W. T. BONNIWELL*, Hutchinson, McLeod county, was born in the city of New York, Aug. 10, 1836; removed with his parents in 1839 to the vicinity of Milwaukee, Wis., at a time when that county was little less than a wilderness. His mother, a talented lady, taught him the rudiments of an English education, and after that he blocked out his own destiny. He has always taken a deep interest in the advancement of agriculture; was Secretary of the Ozaukee County Fair, and delivered a telling agricultural speech when but twenty-four years of age. In 1864 he represented a Democratic constituency in the Legislature, and was re-elected in 1865. He was known as a war Democrat, and made an able and patriotic speech in behalf of liberty and justice. In 1866 he removed to Hutchinson, Minn. He represented the people of his district in the State Senate in 1871-2; ran for State Railroad Com., and was defeated by Ex-Governor Marshall. Mr. Bonniwell is an enterprising, public spirited man, full of energy; and he has perhaps, done more to help the poor west of the "Big Woods" than any other man in the State. He is a money loaner and real estate dealer, yet he was never known to take more than 12 per cent. per annum, even when he could have taken thirty. He crossed the plains in 1850, and dug gold in California; sold goods, and returned in 1852. Like all prominent men he has his political enemies; but if the State was made up of men as useful as the subject of this sketch, we should have better times and a decided improvement on the present status of things. It is said that Mr. Bonniwell is the best looking man in the Minnesota Legislature. Before the session closes the matter is to be settled by a corps of competent lady judges.

*HON. H. A. BROWN*, Brownsdale, Mower Co., was born in North Stonington, Ct., in 1831; received his education in the schools of that place; went to California in 1851, and returned in 1855; came to Minnesota in 1856, and located the town of

Brownsdale, which has since become a thriving village on the line of the Southern Minnesota railroad. Mr. Brown went south during the war and for some time was in government employ in the Quartermaster's Dep't. After the close of the war he came north and married the daughter of Capt. Joseph Frink, of North Stoughton, Ct., a woman of excellent family and an intelligent and accomplished lady, and to her he owes much of his success. He served in the Legislature in 1870. Since that time he has devoted himself to agriculture, and now ranks among the largest farmers of the State. Within the past few years he has built up an extensive grain and lumber trade at his town. He is an active business man, and thinks it better to wear out than to rust out. By the schedule it will be seen that Mr. Brown pays from \$400 to \$500 taxes annually, thus placing him among the largest property holders of the agriculturists of the State.

*HON. C. F. BUCK*, Winona, Winona Co., was born in Erie Co., N. Y., in 1828. He was educated at Lancaster Academy in his native county. In 1853 he immigrated to Minnesota and settled in Winona. He served in the Territorial Legislature of 1856; was appointed U. S. Marshal by Abraham Lincoln in 1861; served one year and resigned. He was postmaster in Winona from 1865 to 1869; was a member of the State Senate in 1870-1; ran for Congress in the 1st district against Hon. Mark H. Dunnell in 1871, but was defeated. Mr. Buck is an eminent lawyer, but out of practice, a distinguished Democratic politician, a fluent and able speaker, and one among the very foremost men of the State.

*HON. GEO. W. BUFFUM*, Owatonna, Steele county, was born in Richmond, Cheshire Co., N. H., in 1835. In 1848 he removed with his parents to Wisconsin, where he received such learning as the common schools afforded. He followed farming until the war broke out, then enlisted, in 1861, a member of the 1st Wis.; served three years and a half; was in a number of hard fought battles, and was finally captured at Chickamauga; lay eight months in Libby Prison; was then sent to Macon, Ga., and from there to Charleston, S. C., where 600 Federal officers, himself included, were held as a safeguard, to be sacrificed in retaliation for any serious damage that might accrue to the city if bombarded by the Union army. On Dec. 19th 1864, he was exchanged, and was mustered out as Captain in Washington, shortly after; returned to Sheboygan county; married there in Jan., 1865; removed to Minnesota that year; purchased a farm, and settled at Owatonna. Mr. Buffum has been County Commissioner for five years; is a Republican; has been successful as a farmer, and is what the world would call "well fixed." He was never before a member of the Legislature.

*HON. J. W. CALLENDER*, Jordan, Scott Co., was born in Mass. in 1825; removed with his parents to Ohio in 1829, and settled on the Western Reserve, Ash-tabula Co., near where the recent bridge disaster occurred; lived there until 20 years of age, then went to N. O.; from there he went to the Hudson river, engaged in boating, was there five years and was made supt. of the line. Came to Minnesota in the



spring of 1856; located a place on the Minn. river known as Callender's Landing. Commenced farming 20 years ago in Scott Co., Minn. He is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business. His life has been up and down, but he still has the courage to cut and climb again. Mr. Callender's politics are Democratic. He is a hard worker in the House, and devoted to the best interests of the State.

*HON. S. L. CAMPBELL*, Wabasha, Wabasha Co., is a native of N. Y., born in 1824. He was educated at Clinton University, that State, and subsequently lived in Washington city, while his father was a member of Congress. His mother, yet living, still resides there. Mr. Campbell was admitted to the bar in Wabasha, 22 years ago. When the county was organized for judicial purposes, he was sent there as clerk of the first U. S. Dist. Court, and that place has been his home ever since. He has been mayor of the city several times, and he is now serving his third term in the Legislature; chairman of the House Jud. Com. last session, he is honored with that position again this term. A conservative Democrat, he is supported by Republicans as well as by those of his own party. Mr. Campbell is a lawyer of marked ability, a prudent legislator and a man in whom the people have implicit confidence.

*HON. SIMEON P. CHILD*, Blue Earth City, Faribault county, is a native of Ohio, born in 1836. Like the country schoolmaster, the honorable gentleman lived around some in early life, and educated himself—three years in Ohio, seven years in the State of N. Y.; then back to Ohio, and from there to Wis. in the fall of 1845; thence to Minn. in Jan. 1855, and settling in Waseca county. He remained there until the Indian outbreak; hunted redskins for a year; then went into the Quartermaster's department, and went south with the Federal army. On his return from the seat of war, he settled in Blue Earth City. He was a member of the House in 1872-3, in the Senate, 1874-5, and is now serving his third term in the House. He has held positions of public trust for many years. Mr. Child is an active member, whether in the Senate or House; a ready debater, quick to detect improper legislation, and ever ready to battle for the right. He is a staunch Republican, a Presbyterian, and by occupation a manufacturer. He is a member of the Judiciary Committee, and chairman of the State Prison Committee.

*HON. JAS. H. CLARK*, Excelsior, Hennepin county, was born in Manchester Bennington county, Vt., May 24th, 1830. When six years of age, with his parents he removed to the State of N. Y., where he attended the public schools. At the age of 16 they again moved, settling this time in the State of Ills. Here he followed farming for a year, then learned the carpenter's trade. In Oct., 1848, he was married, and in the spring of 1849, he went to Cal. by the overland route, returning by the isthmus in 1850; back to Cal. again that year by the same route, and home again in 1851 via the city of Mexico, Vera Cruz and N. O.; remained in Ills. until the fall of 1854, then removed to Minn., and settled in St. Anthony, Hennepin Co. In the fall of 1860 he located at Excelsior, on Lake Minnetonka, and followed his trade; returned to Ills. in the fall of 1861; farmed a year, and on the 12th of July, 1852, enlisted;

served as a private one year; was then promoted 2d Lieut., and was in command of Co. D, 112 Ills. Vol. Inf. a year and a half; served in the campaign of East Tenn., as Mounted Inf. under Gen. Burnside, and in the Ga. campaign under Gen. Sherman, as Infantry; was wounded in the shoulder before Atlanta, and was left back under Gen. Thomas; took part in the engagements at Franklin and Nashville; joined Gen. Sherman in N. C. and was at the surrender of Gen. Johnston, near Jonesboro; was discharged, July 6th, 1865; resumed farming in Henry Co. Ills.; followed it until the spring of 1867, then returned home, and has since worked at his trade. Mr. Clark is a Republican, and a member of the House for the first time.

*HON. PETER CLEARY*, Lasheen, Scott Co., is a native of Ireland, born in 1838; immigrated to America and settled in Ohio in 1849. In the spring of 1855 removed to Minnesota and located at Lasheen, and has since followed farming. In Dec. 1859, he was in the Legislature, remained until the end of the session, 1860; again a member in 1876, and this makes his third term. Mr. Cleary has been chairman of the town board for twelve years in succession, assessor for ten years, and for seven years justice of the peace. The best evidence of a man's integrity and official worth is the estimation in which he is held by those who know him best. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion a faithful Catholic.

*HON. S. B. COE*, Morristown, Rice Co., was born in Randolph, Portage Co., Ohio, Aug. 14, 1835. He was educated at Oberlin College, and afterwards attended Rush Medical College, Chicago, having removed to Wis. in 1855. In 1856 he began the practice of medicine at Waupun, Wis., and was married the same year to Miss M. J. Cronkhite, of that city. While at that place he was physician and surgeon of the State Prison for one year, and also had charge of the Dodge Co. Infirmary. In 1861 he removed to Minnesota and settled at Morristown. In war times he served with the Minn. Heavy Artillery, as hospital steward and assistant surgeon, and was mustered out at the close of the war. His medical practice extends back a period of over 20 years of continuous and uninterrupted labor. Dr. Coe has achieved a well earned reputation in his profession, and stands high as a practitioner in the State. Politically he is a Republican. This is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. J. M. COLE*, Winona, Winona Co., was born in Fayetteville, Onondaga Co., N. Y., Feb. 4th, 1824. He received an academical education; studied medicine, and attended medical lectures at Geneva; practiced medicine in Chemung and Tioga counties. In 1854 he removed from N. Y. to Minn. and settled in Winona, and has practiced his profession up to the present time. He has held the position of city and county physician for a number of years, and is now a member of the Board of Education. Dr. Cole has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, and is ever ready to aid in advancing knowledge. He is a member in high standing of the Masonic order. Politically the Doctor is a life long Democrat of the Douglas wing. One of the very early pioneers, he has watched the growth and development of the State, and rejoiced in its prosperity. He is now serving his country in the Legislature for the first time.

*HON. S. G. COMSTOCK*, Morehead, Clay Co., was born in Maine, May 9, 1842. He received an academical education, and studied law in his native State. Attended the University at Ann Arbor, Mich., and was admitted to the bar, and practiced law in Omaha, Neb. in 1869. Removed to Minnesota in 1870, and settled at Morehead; held the office of Co. Attorney for Clay Co. from 1871 to '77; was in the House last session. Mr. Comstock is a staunch Republican, and an active and indefatigable worker on the floor of the House.

*HON. WILLIAM CROOKS*, St. Paul, was born in New York city, June 20th, 1832. He attended West Point military academy, and graduated in the department of Civil Engineers. In 1857 he settled in St. Paul as Chief Engineer of the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, and was one of the men who helped carry through that enterprise in its darkest days. In honor of his valuable services, the first engine that ever turned a wheel in Minn.—1862—was named for him. Col. Crooks volunteered in the 6th Minn. Reg., 1862; was commissioned Colonel; commanded that battalion two years, and resigned in Oct., 1864. He then aided Hon. E. Rice in starting the River Road, making two trips to Europe in the meantime. Col. Crooks was a member of the Legislature in 1875. He is a Democrat all over.

*HON. HORACE CUMMINS*, Eagle Lake, Blue Earth Co., was born in Bristol, Kenosha Co., Wis., Aug. 25, 1843. He attended the district school in his native place; afterwards, with his parents, removed to Minnesota, in 1857, and settled at Eagle Lake. He enlisted in the Second Minn. reg't, Co. H, served one year and seven months and was then mustered out by reason of disability. For a time he turned his attention to farming, then began contracting on the railroad, and within the past year has built and is now running an elevator at Eagle Lake. Mr. Cummins supports the Republican ticket, and devotes his spare moments to the study of constitutional law. He was married in this State in 1864.

*HON. ELIJAH J. CUTTS*, Buffalo, Wright Co., was born in Kennebec Co., Me., Aug. 17, 1844. In 1853 he removed with his people to New York city; attended the common schools, and was with the 22d N. Y. militia in Virginia during the summer of 1862. In 1863 he visited the West Indies for his health. Returned and was married in 1866; came to Minnesota for pulmonary difficulty in 1869; resided in Minneapolis two years, farmed three years in Richfield, Hennepin Co., and has since been in the mercantile business at Buffalo. Mr. Cutts was elected on the Republican ticket, and is serving his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. J. F. DILLEY*, Chaska, Carver Co., was born in Richland, Guernsey Co., Ohio, in 1841. He attended the common schools of his native State, and removed to Minnesota in 1856; enlisted in the 4th Minn. Reg., and served four years. He was in the Army of the Mississippi, and with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea; took part in all the battles of the Reg., Iuka, Corinth, Forty Hills, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hills, Vicksburg, Mission Ridge, Altoona, and others; went in a private and was mustered out a 1st Lieutenant, in August, 1865. Mr. Dilley is serving his fourth term in the Legislature. He votes the straight Democratic ticket.

*HON. J. A. EBERHARD*, Mound Prairie, Houston Co., is a native of Prussia, born Oct., 1838; immigrated to America in 1843, and settled in Washington Co., Wis.; attended the district school, and worked on a farm. In 1854 he removed to Minn., and settled at Mound Prairie; served a short time in the army, a member of the 53d Wis. Vol. Inf. Co. A; was mustered out and returned home; engaged in agriculture, which pursuit he followed up to 1869; then went into the mercantile business, and has followed it ever since. He is postmaster at Mound Prairie, and agent for the Southern Minnesota R. R. Co; Republican, and serving his first term.

*HON. H. G. EMMONS*, State Line, Freeborn Co., is a native of Norway, born in 1828; immigrated to the United States and settled in Wisconsin in 1850, lived there six years, and came to Minnesota in 1856; engaged in farming. He has been postmaster for 13 years, justice of peace 14 years, county commissioner 6 years, and chairman of the board for 4 years. Few men in these times of political revolution can keep a post office for thirteen consecutive years, and be a guardian of the peace all that time, and a year longer. Mr. Emmons came in the vanguard of the pioneers, yet he has survived the blizzards, the Indian wars and the conflicts of early settlers, and votes the Republican ticket.

*HON. FRANK ERICKSON*, Lanesboro, Fillmore Co., is a native of Norway, born in 1839; immigrated to the U. S. and settled in Minnesota in 1868. He was educated in the old country. Since his arrival here he has been merchandising, and a portion of the time following his trade—a stone cutter; he was foreman of that branch of business for R. B. Langdon at the building of the bridges of Shakopee and Carver. Mr. Erickson is a powerful man physically, weighs 200 pounds and stands 6 ft. 2 in. in height. He is a gentleman of few words, but his language is well chosen, fitly spoken, and full of meaning. His political sentiments are Republican, and this is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. OLE W. ERICKSON*, Marine, Washington Co., is a native of Sweden, born Sept. 10th, 1836. In 1854 he immigrated to the United States, and settled where he now resides; learned the trade of saddler and harness maker, but followed farming as an occupation. He was married in Wisconsin in 1853; has been a member of the Town Board for a period of five years; is a Republican in politics, and was a member of the House last winter. Mr. Erickson is a prudent legislator, and faithfully represents his district.

*HON. JONATHAN FINNEY*, Red Wing, Goodhue Co., was born in Ohio in 1828; graduated in the Classical Department, Washington College, Penn., in the fall of 1852; studied theology, and was licensed to preach in 1856; belonged to the Free Presbyterian Church of the United States, and has been in the ministry ever since. He enlisted in the 162d Ohio Inf.; was mustered out by reason of disability, and afterward took charge of a very large church at Red Oak, Ohio. In 1865 he came to Minn. with a commission from the Home Mission, but did not find the field as he expected, which embraced the southern part of Minn. and northern Iowa. He

then engaged in farming, and continued preaching in the meantime. In 1872 he was a member of the House. Mr. Finney is a man who has the good of his fellow creatures at heart, and he will labor for the promotion of Christian enlightenment while life lasts.

*HON. L. FLETCHER*, Minneapolis, was born in Maine in 1833; educated at Maine Wesleyan University; engaged in mercantile pursuits in Bangor, until 1856; then came to Minnesota, and settled at St. Anthony. In 1857 he removed to St. Peter, and from there to Minneapolis, in 1859. He was a contractor on the Northern Pacific railroad, and merchandising in the meantime; is now engaged in the flouring and lumber business. This is his fifth term in the House. Mr. Fletcher is an active and influential member, and thoroughly alive to the best interests of his constituency and the State. He belongs to "the party that didn't support Tilden." A wealthy and prominent business man of Minneapolis, he has been identified with its growth and development, and has faith in its future prosperity. He is one of the most resolute and indefatigable workers on the floor of the House.

*HON. ADOLPH FREDERICK*, Stillwater, Washington Co.; was born in Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18, 1844. He was educated at Prof. Knapp's Institute, Baltimore. When 16 years of age he enlisted in the Baltimore Light Artillery, and was attached to Gen. J. E. B. Stewart's Confederate Cavalry Corps. May 11, 1864, he was captured by Gen. Sheridan, and remained a prisoner of war until May, 1865; then paroled, and he returned to Baltimore; in Oct., 1867, he was married; removed to Minn. the same month and year, and settled in St. Paul; remaining two years, then located at Stillwater. Mr. Frederick was a member of the House last winter, and he acquitted himself so honorably his Democratic friends sent him down to the Capitol to make music for them again this winter. He is a music dealer, and Grand Vice Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias.

*HON. SAMUEL G. FULTON*, North Pacific Junction, Carlton Co., is a descendant of the famous Robert Fulton, of steamboat notoriety. He was born in Medford, Mass., Sept. 7, 1851; settled with his parents in Manchester, N. H., and there fitted himself for college. Health failing he was obliged to abandon his college aspirations, and seek the bracing climate of Minnesota; 1872 found him located at Pacific Junction. He reached his majority in this state and cast his first vote for President Grant in 1872. His genealogy dates back to about the year 1750, at a time when three brothers of the name came over from England, one settling in Massachusetts, another in Maine, and the third in New York. Mr. Fulton is a Republican, not married, and has only one competitor for junior member of the House.

*HON. PATRICK S. GARDENER*, Lake Washington, Le Sueur Co., was born in the city and county of Limerick, Ireland, May 8th, 1828. He was educated in the old country, and immigrated to the United States, and settled in Mass. in 1850. In 1857 he removed to Minn.; served 3½ years in the army—18 months in the 1st Minn. Cav., and 2 years in the 2d Minn. Cav. He went in as 2d Lieut. in Co. M,

and came out Captain. They did duty on the plains after the Indians; were mustered out in the fall of 1865. Mr. Gardener was married in Massachusetts, to Miss Martha E. Barnard. He has a good farm, and would rather be a farmer than a legislator. Elected on the Democratic ticket, he is serving his first term at the Capitol.

*HON. LEWIS H. GARRARD*, Lake City, Wabasha Co., was born in June, 1829, at Cincinnati, O., of Kentucky-Virginia and Pennsylvania-New Jersey stock, all of active Revolutionary antecedents. Left school on account of delicate health and spent a year (1846-7) in the Rocky Mountains and New Mexico, a narrative of which, entitled "Wah-to-yah and the Taos Trail," was published in 1850. Graduate in 1853 of the medical department of the University of Pa. In 1856 wrote a sketch entitled "Chambersburg in the Colony and the Revolution," which was published by the Historical Society of Pa., of which society, and those of Ohio and Minn. he is a member. In July, 1854, came to Minn., remained a few months, returned to Ohio and went to Europe for two years, and in Aug. 1858, settled at Frontenac, Goodhue Co.; purchased 5,000 acres of land; improved much of it; introduced thoroughbred Devon cattle and Southdown sheep, and, so far as known, was the first in Minnesota to cultivate Orchard Grass, the most valuable forage plant the state possesses for grazing or hay. Was a member of the Republican state convention of 1859, and elected to Legislature of 1859-60; was Draft Commissioner for Goodhue Co., Moved to Lake City, Wabasha Co., in 1870, and same year, with others, organized the First National Bank, and was its president for three years, and then sold his entire interest. In April, 1876, was chosen mayor of Lake City, on the liquor license issue, taking the ground that no inherent evil can be suppressed but may be controlled. In Nov. same year, was elected to the Legislature.

*HON. C. A. GILMAN*, St. Cloud, Stearns Co., is a native of New Hampshire, born in 1833. He was educated in the Gilmanton Academy, and Highland Institute, Andover; immigrated to Minnesota in May, 1855; followed lumbering for a time; was Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office for a number of years; has served two years in the State Senate, and this is his third term in the House. He has been in politics for a period of sixteen years, and has filled some official position most of that time. He is reputed to be the shrewdest and most indefatigable politician in the Northwest. He likes to be arrayed on the side of justice, however, then, on the Jacksonian principle, he believes in going ahead. Mr. Gilman is justly considered one of the strong men of the House, and they never fail to hear from him and feel his influence whenever important measures are pending. He is Chairman of the Railroad Committee, and he will watch with a vigilant eye those gigantic corporations. His political proclivities are decidedly Republican, although he was elected from a district that is overwhelmingly Democratic. Mr. Gilman is an outspoken reformer, and he never attempts to whip the devil around the stump, or hide his record from public criticism.

*HON. HORACE H. GILMAN*, Winnebago City, Faribault Co., was born in Effingham, Corroll Co., N. H., in 1834. He was educated at the Freewill Baptist Institute, Me., and for a number of years followed teaching. Twenty years ago he left his home and came west, stopping three months in Illinois, thence on to Minnesota, settling where he now resides. Immediately after his arrival in this state he began farming. Like others who were in the great army of pioneers, he was in the front rank, and withstood the brunt of the battle. Mr. Gilman was elected on the Independent ticket, and comes to the Legislature for the first time. He is a cool, self-possessed, clear headed man, and an energetic member.

*HON. JOHN M. GILMAN*, St. Paul, was born in Vermont, Sept. 7, 1824. He was admitted to the practice of law in that State, and removed to Ohio in 1846, settling at New Lisbon. In 1849-50 he was a member of the Legislature of that State, and in Sept., 1857, immigrated to St. Paul, and formed a law partnership with the Hon. James Smith, Jr. He is now a member of the firm of Gilman, Clough & Lane. Mr. Gilman is serving his fourth term in the Legislature from Ramsey Co.; he is a man of ability, a distinguished lawyer, and in his legislative capacity has rendered the State valuable service. His political opinions are decidedly Democratic.

*HON. GEORGE GREEN*, Vernon Centre, Blue Earth Co., was born in Davenport, Delaware Co., N. Y., in 1820. He received his education in the Delaware Literary Institute; followed teaching for many years in his native state, and immigrated to Wisconsin in 1850; remained in that state for a period of 16 years, during which time he tilled the soil, and filled local offices. In 1867 he removed to Minnesota, and settled in Blue Earth Co., where he now resides. Mr. Green has had a smooth run on life's voyage; he has filled positions of trust ever since his majority, and he is certainly one of the upright, pure, good men of the great commonwealth of Minnesota. He was elected on the Republican ticket and is serving his first term.

*HON. B. C. GROVER*, Zumbrota, Goodhue Co, is a native of Maine, born in 1840; removed to Minnesota in 1868, and engaged in farming; is now serving his second term in the House. The honorable gentleman comes of good stock; he can trace his genealogy back to the Mayflower, and although he is a capital Republican, yet he is a relative of the Democratic Governor of Oregon; Mr Grover has filled a number of local offices, and is now Treasurer of his County Agricultural Society; more of a worker than a talker, he will watch the interests of his constituents and acquit himself creditably. He is one among the good looking members of the House.

*HON. H. C. GROVER*, Rushford, Fillmore Co., was born in Indiana, in 1830. He was educated at the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, and in the medical department of the Iowa University. In 1861 he went into the army, and was made Assistant Surgeon shortly after, and assigned to the 20th reg't Ind. vols., the reg't whose battle flag bore the marks of 33 conflicts. He has practiced medicine for a period of 16 years; has been mayor of the city of Rushford, and is now serving his

second term in the House. He settled in Minnesota in 1869. His political opinions are decidedly Republican, while his religious tendencies are on the fence.

*HON. A. R. HALL*, Dayton, Hennepin Co., was born in Vermont, in 1842; educated in the public schools of Boston. He came to Minnesota in 1856, and settled in Wright county; enlisted in the 2d Minn. Reg.; was Lieut. in the 11th Reg.; acting Provost Marshal at Gallatin, Tenn., and located in Dayton at expiration of service. He was a member of the House in 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874; was Speaker of that body the last three terms, and was a prominent candidate for that distinguished position this session, but was defeated by the Hon. J. L. Gibbs, of Freeborn county. Mr. Hall is a popular and influential member, a good parliamentarian, and a man of sterling integrity and unquestioned ability. His politics are Republican.

*HON. GEORGE R. HALL*, Plainview, Wabasha Co., was born in Hatley, county of Stanstead, Canada East (now Province of Quebec), June 29, 1836. He is descended from an English-Irish parentage. His early educational training was in a log schoolhouse, on the hill side where birch switches were numerous and billets of wood were convenient to the teacher's desk. The schools of that country adopt a compulsory system of education, something upon the principle of our more modern style of muscular Christianity. In the winter season he was permitted to enjoy the blessings of the district school, by chopping wood and attending to the stock evenings and mornings. The stock usually consisted of one cow, a yoke of oxen, five sheep, a pig and a half-dozen hens; but in that cold region wood was the paramount consideration. Wood melted away with fervent heat. A small sized cooking stove would swallow it up like a volcano. In the summer of 1852 the family immigrated to the U. S. and settled in Wis.; remained there until the summer of 1856; came to Minnesota in 1856 and located in the township of Plainview. On the last day of 1863 Mr. Hall enlisted in the First Minn. Lt. Artillery, and proceeded immediately to Vicksburg; was stationed at Black River Bridge, and from there he went to Cairo, thence to Indianapolis, where he was mustered out in the spring of 1865, by reason of disability contracted while in the service. Farming has been the principal business of his life and in that line he has had a varied and peculiar experience. He was married at Honey Creek, Walworth Co., Wis., Oct. 17, 1858, to Miss Electa A. Austin. His politics are Republican, is a member of the Methodist church, also of the Masonic order, and this is his first term at the State capitol. Mr. Hall is popular in his district, and was elected by a surprising majority.

*HON. LEE HENSLEY*, St. James, Watonwan county, was born in Indiana in 1849; attended the graded schools of his native place, and afterwards took a course in the Indianapolis Business College; came to Minnesota in 1867, and has been a railroad agent ever since. He is serving his second term in the House. Hr. Hensley is a good Republican, and stands by his colors. He is a believer in women's rights, to the extent that they be encouraged in the art of self-cultivation, with a view



to becoming good sweethearts, wives, mothers and sisters, possessed of all those delicate and refining influences that should cluster around the human heart, and blossom at the fireside and in the social circle, and make woman pure and lovely in the sight of God.

*HON. THOMAS HOWES*, Hastings, Dakota Co., was born in England in 1823, and educated in that country. In 1850 he crossed the water and settled in Hartford, Ct.; remained there three years, and in April, 1853, came to Minn., and settled at Hastings. He is an extensive farmer, tilling about two hundred and forty acres of land, annually. Mr. H. is a blacksmith by trade, and reputed to be a very skillful one. His political proclivities are Jacksonian. He is an ambitious, thorough-going man, and would drive the drones out of the human hive into the compulsory workshops of the nation.

*HON. O. P. HULEBAK*, Kenyon, Goodhue Co., is a native of Norway, born in 1842; immigrated to the United States and settled at Kenyon, as a farmer, in 1861. The honorable gentleman is a member of the Lutheran church, a Republican, an honest farmer, and was honestly married in 1871. He believes in educating the rising generation in the various branches of skilled labor, and would teach them habits of industry, rather than Greek and Latin.

*HON. LUCIUS A. HUNTOON*, Lakeland, Washington county, was born in the town of Unity, State of New York, Sept. 4th, 1827. In 1843, with his parents, he removed to Vermont, and attended the common schools in that State and in New Hampshire. In 1852 he removed to Indiana, and engaged in the construction of railroads; went to Illinois in 1853, and returned to New Hampshire in 1856; was there married to the daughter of Hon. S. C. Moulton, of Planfield. He then removed with his wife to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in November of that year. In Sept., 1857, he immigrated to Minnesota, and settled at Lakeland. He has been Town Clerk for 12 years, County Commissioner for a number of years, Superintendent of Schools, and is the present Postmaster there. He was a member of the Legislature in 1865, and has never been defeated for any office for which he was nominated in his life—an evidence of his popularity. He cast his first vote for Zachary Taylor, but has been a Republican since the party had a name. He is what may be termed a well-to-do country merchant, weighs 240 lbs., stands six feet two, and is a noble representative of his New England ancestry.

*HON. ANTHONY HUYCK*, Caledonia, Houston Co., was born in Westerlo, Albany Co., N. Y., Jan. 4., 1828. He attended the district school, and grew up a farmer. In 1848 he removed to Kenosha Co., Wis., and from there to Minnesota in 1852. He early took a liking to a breaking plow and followed one after another for a period of 21 years. Few men of his size have witnessed so many generations of breaking plows pass away forever. When he first settled in Houston Co., he had to go to Lansing, Ia., a distance of 29 miles—the nearest postoffice—to get a letter from his sweetheart, and return the compliment. He is the owner of 1,800 acres of the rich

soil of Minnesota, and yet he has sold off the greater portion of his farm. By industry and good management he has contrived to lay up enough of earthly blessing to carry him through this vale of tears. His home farm consists of 240 acres, where he keeps his flocks and herds and dwells in domestic simplicity himself. In 1875, although it was a bountiful grasshopper season, he raised 6,000 bushels of grain—and nearly a thousand bushels of grasshoppers. When he first settled in Minn. he “batched” for seven years, and did his own cooking, washing, etc., which pursuit he abandoned when he married Emily A. Colby, a very estimable lady, whom he paid court to out at Albert Lea in this state. Mr. Huyck don’t work as hard as he used to, although in hot weather it is hard work for him to get around, with the amount of avoirdupois he necessarily has to pack—300 pounds. He stands a trifle over six feet in height in his slippers, and if he weighed 200 pounds more he would weigh a quarter of a ton. He has been a member of the “Fatman’s Club” for 40 years, and has had all the degrees conferred upon him eleven times over. His bedstead is constructed upon the principle of the St. Louis bridge, after which it was modeled. It takes a smart boy nearly 20 minutes to make the circuit of his corporation. He is the largest man in the Minn. Legislature, by 50 pounds, and he is not as large standing as when sitting. He was shipped to St. Paul on a special train drawn by three powerful locomotives. It has not yet been determined how he will be shipped back. He is the only man in the Legislature that is allowed to sit by himself and have things all his own way. No one has yet had the courage to get up an argument with him. He is said to be a powerful man on the stump. It is not considered safe for him to speak in the capitol—the building was put up by the job, and it is presumed the walls would hardly withstand the vibration. Mr. Huyck is one of the most substantial men in Houston Co.—any way you take him. He is a jolly, social, hail-fellow-well-met kind of a chap, a weighty Republican, and came up here to the Legislature for the first time, to please his friends, and for the benefit of his health.

*HON. J. P. JACOBSON*, Kirkhoven, Swift Co., was born in Wisconsin in 1845; educated in the Racine Grammar School, and the Milwaukee Academy; took a course in Eastman’s Business College, Chicago. After that he went to St. Louis, Mo. Returned to Chicago and went into the insurance business and continued until 1870; removed to Minnesota in 1871, and followed the insurance business in St. Paul for a time. Went to the town where he now resides and started the first store, and had charge of the railroad business and other interests in the meantime. Stayed at home and grew up with the place, and is now a popular and influential man there. This is his first term in the House; ran ahead of his ticket by a handsome compliment, on the Republican course.

*HON. J. A. JAMES*, Mankato, Blue Earth Co., is a native of Ohio, born in 1837; educated at the common schools. He came from Ohio to Minnesota in 1857, returned in the fall of 1858, and finally came back again in 1866. In the war days he was in Government employ in one of the mechanical departments. His people

originally were from Wales, although no very remote genealogical data can be obtained. Mr. James is now serving his third term in the House. A Republican by nature and instinct, he respects the convictions of his opponents, but would much rather see Hayes president than Tilden.

*HON. SAMUEL W. JOHNSON*, Beaver, Winona Co., was born in the State of New York, April 24, 1824; attended the district school in his native town, and removed to Oswego Co. in 1846; remained there until 1857, then came to Minnesota. He was married in Oswego Co., N. Y., in 1852. In 1861-2, in company with Dr. Brooks, he built a large warehouse, and did business for a time at Minniska, Wabasha county, this State. Mr. Johnson was elected on the Republican ticket, and this is his first term in the Legislature. Mechanically speaking he is a disciple of St. Crispin.

*HON. GEORGE H. JOHNSON*, Minneapolis, Hennepin Co., is a native of Norway, born in 1842; immigrated with his parents to America in 1851, and settled in Cook county, Ill., on a farm. In 1862 he enlisted in the First Illinois Artillery, served three years, was mustered out, came to Minnesota in 1865. He was elected Sheriff of Hennepin county in 1870, which office he filled for a period of six years, and was then elected to the Legislature. Mr. Johnson is a popular but modest young man, good looking, and wields a large political influence in his county. His politics are Republican, out and out, and he is self-educated.

*HON. WILLIAM P. JONES*, Butternut Valley, Blue Earth Co., was born in the southern part of Wales, August, 1828. In 1848 he immigrated to America, remained awhile in New York City, then went to Utica, York Mills. In 1852 he moved to Jackson Co., Ohio; engaged in railroading for a time, and then organized a company and built a Jefferson furnace for pig metal; immigrated to Minnesota in 1856. His principal business since has been farming. When he first settled in Butternut Valley there was not another white man in all that part of the country. He now has a fine farm of three hundred acres, is a member of the Calvinistic church, an earnest Republican and is in the Legislature for the first time.

*HON. L. KAUPHUSMAN*, Frank Hill, Winona Co., is a native of Prussia, born in 1837. In Jan., 1847, with his parents, he immigrated to St. Louis, Mo., and there attended school. After a residence of three and a half years he removed to Lee county, Iowa, and settled on a farm. Made a trip to Minnesota in 1855, but did not settle that year; returned and removed with his parents to Minnesota the next year—1856—and settled permanently. He was married in 1860; has held town offices for many years, votes the Democratic ticket, and is a member of the Catholic church, in good standing. This is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. FENTON KEENAN*, New Richland, Waseca Co., is a native of Ireland, born in 1829. He was educated in the old country, immigrated to America in 1852, settled in the State of New York, followed farming for a period of five

years, then came to Wisconsin, and settled in Janesville. From there he removed to Waseca county, Minn., and settled in 1860. In Oct. 1864 he went into the army, enlisting in Co. D, First Minn. Heavy Artillery; served under Gen. Thomas, and was mustered out at the close of the war, at Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Keenan is a Democrat, a member of the Roman Catholic church, and this is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. C. KLOSTERMAN*, Torah, Stearns Co., was born in Iowa, March 19, 1849; immigrated to Minnesota in 1857; worked on a farm until eighteen years of age. He was educated at St. John's College, St. Joe, Dodge Co., and has since followed teaching. Mr. Klosterman, is a well educated gentleman, a member of the Catholic Church, and this is his second term in the House. Politically he votes the Democratic ticket.

*HON. E. C. KNOWLES*, Northfield, Rice county, is a native of New Hampshire, born in 1820. He received such education as the common schools afforded; immigrated to Minnesota in 1855; worked as a carpenter and joiner for three years, then turned his attention to the soil, and became a farmer. A hailstorm did his harvesting the first year, but he did not falter, and here he is to-day with his head above ground, and a member of this honorable body for the first time. He is a Republican in politics.

*HON. ISAAC LUNDEEN*, Oshawa, Nicollet Co., is a native of Sweden, born in April, 1831; immigrated to the United States and settled in Indiana in 1851, thence to Illinois in 1852, and to Minnesota in 1856. By trade he is a tanner, and in politics a Republican. Mr. Lundeen has experienced about all the ups and downs incident to the early settlers, and still he lives to put in his first term in the Legislature. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him. His occupation is farming.

*HON. J. LUNKENHEIMER, Jr.*, St. Paul, was born in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1843; removed with his people to Minnesota and settled in St. Paul in 1851; was a member of the Minnesota Mounted Rangers for the period of one year. He has been a member of the St. Paul Fire Department for 16 consecutive years; foreman of one company for 12 years, president of the St. Paul fire department for five years; has been a member of the State militia and major of the First Reg't. Mr. Lunkenheimer is a Democrat, an influential citizen, a worthy representative, and one of the enterprising business men of the city of St. Paul. He carries on the livery business.

*HON. BERIAH MAGOFFIN, Jr.*, was born at Harrisburg, Mercer Co., Kentucky, March 13, 1843. His parents were both natives of that State. On the paternal side they are descended from the McAfee family, the earliest settlers of Kentucky, from Virginia. His mother is a grand daughter of Gov. Isaac Shelby, first and fourth governor of Kentucky. Beriah Magoffin, Sr., was governor of Kentucky when the war broke out. The subject of this sketch was educated at

Centre College, Ky., and at Toronto University, Canada. He was admitted to the practice of law, but preferred farming and therefore never made use of his legal knowledge. Mr. Magoffin served in the Southern army. He was at Perryville, Stone River, and was captured with the raider, Gen. John H. Morgan, in the State of Ohio; was a prisoner of war at Camp Chase, and at Camp Douglas; escaped from the latter camp to the Dominion of Canada. In 1868 he was married to Miss Lucy Thompson. On the last day of April 1873 he arrived in Minnesota, and settled on a farm near St. Paul. He is serving his first term in the Minnesota Legislature, a Democratic member from the St. Paul district.

*HON. GULIELMUS MAXWELL*, Mazeppa, Wabasha county, was born in Heath, Franklin county, Mass., in 1828; attended the district school in the winter, and worked on the farm in the summer; went to work in a cotton factory when 11 or 12 years of age, and continued at that business in the summer season, attending school winters, up to 18 years of age; learned the carpenter and joiner's trade, which pursuit has been his principal occupation since. In 1855 he came to Minnesota. He was one of the first County Commissioners of Wabasha county, and has held town or county offices about all the time since. Mr. Maxwell is an unequivocal Republican; voted for the 14th and 15th amendments; favors Woman Suffrage—would let her practice law, medicine, divinity or politics, if she wants to.

*HON. ANDREW McCREA*, Perham, Otter Tail Co., is a native of New Brunswick, born in 1831; received a common school education, immigrated to the United States, and settled in St. Paul in 1854; afterwards lived in Stearns Co. In the spring of 1859 he crossed the country from St. Paul to Sioux Falls, Dakota Ter. on the Big Sioux river, and that year took the Pike's Peak fever and went out to Colorado; remained two years, and returned to Minn. In 1865 he removed to the State of Maine; remained there until 1870, then came back to Minn. that fall. In the spring of 1871 he removed to Otter Tail Co. Mr. McCrea was elected on the Republican ticket without opposition, is serving his first term, and is by occupation a farmer and lumberman.

*HON. MICHAEL J. McDONNELL*, Brownsville, Houston Co., was born in the County of Kilkenny, Ireland, Sept. 1, 1847, immigrated to America in 1852, and settled in the State of New York; remained there one year, then removed to Dubuque Iowa; was there until 1859, then went to St. Louis, and there attended school and secured a good education. In July 1861 he located in Houston Co., this State; enlisted in the army, but was rejected, being too young. He followed farming until four years ago, and has since been engaged in surveying. Mr. McDonnell is a Democrat, and he has held this position four successive terms. He is a worthy member of the Catholic church, and was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, January 30, 1876, to Miss Mary Sullivan, a very estimable young lady of Houston county.

*HON. MALCOM MCKENZIE*, Cleveland, Le Sueur Co., is a native of the Highlands of Scotland, born March 22, 1834. He was educated in Prince Edward's Island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to which place he immigrated with his parents when ten years of age. At the age of 19 he removed to the United States and settled in Illinois; remained there 14 years; lived two years in Missouri, and came to Minnesota in 1868. He was elected Master of Concord Lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., June, 1876; elected Worthy Chief Templar of Cleveland Lodge, 155, Jan. 1876; has been Co. Commissioner for a period of three years, and made such a good record for himself that his constituents sent him to the Legislature. Politics, Democratic.

*HON. A. W. MCKINSTRY*, Faribault, Rice county, was born in Chickapee, Mass., in 1828. In 1844, he removed with his parents to the State of New York, and there attended the Fredonia Academy; remained in that State until 1865; then removed to Minnesota. Mr. McKinstry early learned the printer's trade, and from that to newspaper publisher, which latter business he has followed for 26 years, and is now editor of the *Faribault Republican*. He is a staunch Republican, an energetic worker on the floor of the House, and a man that will serve his district and the State with ability. He is one of the new members.

*HON. WM. G. McSPADDEN*, Houston, Houston Co., is a native of the County of Down, Ireland, born in 1827. When two years of age his parents immigrated to America, and settled at Niagara Falls; remained there two years and removed to Lewiston. In 1844 he enlisted for a musician in the United States army, and went to Mackinaw. In 1847 he shouldered a musket and went to Mexico; served under Gen. Scott; was in the battles of Contreras, Cherubusco, Molina del Rey, Chapultepec, and the capture of the city of Mexico; returned to Jefferson Barracks in 1849, and was honorably mustered out; was six months in Illinois, then removed to Menasha, Wis., and was there married, in 1851; remained one year, went to LaCrosse, from there to Houston, in Root River Valley; Minn.; made the first claim in that county; went out to Pike's Peak and returned with the great stampede of 1859. He organized the first military company in Houston county, in 1861; tendered their services to Governor Ramsey, was not accepted, went to LaCrosse, raised a company, went to Kentucky, was attached to the Eighth Missouri Infantry, and went in on his nerve for three years or during the war. He was in all the hot fights of the Army of the Cumberland, and did duty every day of the entire three years. Mc. styles himself a straight-haired Republican, and was in at the birth of the party. He is honored the present session with the Chairmanship of the Military Committee.

*HON. EDWARD MEAGHER*, North Fork, Stearns Co., is a native of Ireland, born in 1830. At the age of 17 he crossed the water, and settled in Wisconsin, in the pioneer days of 1847; remained there 18 years; settled in Minnesota in 1866; engaged in farming, at which pursuit he has been more successful than many who came in the territorial days. Mr. Meagher was elected on the Democratic ticket

from a Republican district, beating a strong opponent and an experienced politician. In religion he is a true Catholic, and in politics he is a Democrat with conservative tendencies.

*HON. CÆLLO MERRIMAN*, Watertown, Carver Co., was born in Friendship, Alleghany Co., N. Y., Dec. 2, 1849. He received an academical education and immigrated to Minnesota in April, 1866; settled in Hennepin Co., remained four years, then removed to Watertown. Mr. Merriman follows the insurance and real estate business, loans money, and is one of the most enterprising and progressive young men in that county. On the floor of the house he is thoroughly alive to the best interests of his district and the State. Politically he supports the Democratic ticket.

*HON. WILLIAM H. MILLS*, Carver, Carver county, was born in Bellefonte, Centre county, Pa., March 3d, 1826. In 1842 he removed to Ohio, learned the printer's trade, and in 1845 went to Fort Wayne, Indiana; enlisted in the 3d U. S. Inf. in 1846; went to Mexico, served his time out under Jim Lane; then re-enlisted for five years or during the war; served under Gen. Scott from Sept., 1847 until mustered out, Sept. 4th, 1848; settled in Galesburg, Ills., in 1853, and the following year removed to Minnesota; was a member of the Minnesota Constitutional Convention in 1857; enlisted in Co. C, 3d Minn.; was made Captain of the company; served until the fall of 1862, then joined the 2d Minn., and was mustered out in 1863. He was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Olmsted county until 1869, then removed to Carver, was agent for the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, and is now agent for the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad. Mr. Mills was formerly a Republican, but for the past six years he has acted with the Democratic party. He is serving his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. P. M. MOSHER*, Fillmore, Fillmore Co., is a merchant. He was born in N. Y. in 1844; settled in Minnesota in 1855; lived two years in Iowa before coming to the State. He is now serving his first term in the House. Politically he is a Republican, and a strong advocate of an educational standard as a suffrage qualification. His sound political ideas show the metal the man is made of.

*HON. EDWARD MOTT*, Richmond, Winona Co., was born in Wayne, Cass Co., Mich., Feb. 5, 1850. He picked up an education, and began teaching when he was nineteen years of age, and has followed it up to date. In 1871 he left Michigan and settled in Winona; attended the High School, and has been teaching most of the time since. He was a member of the House last winter. Politically he was trained in the Democratic school, and therefore thinks and acts and votes that way. His parents reside in Southwest Missouri. Mr. Mott is the youngest member of the House but two—Mr. Fulton and Mr. Peterson.

*HON. WALTER MUIR*, Berlin, Steele Co., is a native of Scotland, born on the banks of the Clyde, April 22, 1836; immigrated with his parents to America, as cabin boy, on board the American ship, Warren, in 1848; settled in Ulster Co., N. Y.;

remained until 1852, removed to Ills., and settled on a farm near Chicago; attended the academy, afterwards learned the trade of shipcarpenter and calker, and studied law; took the gold fever in 1859 and stampeded off to Pike's Peak, saw the elephant, and stampeded back again a wiser, if not a better man. Enlisted in the 15th Ill. Inf.; was accepted for three years or during the war under the call for 300,000 men. Responded in the spring of 1862 and became connected with Mississippi Gunboat Flotilla; served as Master's Mate; was promoted to Fourth Master. When the Flotilla was reorganized and placed on a naval basis, was as appointed First Lieut. of the U. S. steamer, *Chillicothe*; took part in capture of Island No. 10, Vicksburg, battle of Arkansas Post, made the hazardous run through the timber to Fort Pemberton; lost nearly half of crew in killed, wounded, and by disease. At Ft. Pemberton their vessel was riddled like a sieve; seven powerful steel guns were playing upon them, and their decks were slippery with blood. Capt. Hall in command of a battery of brass guns, had his garments scalloped in front by a heavy shot which sent him spinning on his heels like a top, and finally hurled him overboard into the river, from whence he was rescued more confused than dead. Hauled off for repairs, and called for reinforcements to man the ship; renewed the engagement; piled up cotton bales three tier deep for protection; sunk a large rebel steamer and cut away her steam chest. Cotton bales taking fire obliged them to back out; the principal beam of their turret was broken and again they were crippled. Next made a trip up Red river; near its mouth re-captured guns taken from Gen. Banks. In 1864 were transferred to Gulf Squadron, where he was placed in command of forward battery U. S. steamer *Cincinnati*, consisting of five 100-pound guns; took part in capture of Spanish Fort, and Mobile; served until May, 1865; resigned, and came to Minnesota, bringing his worldly effects, and a 4-pound brass cannon, captured at Salem, Ala.; has since followed agricultural pursuits. He is as true a Republican as his deeds are brilliant. This is his first term in the State Legislature.

*HON. L. G. NELSON*, Kasson, Dodge Co., is a native of Norway, born in 1841; immigrated to the United States with his parents, and settled in Wisconsin in 1845; was educated in that State; removed to Minnesota in 1865, and settled in Kasson; was married in the former State. Served in the army over three years, enlisting as a private in Co. D, Fifth Wis. Held almost every promotion from private up to captain, and brigade-staff-aid-de-camp. Took part in all the engagements of the army of the Cumberland, fighting day and night for weeks, and was twice wounded. Since his return from the army he has been merchandising; was Postmaster at Kasson three years; Register of Deeds two terms; four years Town Clerk; Engrossing Clerk of the House two sessions, and is now serving his first term as a member; was raised a Lutheran and brought up a Republican.

*HON. A. A. OSBORN*, Farmington, Dakota county, was born in Indiana in 1839; educated at Indiana Asbury University, Greencastle; in 1861 immigrated to Minnesota; settled in the township of Farmington, and engaged in farming; has



been more successful than many who have attempted to coax a fortune out of our soil. This is his second term in the House. He votes the Democratic ticket. The newspapers publish Mr. Osborn in the list of single men, but the papers are not reliable; he has been a married man for several months. Mr. Osborn is one of the substantial farmers of Farmington.

*HON. A. P. PETERSON*, Cokato, Wright county, was born in Sweden, Sept. 7th, 1851; April 24th, 1861, he removed to the United States, and settled in Carver county, Minn.; remained there until 1866, then removed to Cokato; attended the common schools in Carver and Wright counties; from 16 years of age until 20, was engaged as book-keeper and clerk in a general merchandise establishment; for the past five years has been merchandising in a general way. Mr. Peterson is one of the two youngest members of the House—a few months more than 25 years of age, and single. He is styled “the good-looking member with the blonde moustache.”

*HON. JOHN H. PETTYS*, Faribault, Rice Co., is a native of Camden, Oneida Co., New York, born March 9, 1835. In 1850 removed, with his parents, to Wis.; remained two years, then settled in Belvidere, Ill. There he attended a graded school two years, then settled in Henry county, one hundred and twenty-five miles south; worked with his father on a farm in the summer, and taught school winters. In 1858 married Miss Harriet A. West. His wife’s parents are yet living, hale and active, at the age of almost ninety. Mr. Pettys settled in Minnesota in 1865, and has since followed agricultural pursuits. He is serving his first term in the Legislature, and votes the Republican ticket.

*HON. THOMAS W. PHELPS*, Chester, Olmsted county, was born in Steuben county, New York, April 28, 1829. When a child his parents removed to Potter Co., Pa., in 1832; in the fall of 1835 returned to New York, Alleghany county. In the fall of 1838 they changed again, to Crawford county, Pa., and in the fall of 1842, settled in Trumbull county, Ohio; remained two years, and returned to Crawford county. At this place Mr. Phelps obtained his education; went to Alleghany College for a period of three years—nine terms—working and teaching during vacation. On the 26th of April, 1856, he arrived in Minnesota, and settled in Marion township, Olmsted county; was married at Faribault on the 29th of August, 1858, to Miss Eliza J. Hoover of that city. Farming has been his principal business. In politics he is a Republican, and has been a member of the Methodist Church for twenty years.

*HON. T. G. PEARSON*, White Rock, Goodhue Co., is a native of Sweden, born July 1, 1827. In 1851 he landed at Boston, Mass., and immediately proceeded to Galesburg, Ill.; remained until 1855, then removed to Minnesota; was married in Ill. in 1854. Mr. Pearson is a well-to-do farmer, owns 175 acres of land and is out of debt. When the apportionment was made, in 1871, he was a member of the House; he is a sterling Republican, a member of the Lutheran church; is esteemed for his integrity, and is an upright and valuable citizen.

*HON. B. PIRZ*, Torah, Stearns Co., is a native of Austria, born in 1819; was educated in the old country, and came to the U. S. in 1854; remained one year in Madison Co., Minn., then removed to Torah; has followed agricultural pursuits since he came to America, and is proud of his calling. A Democrat in politics and a Catholic in religion, he is not ashamed of either. Mr. Pirz is serving his third term in the House. He is one of the old settlers, and contributed to the development of the state he is now making laws for.

*HON. GEORGE W. PUGH*, Rochester, Olmsted Co., second oldest member of the House, was born in England, Sept. 17, 1818. At the age of six years arrived in New York; attended the district school in Oswego Co.; in 1836 found himself in Michigan; removed to Wisconsin in 1837. That country was then a territory, and he was 20 years old; was married there in 1850. In 1861 he made another move west, and located at Rochester, Minn. Mr. Pugh is a good looking, well preserved man, with smoothly shaven face, and venerable locks. This is his first term in the House; elected on the Republican ticket.

*HON. G. W. PUTNAM*, Anoka, Anoka Co., was born in Sutton, Worcester Co., Mass., Aug. 11, 1827; received an academical education. In April, 1851, he was married, and on the last day of April, 1855, he arrived in St. Paul, direct from the old Bay State. The next year settled at Anoka, engaged in merchandising, and has followed that branch of industry since. Last April celebrated his silver wedding, on which occasion he was surprised by a throng of over 200 guests. Register of Deeds and Co. Treasurer are among the local positions he has filled. Mr. Putnam is a Republican, and is serving his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. D. W. RATHBUN*, Spring Valley, Fillmore Co., is a native of N.Y., born in 1829; immigrated to Ill. in 1846, thence to Iowa in 1850; was educated at the common schools, and has followed agricultural pursuits from his boyhood; has filled a number of local offices, and is now serving his third term in the House. In politics a Republican; and is a self made man; a little above medium size, dark complexion, eyes and hair, a good physique and of a reticent disposition. Mr Rathbun is chairman of the Committee on Public lands.

*HON. EDMUND RICE*, St. Paul, was born in Waitsfield, Vt., Feb. 14, 1819. In 1838 he removed to Kalamazoo, Mich., studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1842; was Master in Chancery, Register of the Court of Chancery for the 3d circuit, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of that State; served in the Mexican war, in 1847-8, with the commission of First Lieut. of the First Mich. Vol. In July, 1849, settled in St. Paul, and became a member of the law firm of Rice, Hollinshead & Becker; practiced until 1855. In 1857 became president of the Minnesota & Pacific R. R. Co., and also president of its successors, the St. Paul & Pacific, and the St. Paul & Chicago R. R. companies, which continued up to 1872. Mr. Rice was a member of the Territorial Legislature in 1851, of the State Senate in 1864-5; in the House in 1867, and again in the Senate in 1873-4. Mr. Rice is styled "the Chesterfield of

the House." Over six feet in height, weighs 242 pounds, is as straight as an arrow, and is reputed to be the most noble looking man in the State. He is a Democrat of the old school, and there is no man in Minnesota who stands higher in the estimation of the people.

*HON. H. N. RICE*, Fairmount, Martin Co., was born in Indiana, in 1843. At eighteen years of age enlisted in the army to serve three years; served a year and six months as a non-commissioned officer, and the remainder of the time as a musician in Co. B, 74th Ind. Regt.; was with Gen. W. T. Sherman in the siege of Atlanta, and participated in the fierce charge at Jonesboro, where so many of the Federal troops were cut to pieces; was in the memorable march to the sea, and from Savannah to Washington, where he was mustered out; attended commercial college at Fort Wayne; afterwards removed with his parents to Minn. in 1866. Was on a farm for three or four years, then began the study of medicine under that celebrated physician and surgeon, Dr. G. D. Winch, of Blue Earth City. After a study of three years, attended the medical college at Keokuk, Iowa, and began the practice of medicine at Fairmount, Minn., in 1874. Dr. Rice, although a young man, has achieved a marked distinction in his profession, and as a skillful surgeon, he is very highly recommended. The Dr. was elected on the Republican ticket, and is serving his first term.

*HON. E. G. ROGERS*, Mendota, Dakota Co., was born in Pennsylvania in 1833; emigrated from his native state to Chicago with his parents in 1836; attended the Farmridge Academy, Ill. and afterwards Knox College, Galesburg. He was married at Ottawa, Ill., in 1857, and followed the business of drover and cattle dealer until he went into the army in 1862. Served three years. He is the only Republican outside of Hastings that was ever elected to the Legislature from Dakota Co. Mr. Rogers has held about all the local offices of his town, and one county office for the period of eight years. This is his first term; politics Republican.

*HON. W. H. ROUSE*, Washburn, Hennepin Co., is a native of Shenango Co., New York, born May, 1828. His parents removed to Michigan, in 1829 and took him along; remained there until 1854, and came to Minnesota. In the spring of 1854 he graduated in the medical department, Ann Arbor University. Practiced medicine at Minneapolis until the war broke out, then went into the army as Assistant Surgeon of the 8th Minn. Vol. Infantry, was in the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. Schofield; assigned to duty in the division hospital of Gen. Ruger's division, N. C.; was detached from his regiment at Washington. The command formed a junction with Gen. W. T. Sherman, at Goldsborough; did duty with Gen. Sully, out on the plains. Served three years in the volunteer service, and was mustered out at Ft. Snelling; served as contract surgeon one year; was in Charlotte, N. C., when Gen. Lee surrendered. The first sharp fight he took part in was under Rosseau, against Forrest at Murfreesboro. The Dr. has had his full share of army life. He is a Republican in politics, and this is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. L. RUDBERG*, Dassel, Meeker county, is a native of Sweden, born in 1838; immigrated to the United States in 1865; settled in Minnesota; followed farming and railroading until 1872, since which time he has been in the mercantile business. Mr. Rudberg is a man of fine physical development; stands about 6 feet in height, and weighs 212 lbs. He votes with the Republicans, and is serving his first term in the Legislature. He has filled local positions in his town and county, and has the good of his constituents and their political interests at heart, and after that the land of his adoption.

*HON. ANTHONY SAMPSON*, New Richland, Waseca county, is a native of Norway, born October 12th, 1826; attended school in the old country, and immigrated to the United States, and settled in Rock Co., Wis., July 14th, 1853. In June 1856, removed to Minnesota, and settled at New Richland; was the first white man to plant his banners in that wild region. Like the patriarchs of old, he saw the promised land, and at once set to work to make it blossom. It has yielded its fruit a thousand fold, and he is satisfied. Mr. Sampson is not a relative of the jawbone man, but he is as strong in his integrity, a worthy Republican, and an honored member of the Lutheran church, of which enterprise he has been a trustee for ten consecutive years.

*HON. S. J. SANBORN*, Hamilton, Mower Co, is a native of Canada, born in 1837. Removed with parents to Wisconsin in 1844. To California he bent his footsteps in 1859; remained on the Pacific slope seven years; dug gold in California, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Few men have experienced more frontier life. He came to Minnesota from the west in 1856, and engaged in farming. Mr. Sanborn is a quiet unassuming man, with a Canadian contour, dark complexion, affable, and a *sang froid* that betokens a man who has seen much of the world, and mingled with men. He was Sergeant-at-Arms of the House in 1869. Politically he is a Republican.

*HON. H. SCRIVER*, Northfield, Rice Co, was born in Hemmingford, Canada East (now Province of Quebec), in 1830; attended the St. Lawrence Academy at Potsdam, New York, and fitted himself for mercantile pursuits. In 1856 removed to Minnesota, settled in Northfield, and commenced merchandising, which pursuit he still follows. Mr. Scriver has been connected with Carlton College for some time, as Secretary, and member of the Board of Trustees. He is a well informed man, an enterprising citizen, a good Republican, and is in the Legislature for the first time.

*HON. A. J. SMITH*. Osseo, Hennepin county, is a native of Somerset, Lenawee county, Michigan, born in 1844; attended the common schools in that State, and removed to Minnesota in 1854. In the summer of 1864, held a position in the pay department of the army. Since that time has been in the lumber and insurance business. One of the early settlers on the border, yet the stirring scenes in the march of progress have not pressed heavily upon him. He glories in a clear conscience,

and votes the Republican ticket. Mr. Smith is one of the active and popular members of the House, and faithfully watches the interests of his district and the State.

*HON. C. H. SMITH*, Windom, Cottonwood Co., was born in Weston, Windsor Co., Vt., July 14, 1834; received an academical education; came to Ohio, taught for two years; then removed to Richland Co., Wis., in 1856; was married there in 1857; in 1860 was elected Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; served four years, and in 1864 was elected County Treasurer; served four years, and then came to Minnesota in the spring of 1872. In June, 1874, was appointed County Treasurer of Cottonwood Co., and elected the following Nov., which office he held until elected to the Legislature last fall. Mr. Smith's district embraces six counties in all of which he received a majority of about 2,000 votes, and in his own county every vote. He was appointed Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at New Ulm, worth \$3,000 a year, but declined it to serve his friends in the Legislature. He is a Republican, and is serving his first term.

*HON. JOHN STUMPF*, Rich Prairie, Morrison Co., is a native of Prussia, born in 1837; immigrated to the United States and settled in Dane county, Wisconsin, in 1850; removed to Minnesota in 1869, settled at Rich Prairie. His business is that of a farmer, which pursuit he has followed successfully for many years. He was elected on the Democratic ticket, and believes in living up to his political and religious principles as all good men should. His religious convictions are Roman Catholic. This is his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. M. H. SULLIVAN*, Rosemount, Dakota county, was born in the county of Waterford, Ireland, Aug. 20th, 1827. He attended the academy in the old country; immigrated to America, and settled in New York city in 1844; remained there two years; removed to Saratoga county, and was there married in 1849. In the spring of 1855 came to Minnesota, and settled in St. Paul; remained until he enlisted in the 10th Minn. Inf., Co. H. Aug., 1862; was made Captain of the Co.; went south with the regiment; served in all the hard and memorable fights of that fighting regiment; was mustered out in August, 1865, holding the same rank as when he went in. Mr. Sullivan is a Democrat, but this is his second term in the Legislature, elected on the Independent ticket. He is also Lecturer of the State Grange of Minnesota.

*HON. D. B. TRUAX*, Hastings, Dakota Co., is a native of Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., born May 25, 1818. In 1853 he immigrated to Minnesota and settled in Hastings; followed farming near the town until 1868, then removed within its limits. Mr. Truax is the senior member of the House, just on the verge of three score years. This is his first legislative experience. The Republicans conferred upon him the honor, and he has been a staunch and true member of that party since it had an existence.

*HON. FELTON VOLMER*, Winsted Lake, McLeod Co., was born in Germany in 1846; immigrated to the United States and settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1852. In 1857 removed to Minnesota, and settled in St. Paul; attended the common schools, and learned the printing business. Removed to LeSueur in the fall of 1866. Published the *LeSueur Courier*, as one of the firm; removed to Winsted Lake in the spring of 1871; engaged in the milling business; was burned out. Mr. Vollmer is here for the first time; elected on the Democratic ticket.

*HON. EDWIN F. WAY*, Claremont, Dodge county, was born in Dempster, Sullivan county, New Hampshire, November 2d, 1831. He attended school in his native county, and was married there to Miss Ann A. Stearns; immigrated to Minn. and settled at Claremont in 1855; has since followed farming. During the war he enlisted in Co. E, 3d Minn.; served 13 months, and was discharged by reason of physical disability; served in the State militia as Captain and Lieut. Colonel. For 13 years he has held the position of Justice of the Peace; been a member of the Methodist Church since 12 years of age, and a member of the Republican party since its organization; was never before a member of the Legislature.

*HON. WILLIAM WEBB, Jr.*, Sterling Centre, Blue Earth Co., was born near Wilmington, Del., Dec., 1844, attended school there. In 1857 came to Minn., settled in Blue Earth Co., was a member of the Second Minn. Inf., served in the army from Feb., 1864, until July, 1865, when the Reg't was disbanded; was in the Atlanta campaign, and took part in the fights at Raseca and Kenesaw Mountain. Mr. Webb is of Welch and English extraction; his people were Quakers, and those living still adhere to that good old faith. Politically he is a Republican, and this is his second term in the House.

*HON. PETER WEINANT*, Corcoran Hennepin Co., is a native of Germany, born in 1838; immigrated to the United States and settled in Wisconsin in 1852; was educated in the old country and in that State. In 1856 he removed to Minnesota, and engaged in farming; was in the Indian war, but suffered no inconvenience on account of his scalp; took him a wife in 1865; has been postmaster, town clerk, chairman of the board of supervisors for five years in succession, and now comes to the Legislature for the first time; ticket Republican. Mr. Weinant watches the interests of his constituents with a vigilant eye.

*HON. J. M. WHEAT*, Lenora, Fillmore Co., is a native of N. Y., born in 1825; graduated in medicine at the Albany Medical School, 1853; left that state and settled in Minn. in 1856; has been a Republican since the organization of the party, but does not profess to be a politician in the common acceptation of the term; would prefer to remain with his profession and his family, but his friends called him, and for the good of his party, like a true patriot, he responded. This is his second term in the House. He roughed it when Minnesota was young, and is now reaping his reward. Dr. Wheat is a spare made man, deliberate in his movements, and is a deliberate and logical speaker. He is an honored member of the Congregational church.

*HON. E. P. WHITING*, Farmington, Olmsted county, was born in Erie Co., N. Y., Dec. 23d, 1828; immigrated with his parents to Michigan, in 1837, and to Illinois in 1838; thence to Wisconsin in 1839; lived in Rock county until 1849, and received such schooling there as the country afforded; moved to Indian lands in Marquette county; was married in 1851; followed farming until 1854; engaged in merchandise up to 1860; came to Minnesota that year—has been a farmer ever since, and found it profitable. Mr. Whiting is a sterling Republican, and his constituents think enough of him to send him to the Legislature the second time. Since his first settlement in Minnesota he has exerted a wholesome influence in the management of public affairs in his town and county.

*HON. H. B. WILSON*, Red Wing, Goodhue Co., was born in Bingham, Somerset Co., Me., March 30, 1821; traces his lineage back to the May Flower. His parents were both natives of the same county with himself; the original family were from England. He attended the district school, afterwards the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kent's Hill, Redfield; studied four years in that institution, paying his way by teaching district school and doing other labor during vacation; graduated in the summer of 1841, shortly after he was twenty years of age; went to Cincinnati, and taught in the second district of that city; went to Lawrenceburg, Ind., and took charge of Dearborn County Seminary, taught two years, studied law, was admitted to the bar, but never practiced. In 1844 removed to New Albany, Ind., took charge of the school there; organized the first graded system in the place; superintended and taught until 1850; resigned after being elected city civil engineer, which office he filled for six years; literally speaking, is a teacher, superintendent of public instruction, and civil engineer; was married in Lawrenceburg in 1844; in April, 1858 removed to Minnesota, having been elected professor of mathematics and civil engineering in Hamline University, Red Wing. In July 1858 the Asbury University of Indiana conferred upon him, unsolicited, the honorary degree of Master of Arts; taught the natural sciences and mathematics for a period of four years in Hamline University. Jan. 1862, enlisted in Co. F, 6th Minn. Vol. Infantry, and served until mustered out in the fall of 1865; was captain of Co. F, with Gen. Sibley in both his campaigns after the Indians, in 1862-3; was at Birch Coolie, Wood Lake, Camp Release, the hanging of the Indians at Mankato, and the march to the Missouri river, 1863; at the battle of Wood Lake received a severe wound in the shoulder from which he has never fully recovered. In the spring of 1864 went with regiment to Helena, Ark.; lost over one hundred men by disease; then attached to the 16th army corps, and participated in the siege of Spanish and Blakely forts, and the capture of Mobile. In 1866, was appointed Sup't of Schools for Goodhue county, which office he continued to fill by subsequent appointments until appointed State Sup't of Public Instruction, in 1870. In addition to the offices previously mentioned, he was a member of the city council of Red Wing one year; is a member of the Masonic order, and for several years was H. P. of LaGrange Royal Arch Chapter; a member of the Methodist church, of long standing, and a Republican as old as the party, and is now serving his first term in the Legislature.

*HON. MARCUS WING*, Rock Dell, Olmsted county, was born in Webster, Washtenaw Co., Mich., Dec. 7, 1841; attended the district school and at the age of 11 years removed with his mother to Mass., his father having previously died; remained there three years, then removed to Portage City, Wis., 1856, and attended school there. In 1861 was married, in 1864 removed to Minnesota, settled at Rock Dell, and has since followed farming. Mr. Wing was a member of the house in 1873, and comes again at the behest of his Republican constituents.

*HON. MICHAEL A. WOLLAN*, Glenwood, Pope county, is a native of Norway, born in 1844; immigrated to the United States with parents, and settled in Fillmore county in 1860; remained there until 1868, then removed to Glenwood; followed farming, and, in 1870 was elected Register of Deeds for that county, which position he filled for four successive years; then engaged in merchandising, and has held the position of Postmaster since 1874. Mr. Wollan is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and one among the best-looking Scandinavians in the House.

*HON. DAVID WORST*, Redwood Falls, Redwood Co., is a native of Penn., born in 1837; educated at Tuscarora Academy, that state; immigrated to Ohio in the spring of 1864, remained three years, then removed to Cumberland Co., Ill.; was four years in that state, then immigrated to Minn., April, 1871; was raised a farmer and has always followed it as an occupation. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and was appointed elder when in Ill. Mr. Worst is of German extraction, and traces his origin back to the days of Wm. Penn. His honest face and general demeanor would stamp him a Quaker. He has held about all the local offices in the gift of his constituents. He is a Republican in politics, and a prominent Granger; second term in the Legislature.

*HON. J. ZIMMERMAN*, Le Sueur, Le Sueur county, is a native of Germany, born in 1825; educated in his native land; in 1849 came to America, and settled in Michigan; remained until 1856, then removed to Minnesota. He is a plasterer and brick mason by trade, but has followed farming for the past eight years; served in the Indian campaign for a short time, and came back with a whole scalp. Politically he is a disciple of Thos. Jefferson; religiously he worships at the Lutheran Church. This is his first term in the Legislature. Mr. Zimmerman believes in retrenchment and plenty of hard work as the most speedy and effectual way of making better times.



## OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

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*HON. JOHN L. GIBBS*, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is a native of Penn., born May 3d, 1838. He attended the common schools of his native state, and there acquired the fundamental principles of a good education; attended the Le Raysville Academy; taught after that, and used the proceeds to advance his education; attended the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, and in the spring of 1860 attended the Poughkeepsie Law School. In the fall of that year entered the law department of the University at Ann Arbor, Mich., and graduated the next year; taught school for a time in Iowa; removed to Albert Lea, Minn., in 1861, engaged in teaching. The next year was elected Co. Att'y. In 1863 elected to the Legislature, re-elected in 1864, again in 1875-6. From the many public positions he has occupied it will be seen in what esteem he is held by his fellow-citizens. He has always been a careful and methodical student, and by his indomitable perseverance he has overcome obstacles that to ordinary minds would seem insurmountable. As the presiding officer of the House his qualifications are marked with that degree of firmness and ability that has so distinguished some of his predecessors. In selecting the standing committees no man could have been more just and impartial, or displayed better judgment. His postoffice address is Geneva, Freeborn Co., and his present occupation is farming.

*GEORGE W. BUSWELL*, Chief Clerk House of Representatives, was born in Lowell, Mass., May 15th, 1841; moved to Lynn, Mass. in 1848; thence to Winona, Minn., in April, 1856; is to some extent self-educated. In 1860 learned the carpenter trade; continued at the business until Aug. 13th, 1862, when he enlisted in Co. B, 7th Reg't Minn. Inf. Aug. 18th, 1862, was with the Reg't, and participated in all the skirmishes and battles during the Sioux expedition of 1862-3; went south in October, 1863; was promoted to 2d Lieutenant by a competitive examination in May, 1865, and afterwards to 1st Lieutenant 6th U. S. Inf.; was on staff duty as aide-de-camp most of the time from August, 1864, until November, 1865, and Asst. Adjt. Genl. of post of Carrolton, La., until mustered out, April, 1866; was on active duty with the 16 Corps, Gen. A. J. Smith commanding in Mississippi, in 1864; at the siege of Mobile in 1865; returned to Winona in June, 1866; read law while in the army; concluded to make it a profession; entered the office of Messrs. Simpson & Wilson, Winona, Minn., and then under the tutorship of Judge Abner Lewis, read law for two years, and was admitted to the bar in open court, in Winona county;

Messrs. Berry, Mitchell and Simpson constituting the committee. In 1866-68 he held the position of Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue. In February, 1869, he located at Blue Earth City, Minn., an Attorney and Counselor at Law. In Sept., 1870, he was married; was elected Assistant Clerk of the House of Representatives, 1875; elected Chief Clerk, 1876-77.

*S. D. PARSONS*, First Assistant Clerk, was born in Naperville, Warren Co., Ill., in 1833; received an academical education in his native state, and immigrated to Minnesota in 1854; settled in Mankato, Blue Earth Co.; served four years in the army as regimental Q. M. of the Second Minn. Reg't; assigned to the 14th Army Corps, Gen. Thomas commanding. He was with the Rég't in all its battles. Mr. Parsons is a Republican in politics, and a real estate dealer and an insurance Ag't by occupation. He is eminently qualified for his present position. This is his second term of clerkship in the House.

*Ɔ. R. HOWARD*, Second Assistant Clerk, Sauk Centre, Stearns Co., was born in Winthrop, Kennebec Co., Me., 1840; attended the public schools, and Academy of his native town until eighteen years of age, then removed to Beloit, Wis.; remained there until 1859; came to Minnesota, settling in Blue Earth county. In 1863 enlisted as a private in the 2d Minn. Cav.; was commissioned 2d lieutenant Dec. 1863; served with the regiment until Nov. 1864, and was ordered on duty as A. Q. and A. A. C., in which capacity he served until the close of the war, Nov. 1865; has since resided at Sauk Centre. Mr. Howard is a good scribe, competent for any legislative or business clerkship.

*MARTIN L. TORPEY*, Enrolling Clerk, Morris, Stearns Co., was born in Louisville, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., June 14, 1833; received his education in his native place. He served in the army under Gen. Grant, a member of Co. F, 106th N. Y. Vol.; was married in his native state; removed to Minn. in 1871, and settled in Morris. Mr Torpey was raised a farmer, and still adheres to that occupation.

*WILLIAM H. MELLEEN*, Engrossing Clerk, was born in Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1829; received a common school education; immigrated to Ohio in 1852; engaged in mercantile business, and in the spring of 1861 raised a Co. of Vol. under the call for 75,000 men for three months; was elected Capt.; mustered out July 31, 1861; married in Sept. 1861; raised 39 men and joined the 4th Reg't O. V. C. Sept. 24, 1861; enlisted as a private and was made Orderly Serg't; commissioned 2d Lieut. in March, 1863; was wounded and transferred to V. R. C.; mustered out by order of Sec'y of War, July 31, 1866; engaged in farming in Olmsted Co., Sept. 30, 1866; sold out and emigrated west; settled in Murray Co., on a homestead; has been Chair'n Board of Co. Com's, and held several Co. offices in that Co. since its organization; was elected to the Legislature from the 38th district in 1875. Politics Republican.

*HENRY B. COREY*, Postmaster, Hamilton, Mower Co., born in Illinois in 1844. He is the only son of a farmer who came to Minnesota in 1852; is self-educated, and is by profession a jobber and builder; enlisted in the 2d Minn. Cav-

ally in Nov. 1863; crossed the plains of Dakota with Gen. Sully, and participated in the battles of the Little Sioux—which commenced July 28th, and ended August 6th, 1875—and Bad Lands, August 28th and 29th, 1865; was one of the sufferers of the great blizzard of Feb. 14th, 1866, on the plains of Dakota, on their return home from the expedition to the Yellow Stone river, at which time Capt. Fields and five other comrades were frozen to death, and about fifty others more or less frozen. Was discharged in April, 1866. Has for some years been identified in political circles as an earnest worker in the Republican party, and is serving his second term as postmaster of the Legislature. Among his political chums he is styled "the King of the Lobby."

*O. J. JOHNSON*, Sergeant-at-Arms, was born in Norway, Aug. 14, 1840; immigrated to America and settled in Dane Co., Wis., in 1854; removed to Minn. in 1860, settled in Faribault Co.; married there in 1861; enlisted in the First Minn. Mounted Rangers, 1862; served until the Reg't was mustered out; engaged in the sale of agricultural implements in different parts of the state up to 1872, then removed to the northern part of the state, and followed merchandising. In 1874 was appointed United States Mail Agent, and served in that capacity until May, 1876, since which time he has lived at Duluth. Mr. Johnson is a very efficient officer, and is universally esteemed.

*O. E. REESE*, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, is a native of Norway, born in 1855; he immigrated to the United States and settled in Minnesota, in 1867; lived at St. Cloud with his parents one year, then removed to the town of Norway, Kandiyohi county, and followed farming. He is a faithful officer, and gives universal satisfaction.

*CHAUNCEY HOBART*, Chaplain, was born in St. Albans, Franklin Co., Vt., June 9, 1811, from which place his father emigrated in 1821, wintering in Ohio; in 1822, came to Illinois, stopped at the extreme western verge of civilization some 45 miles west of Springfield, and six miles east of the Illinois river; in February, 1823, crossed the Illinois river, and was then the first settler in what is now Schuyler county, Ill. In 1831 was a soldier in Gen. Duncan's brigade in the first campaign in the Black Hawk war; also when the war was renewed in 1832, was a soldier in Capt. Hollingsworth's Co., Fourth Regt. in Gen. Whiteside's brigade. Was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1834; licensed to preach in 1835, and joined the Illinois Conference in 1836; has preached as an itinerant in most of the cities of central and northern Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Came to this State in 1849, was Chaplain of the House of the first Territorial Legislature, and associate Chaplain of the second and third sessions. Was Chaplain of the 3d Minn. Vol. from its organization in 1861, until April, 1862, when he resigned on account of sickness. Spent some time in the army in 1864, in connection with the Christian Commission; has preached in almost innumerable places between Boston, Mass., and Nebraska, and Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Manitoba; has been five times elected to the General Conference of the church to which he belongs. Was favored with a good English education in early life—his father and mother both being eminent teachers before their marriage—to which has been added a practical knowledge of the sciences and languages by the private instructions of Prof. Crooks, of Dickinson; Rev. Rabbi Levi, and others, as the duties and cares of an itinerant life would permit. Finished his fortieth year as a traveling preacher, last September. Resides in Red Wing, Minn.

*MERRILL M. CLARK*, Clerk of Committee on Public Accounts and Expenditures, was born in Shrewsbury, Vt., Aug. 30, 1843; attended public school, and was raised on a farm. In 1857 removed to Minnesota and settled in Blue Earth county. In 1861 enlisted in the army; was discharged June 7, 1866. Feb. 7, 1866 was married to Miss Lavina Fall; was a member of the Legislature in 1876. Politics Republican.

*ROBERT DAKIN*, Clerk of the Crasshopper Committee, Red Wing, Goodhue county, was born in the Parish of Dawley, Shropshire, England, June 30, 1833; received an academical education, and immigrated to the United States; settled in Dodge county, Wis.; was there married, in 1852, to Hannah A. Stanton; removed to Minnesota and settled at Stanton Goodhue, Co., June, 25, 1855. In 1866 was admitted to the bar; was the first City Recorder of Red Wing, and served one year; Clerk of the District Court of Goodhue county twelve years, and Probate Judge ten years. In 1865 he was a member of the House.

*E. J. KANTEMAN*, Page, was born in Madison, Wis., Dec. 5th, 1860; removed with his parents to St. Paul, in 1871. He is a smart active Page, and may grow up to be Speaker of the House, if he improves his opportunities.

*C. H. CLARK*, Page, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 19th, 1861; now lives in St. Paul. This boy will make a member of Congress, if he develops well.

*JOHN GILMAN*, Page, was born in St. Cloud, Stearns county, Minnesota, June 28, 1863. John is a wide-awake Page, and his father is an active member of the House. Bye and bye John will be the member, and the father will be telling John what he did when he was a member.

*CHARLES A. BENTLEY*, Page, was born in St. Paul, Nov. 14th, 1866. He is quite a small boy yet, but there is room enough for him to get larger. Smaller chips than he is have become President.

*J. H. HANSON*, Reporter for *Pioneer-Press*, born in Dover, N. H., June 22, 1843. Resided in Boston from 1844 until 1866, when removed to St. Paul, Minn. Has been connected with the daily papers, *Pioneer* and *Pioneer-Press* since 1871.

*M. H. STEVENS*, Reporter for St. Paul *Dispatch*, was born in Charlestown, N. H., in 1844, and came to Minnesota, in 1856. He received a common school education, and served during the war as a private in the 10th Regt. Minn. Vols. His connection with the *Dispatch*, commenced in 1868, when the paper started. In 1869, he, with W. W. Williams, established the *Post* newspaper at Blue Earth City, and two years later he established the *Mail*, at the same place. In 1872 he established the *Worthington Advance*, which he at once made one of the leading country newspapers of the State. In 1874 Mr. Stevens took charge of the editorial management of the St. Paul newspaper Union, and up to this time he has prepared the news of the day for a hundred thousand readers.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

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*Ways and Means*—Messrs. Hall A. R., James, Rice E., Grover H. C., Pugh, McCrea and Meagher.

*Judiciary*—Messrs. Campbell, Comstock, Gilman J. M., Child, Muir, Buck and Gilman C. A.

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*Public Lands*—Messrs. Rathbun, Nelson, Clark, McCrea, Benson, Hensley, Hulebak, Jacobson, Gilman H. H., Brown, Green, Sullivan, Pirz, Vollmer and Stumpf.

*Federal Relations*—Messrs. Whiting, Erickson F., Smith A. J., Huyck, Magoffin, Mott and Gardner.

- Education*—Messrs. Wilson, Webb, Phelps, Rouse, Scriver, Cole and Meagher.  
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*State Prison*—Messrs. Child, Scriver, Jones, Bean, Crooks, Fredrick and Bonniwell.  
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*State Reform School*—Messrs. Bently, Cutts, Huyck, Rice E., and McKinzie.  
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*Banks*—Messrs. Garrard, McSpadden, Eberhard, Way and Cleary.  
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*Elections*—Pettys, Jones, Maxwell, Pugh and Vollmer.  
*Commerce*—Messrs. Phelps, Knowles, Peterson, Osborne and Beatty.  
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*Rules and Joint Rules*—Messrs. Smith C. H., Hall A. R., Comstock, Coe and Lunkenheimer.  
*State Library*—Messrs. Sanborn, Wilson, Worst, Gilman J. M., and Campbell.  
*Mines and Minerals*—Messrs. Brown, Sampson, Osborne, McKinzie and Klosterman.  
*Engrossment*—Messrs. Cutts, Mosher, Smith A. J., Klosterman and Beatty.  
*Enrollment*—Messrs. Rice H. N., Bean, Peterson, Sullivan and Pirz.  
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