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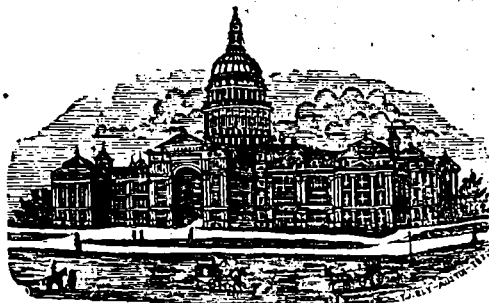
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for twenty-seven years have just past, and yet our growth and general prosperity have been unprecedented. For these years we show an increase in our aggregate wealth of two hundred and twenty five millions of dollars, and an increase in population of nearly four hundred thousand. While our staple product has been cut short, our grain crops have been abundant. At this, the beginning of our labors, I wish to direct your attention to the great inconvenience, and often disastrous consequences, of postponing important measures until near the close of the session."

The growth and development of the state has been phenomenal. If one of the old explorers, who seventy or a hundred years ago penetrated the terra incognita, which now is Texas, could cross the mystic boundary which separates life and death, he would fail to recognize the hills and valleys which he traversed in life. He could not believe that the wilderness could have been thus transformed in so short a time, unless by the work of magic.

Even the men of a later time than the heroes who gained for Texas her independence, men who are still in the prime of life, can hardly appreciate the transformation which has taken place in their day and generation, until they pause, reflect and remember.

A quarter of a century ago Texas, comparatively speaking, was a wilderness. There was not fifty miles of railway within her borders, few towns of any considerable importance and Austin was scarcely more than a village. Now, the iron horse crosses and re-crosses her broad domain, cities have risen like Aladin's palace, thousands of people till her soil and thousands are yearly flocking to her sunny hills, verdant vales and fertile prairies:

She is the empire State, and is destined to be the banner State of the Union and "The birth place of future Presidents.

It requires something more than a demagogue, who can ring the changes on a few popular hobbies, to successfully sue for Legislative honors at the hands of the people. The thinking men of the state, who have her interests at heart, and desire the car of progress to move steadily on to the future, have determined to entrust the destinies of Texas only

to men of talent and broad statesmanlike views.

This wide-spread sentiment culminated in the formation of the Nineteenth Legislature, which was one of the ablest legislative bodies ever assembled in the State. The Governor's recommendation that action upon important measures should not be postponed, was heartily endorsed and acted upon.

The laws enacted were all carefully discussed and sifted before receiving the sanction of the Senate and House, and while the wisdom of some can only be determined by time, most of the legislation was wise and in the right direction. There was no disposition, among the members of this body, to dodge the perplexing and difficult problems presented for its solution, but they boldly met the penitentiary, land law, public schools, railroad and every other question of vital moment and enacted such laws as the majority seemed best. Human wisdom is by no means infallible, and the actions of men, and the efficacy of all laws must be judged by their results, and we think that the verdict of time will redound to the credit of the Nineteenth Legislature.

THE AUTHOR.

## Biographical Sketches of Members of the 19th Legislature.

### L. L. FOSTER.

L. L. Foster was born Nov. 27, 1851, in Sheltonville, Milton county, Georgia. When eighteen years of age he left his native State for Texas, and landed some time during the month of December, 1869, in Horn Hill, Limestone county without a cent in his trouser pockets and no influential friends to secure for him an easy clerkship with good pay attached. Far from desponding, however, he regarded the difficulties that surrounded him with the determined courage that has marked his after career. Without hesitancy he undertook the first work his hands found to do, and for four years the length of his stay in Horn Hill, laid brick and stone from the early hours of morning until the close of day for a livelihood. When work became scarce for brick masons he went out into the fields and picked cotton. With the money thus earned he educated himself at the Waco University where he ranked high in all his classes. In 1873, he moved to Groesbeck where he has since resided. November 19, 1876, he commenced the publication of the "Limestone New Era," at Groesbeck, and for the last eight years has conducted it with great editorial ability and financial success. Early in his editorial career his bold, independent stand for the interests of the Democratic party, his section and State won for him a place in the front ranks of Texas journalism, and secured for him the confidence of not only the people among whom he lived but wherever his name was known throughout the length and breadth of the State. The people of the 52nd district, composed of Limestone, Falls and McLennan counties called him from the editorial sanctum to represent them in the 17th, 18th and 19th Legislatures. He was at once recognized as one of the leaders of the House and helped to mold most of the important legislation of the 17th and 18th Legislatures. He was elected speaker of the House of Representatives of the 19th Legislature and made one of the most impartial presiding officers, who has ever conducted the deliberations of that body. He has the honor of being the youngest man ever elected Speaker of the House in Texas. Mr. Foster is a fluent orator, correct in his judgments of men and measures, bold and fearless in defense of what he considers to be right, is a politi-

cian against whom even the foul tongue of partisan malice has never found anything to base a slander, and is, beyond the shadow of a doubt, devoted to the interests of Texas and the land over which floats the stars and stripes. From obscurity and poverty he struggled up the rugged heights to distinction and a place in the hearts of his colleagues in the legislature, his constituents and the people of the Lone Star State. By industry, economy and firmness of purpose, he has gained a competency; built himself a home, and properly utilized and developed the intellect which God has given him.

In England and other foreign countries where the possession of wealth and rank is almost absolutely necessary for the rapid rise of young men to political distinction, many poor young men of genius give up the struggle in despair, and turn aside into the sterile and beaten paths of life and never accomplish the destinies for which the Architect of nature intended them; but, in this land of Democratic liberty the talents of men are appreciated, the road that leads to honor is well defined and open to all men mentally able to climb its steep ascent.

The lives of such men as the distinguished Speaker of the Nineteenth Legislature, contain a moral that the most ignorant man may read and one that should stimulate the young men of Texas, who thirst for the laurels that crown the brow of successful merit, to earnest and untiring effort.

#### F. P. ALEXANDER.

F. P. Alexander, the representative from Hunt county, is an editorial writer well known in Texas. He was born in Pickens, S. C., Sept. 1, 1853, and is now 31 years of age. He moved to Jefferson, Texas, in 1870, where he and one or two other gentlemen started the daily and weekly Democrat, and to which he devoted his literary talents for three years. After withdrawing from the Democrat he resided one year in Galveston, and then moved to Greenville, his present home. He established the Greenville Herald in 1879, and conducted it successfully until about a year ago, when he sold the paper and retired from journalism. Besides the papers mentioned he has in various editorial capacities been identified with the press of the Empire State. At present he is engaged in the insurance business. He was elected to the nineteenth Legislature by 180 majority. Politically, he is a Democrat, true to the principles of his party, and his course in the Nineteenth Legislature during the session of which he was a member of

the Committees on Internal Improvement and State Affairs, and was Chairman of the Committee on Insurance and Statistics, was at once bold and conservative.

#### M. S. AUSTIN.

M. S. Austin, representative from the 35th District, composed of the counties of Rockwall, Dallas and Tarrant, is a native of North Carolina, having been born in that State in 1828, where he lived to the meridian of his days. He spent a few years in Mississippi, and during the winter of 1871, moved to Rockwall county, Texas, where he planted his vine and fig tree and has resided until the present time. He stands high in his District as a christian gentleman and a Democrat, "In whom there is no guile." He has served his county four terms as Sheriff and Tax Collector, and during the late campaign was unanimously called upon to represent Rockwall, Tarrant and Dallas counties in the Nineteenth Legislature. He is a leading member in the Methodist church, is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and a farmer by occupation. He followed the banner of the "loved but lost cause," in the army of Northern Virginia as long as her folds floated to the breeze. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was a member of the committees: Revenue and Taxation, Agriculture and Public Grounds and Buildings.

#### W. T. ARMISTEAD.

Hon. Wm. Thomas Armistead, a distinguished member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures was born in Georgia, Oct. 25, 1848, and is in consequence of that fact thirty-six years of age. He entered the Confederate army in 1864, as a private soldier, served under Generals Johnson, Hood and Hardee, and took part in many of the great battles fought by those paladins of southern chivalry up to the close of hostilities. He was promoted to a captaincy, was wounded at Jonesboro and reported killed, and finished his short but brilliant military career by being captured by Wilson's federal cavalry in Alabama. He graduated at the University of Georgia, in 1871, with honor and was final orator of the Phi Kappa Literary Society on that occasion. In 1871, he came to Texas and settled at Douglassville, Cass county, where he taught school until the latter part of 1872, during which time he diligently studied for admission to the bar. In 1873, he moved to Jefferson, Marion county, and commenced the practice of law, and rapidly gained reputation

and practice. The people of the 17th District composed of the counties of Marion, Cass, Bowie, and Morris, selected him to represent them in the 18th Legislature and returned him to the 19th Legislature by a very large majority. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Baptist and is a member in good standing of the A. F. & A. M., Legion of Honor, and United Workmen Lodges. He was chairman of the House Committee on Internal Improvements and a member of Judiciary Committee No. 1, and Privileges and Elections. A future blossoming with promise lies before him.

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E. A. ATLEE.

E. A. Atlee, representative from the district in which Laredo is situated, is a democrat, liberal and progressive in his views, and one of the ablest lawyers of Western Texas. He was born in Tennessee in 1846, moved to Texas in 1873 and soon thereafter entered into the active practice of his profession, in which his talents soon elevated him to an enviable position among his legal colleagues. During the Nineteenth Legislature he was a member of Judiciary committee, No. 1, and other important committees. In the committee room and on the floor of the House he exercised a strong influence owing to his broad and comprehensive views of statesmanship and public policy.

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WILLIAM BEARD.

William Beard served his first term as representative of the Sixth district—Rusk county—in the Nineteenth Legislature. He was born in Tennessee, March 30, 1843, and when seven years of age came to Texas with his parents who settled in Rusk county, where he grew to manhood and won the respect of the generation which grew up with and selected him to represent its interests on the floor of the House of Representatives by a majority of 502 votes over two opponents. He served during the civil war under Generals A. S. Johnston and Taylor. His life has been devoted to agriculture. He is a Democrat, who believes that principles, not men, should be supported by the people, and has ever been true to his party, his country and his State.

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S. W. BLOUNT, JR.

S. W. Blount, Jr., is a native Texan, was born in San Augustine, Texas, in 1854. He was a member of the 18th Legis-

lature, and was returned by his constituents to represent their interests in the 19th Legislature, during the session of which he acted as chairman of the committee on Public Debt, and was a member of Judiciary Committee, No. 1. He is a true and tried Democrat, a man of high ability, catholic in his ideas of statecraft, bold and fearless in defense of right, and ever ready to champion and maintain the rights of the people. His district could have selected no gentleman better qualified to represent its interests

### OSCAR BERGSTROM.

Oscar Bergstrom was born in Kendall county, Texas, where he herded his father's sheep for two years, from thence he moved to San Antonio, in Bexar county, Texas, in December, 1866, where his father engaged in the butcher's trade in which he assisted him during the morning and went to St. Mary's school during the day; at the age of fourteen his father died, leaving his mother and six children, (four boys of which he was the youngest) and two girls. Mr. Bergstrom and two of his brothers engaged in business as dealers in hides and wool, afterwards in the wholesale grocery business, during which time he occupied all of his spare hours in reading law, and in 1882 applied to the District Court, of Bexar county, Texas, for a license to practice, and on the 30th day of January, 1882, was examined and admitted to the bar, thereafter he became a member of the law firm of Breneman & Bergstrom, San Antonio, Texas, and in the fall of 1884 was nominated by a Democratic convention as a candidate for representative, and was elected to that office November 4th, 1884. The life of this talented member for the eighty-sixth district will well bear perusal by the rising young men of Texas, as it shows what can be accomplished by brains, pluck and aiming high no matter how many difficulties may at present surround them and darken the horizon of the future. He was a member of the following House Committees in the Nineteenth Legislature: Judiciary No. 1, Internal Improvements Insurance, Statistics and History, and Towns, Cities and Corporations. He is now in the morning of life, has been trained in that school of heroes, statesmen and patriots, "hard experience," is talented, firmly grounded on the rock of principle and it is safe to predict for him a long, honorable and useful career.



### K. R. BLACKSHEAR.

K. R. Blackshear was born in Heney county, Alabama, September 26, 1853, and is thirty-one years of age. In the winter of 1854-55 his parents moved to Trinity county, Texas. During the year of 1855 he lived in Tyler county. Since that time he has resided in Trinity county. In 1875 he commenced the practice of law in Pennington and, by indefatigable industry and native talent rose into prominence; was elected County Attorney in 1878 and in 1879 was elected County Judge of Trinity county. May the 19th, 1884, he was nominated, by a Democratic convention, at Houston, to represent the fifty-fourth district—Harris, Montgomery, Walker and Trinity counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature. He was a member of Judiciary Committee No. 2, and his legal lore and thoughtful mind was highly appreciated by his colleagues. Standing on the middle ground of life, there are doubtless many honors yet in store for him.

### J. W. BARNETT.

J. W. Barnett was born June 23, 1830, in Purdy, McNairy county, Tennessee. In 1833 he went to Mississippi. In 1851 entered into the practice of medicine in that State. In 1854 he settled in Arkansas, where he remained for fourteen years. During the war between the States he served as Captain of company "F," Eighteenth Arkansas volunteers, and made a cool, gallant and efficient officer, admired by his superiors in rank and beloved by "The boys in grey" who followed him to battle on many a hard fought field. He was kind to them in health; in sickness his hand soothed their burning brows or made smooth the pillow of many a brave fellow who fell under the banners of the Confederacy. During the year 1868, Dr. Barnett came to Grayson county, Texas, but two years later moved to Parker county, where he devoted himself to his profession until three years since when he retired from active practice. He is a graduate of the University of Louisiana, Medical Department, and a physician who has been successful, conscientious and made himself beloved by his patients. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1875 and helped to frame some of the most important clauses in that instrument. Dr. Barnett is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, is an Odd Fellow, Mason, Granger and a Jacksonian Democrat. When he retired, three years since, from the active practice of his profession he thought

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that he would be allowed to pursue the even tenor of his way and not be called upon by his neighbors and fellow citizens to fill any further public position; but the event did not justify his expectations. The people of the forty-second district insisted upon his allowing himself to be announced as a candidate to represent Parker county in the Nineteenth Legislature. After much solicitation he consented, made the race and was elected over two opponents by a plurality of seven hundred and twenty-five. He was a member of the following committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Internal Improvements, Public Health, Asylums, Claims and Accounts and to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts. He is a man of fine intellect—cultivated and luminous—an able thinker and a man who has at heart the best interests of his State.

#### J. BAILEY.

J. Bailey was born in Fulton, Missouri, thirty-four years ago. He came to Texas in the early spring of 1877, lived two years in Austin, and then removed to Karnes county, of which he was appointed county attorney, which office he held one year. He next located in Tom Green county, where he remained one year, at the expiration of which time he moved to El Paso, where he has since practised his profession and is now considered one of the best lawyers in Western Texas. He was elected as Representative to the Nineteenth Legislature from the eightieth district, composed of El Paso, Edwards, Menard, Pecos, Presidio, Crockett and Tom Green counties. Mr. B. is a Republican. He was a member of several important committees.

#### J. A. V. BARTON.

J. A. V. Barton was born in 1853, in Rusk county, Texas. He is a farmer and has been quite successful in coaxing mother earth to yield her golden harvests. He is a graduate of Soule's Business College, New Orleans, Louisiana, and from 1872 to 1877, he kept books for some of the leading firms of Longview. In 1875 Mr. B. married and moved to Kilgore, Gregg county, where he at present resides. He is a man of fine intellect and is one of the staunchest and most active members of the Young Democracy. In November, 1884,

he was elected to represent the ninety third district—Smith and Gregg—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and during the session of that body served as a member of most of the important committees. He is a man highly esteemed by his constituents—whom he so ably represented—and his colleagues of the House. The future lies before him full of promise and he will, doubtless, be one of those who will acquire distinction.

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#### W. P. BISHOP.

W. P. Bishop, representative—in the Nineteenth Legislature—from the twenty ninth district, composed of the counties of Denton and Collin; was born in Hancock county, Tennessee, and is now forty-four years of age. He came to Tarrant county, Texas, in 1869, and lived at Grape Vine—in that county—six years, during which time he was principal of Grape Vine Masonic Institute. During the war he served in Gen. Frank Cheatham's division, army of Tennessee, and at the close of hostilities, was Colonel of the twenty-ninth regiment Tennessee volunteer infantry. After his return from the scene of conflict he lived in Lee county, Virginia, until 1869 when he moved to Texas. In 1875 he moved to Plano, and from thence to his present place of residence at Frankford where he has followed farming and stock-raising with gratifying success. Mr. Bishop is a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church, and A. F. and A. M. lodge. In August, 1884, he was nominated at Denton as representative from the twenty ninth district and was subsequently elected by over 9,000 majority. He was a member of committees on Public Lands and Land Office, Educational Affairs, Constitutional Amendment and Engrossed Bills. He is a Democrat who has ever boldly declared his belief in, and adherence to the principles of that great party. As a thinker, speaker and legislator, he stood among the first on the floor of the House.

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#### J. N. BROWNING.

J. N. Browning, representative from the forty-third district, was born in Clark county, Arkansas, March 13th, 1850, and is in the thirty-fifth year of his age. By profession he is a lawyer and has gained for himself a wide-spread reputation for legal ability. In 1866 he came to Texas, and settled in Cook county, where he remained until the following year.

then moved to Shakelford county. In 1881 he moved to Mobeetie, Wheeler county, where he has since practiced his profession and entered largely into stock-raising. He is a member of A. F. and A. M. lodge and a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Browning is a staunch Democrat, a member of one of the first families of Virginia, is fully identified with the interests of west Texas, and is one of her ablest representatives on the floor of the House. The career of this distinguished gentleman presents nothing of dramatic interest, but from the date of his first entry into professional life—at Ft. Griffin, Texas, in 1876—is a fit illustration of what brains, pluck and honest purpose can do to raise their possessor to honorable distinction.

#### R. J. BRAILSFORD.

R. J. Brailsford, representative from the third district, composed of Newton, Jasper and Taylor counties, was born January 25th, 1833, in Beaufort District, South Carolina. In 1847 he came to Texas and settled May the 20th, in Newton county. During his residence in this State, he, at one time lived eight years in Jasper county, served four years in the Confederate army, and has lived twenty-six years in Burkeville, Newton county, his present place of residence. By occupation he is a merchant, but has filled among other positions of trust and honor, that of Treasurer of Newton county from 1876 to 1880. Was nominated at Jasper, Texas, in August, 1884, to represent the third district in the Nineteenth Legislature and was elected by 1000 majority. He is a Democrat of the pure Jeffersonian ilk, a member of A. F. and A. M. lodge and the M. E. South church. During the late war he served the Confederate cause in the army of the west. At the early day in which he came to Texas, educational facilities were very limited and his early intellectual training was superintended by his father and sisters. Since 1874 he has merchandised at Burkeville, enjoying the confidence and high esteem of his fellow citizens. Served in Whitfields' Batallion under Gen. Ben. McCulloch in Arkansas, Indian Territory and Missouri, participated in the battle of Elk Horn, or Pea Ridge; ballance of the war he served in Whitfields' Legion, Ross Brigade—first as adjutant and afterwards as captain of company E. Was on committees on Educational affairs and committee to examine Comptroller's and Treasurer's accounts.

## C. C. BELL.

C. C. Bell was born October 12th, 1840, in Old Nashville, which once occupied the banks of the Brazos where the magnificent bridge of the International railroad now spans that river. His father, Capt. W. W. Bell, settled there in the fall of 1836, having moved from Natchez, Mississippi. In 1842 he moved to what is now known as Old Warren, on Red River, which was then the county seat of Fannin county. Here he bought land and opened up a good farm on which he died in 1844, leaving a widow with seven children to raise, and at the same time to endure the hardships and privations of frontier life. Most nobly did she perform that task, and now, at the age of eighty-one is the embodiment of health, and an honored member of the household of her youngest son, him whom Denton county delighteth to honor. Charlie, or C. C., as he was usually called, had a natural love for learning. From a child his ambition was to receive a finished education; but as is well known, farm life, especially when coupled with the frontier, is not conducive to letters. So at nineteen he had made but little progress in the world of letters. So in September 1859 he left home at his own expense and spent ten months at Mound Prairie Institute, in Anderson county, under the presidency of Dr. J. R. Malone. From October, 1860, to February, 1862, he was under the fostering hand of Texas' greatest educator, the late Dr. J. W. P. McKinzie, of McKinzie college, near Clarksville, in Red River county. His ambition was to graduate and apply himself to the law as a stepping stone to politics. But the war between the states changed the tenor of his life. In obedience to a sense of duty he laid aside his

text books and shouldered a musket. He lost the prize for which he fought, but in the mean time gained one for which he plead, to wit: a wife, a Miss Inge, one of the best of the many good women for which Texas is indebted to Kentucky. The war being over he found himself peniless, yet rich, heart-broken, yet happy—the key to the enigma is' the monosyllable —wife. Like most men under like circumstances he resorts to teaching. In the fall of '67 he located at Denton and was tendered the Denton High School, which he conducted successfully till June '70, when he abandoned the school-room for an out-door life on account of failing health. As a Sunday-school teacher he has had charge of the Bible class in the Methodist school at Denton for fourteen years, having been a member of the M. E. Church South since 1858, and a steward most of the time since 1868. He is recognized throughout his county as a reading, thinking, progressive farmer, and a good financier. This is the first time he has ever yielded to his political aspirations, hence he is a new member. The State is fortunate in having men of his make up on two of her most important committees, to wit. Finance and Revenue and Taxation, of which he has the reputation of being an important factor. He is also a member of two other committees, viz: Incidental Expenses and Millitary Affairs. He is by no means a noisy member, but an earnest advocate of what he believes to be the interest of the people. Ever at his seat you will always find him to be wide-awake and duly sober. His ability, energy and morality doubtless commended him to the favorable consideration of the good people of Denton county in the last canvass and there is no doubt but that they will manifest their appreciation of his services in the Nineteenth by returning him to the Twentieth Legislature, should he ask an endorsement at their hands.

C. C. BELL.

C. C. Bell the brilliant member from the thirty-second district—Denton county—was on the following House committees: Contingent Expenses and Revenue and Taxation. He was one of the most fluent and elegant speakers, far seeing statesmen, active workers and influential members in the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Legislature.

J. P. BLOUNT.

Dr. J. P. Blount who so ably represented the twenty-sixth district, composed of Van Zandt county, in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Carrolton, Mississippi, March 11, 1849. He came to Texas in 1857, lived twelve years in Denton then moved to Canton, where he has since conducted a drug-store—is also a stock holder and member of the Board of Directors of the Exchange National Bank of Denton, Texas. For the past fourteen years he has practiced medicine with great success. He was elected to the legislature by a large majority, and made a bold, conservative and hard working representative. Dr. Blount is a Missionary Baptist and member of the Royal Arch Chapter of A. F. and A. M. lodge. He was on the following committees: Asylums, Public Health and Constitutional Amendments. He is a man of fine mind, a true Democrat, and ever spoke and voted in the interests of the people. Dr. Blount exercised a strong influence and helped to enact some of the most important laws passed by the honorable body of which he was a member.

GEORGE R. CRAFT.

This gentleman represented the forty-fifth district, Wise county, in the House for the first time during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature. He was born July 23d, 1839, in Atala county, Mississippi, came to Texas in 1849. Lived one year in Rusk county, four in Upshur, eight in Hopkins, in Denton fourteen, and in Wise county nine years. In 1878 he laid off the town of Crafton, named for its founder. This beautiful little town is his present home and has two hundred and fifty inhabitants, seven business houses, a fine steam mill and a handsome school building capacitated to hold two hundred and fifty scholars. Crafton has become famous for its fine water and general healthfulness, and the richness of the soil that composes the country that surrounds it. Mr. Craft is a member of the Christian (so called Campbellite) church, and I. O. O. F. and F. A. lodges. By occupation he is a far-

mer and politically a Jackson Democrat, who says: "Let the Democratic party substitute legal tender notes for national bank bills, repeal the bank act and make whatever money the government may issue or coin a full legal tender for all debt, pay the public debt as it falls due, in the currency of the country, create no new debt, but, "Pay as we go," and guard against the encroachment of monopolies upon the rights of the people. By pursuing this financial policy the Democratic party will endear itself to the great body of our national commonwealth, and if it will ever strive to build up and sustain a government of the people; for the people and by the people it will remain in power for one hundred years." He proved an energetic and useful member. During the civil war he served in the Eleventh Texas Infantry commanded by Col. O. M. Roberts, and was a soldier true to the flag; under whose folds he fought as long as there was a hope of its being carried to victory. He was a member of House committees: County Governments and County Finances, Judicial Districts, Indian Affairs, and Revenue and Taxation. Mr. Craft is a man of no mean attainments, possesses a wonderful memory, is thoroughly posted on State affairs, firmly grounded in his principles, and is a fearless advocate of what he conceives to be right.

#### Z. E. COOMBES.

Judge Coombes was born March 30th, 1833, in Bloomfield, Nelson county, Kentucky. He came to Texas in 1842, and settled in Dallas county where he has since resided. He commenced life at fifteen and followed freighting with an ox team to secure enough money to educate himself, at twenty-two he left the school-room and followed farming and stock raising, from 1855 to 1862, and from 1862 to the close of the war he was a Captain in Polignac's Brigade, and was one of the most intrepid officers in that famous corps. In May, 1866, soon after his return from the fields on which the sun of the Confederacy set in a sea of blood, he was elected Judge of Dallas county, and applied himself from that time to the study of law. He was removed from his judicial position as an impediment to, so called, reconstruction. December 13th, 1867, he was licensed to practice law in the District Court of his county and in the Supreme Court in 1870. He has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession to the present time, and has conducted some of the most important trials which have taken place in this State; among others the celebrated Haback case;



since leading authority on self defense, and the State vs. Meyers of Johnson county. Judge Coombes has given especial attention to land litigation and estates, and as a land lawyer stands in the front ranks of the profession. He rejoices in hailing from the classic stream known as salt river, down whose rapid current all defeated candidates for office are supposed to drift. Although he at one time lived on this stream he never descended, but traveled toward its source. He had the honorable distinction among men and masons of the Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and in fact filled nearly every position of honor to which the Masons of Texas can elect a brother. At present he is Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of this State. The only further distinction that the Masons can confer on him is that of Grand Master. Judge Coombes is a member of the Christian (Campbelite) church and is a Democrat whose purity of purpose, and devotion to principle is unimpeachable. He was a member of the following important committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Judiciary No. 1, Public Lands and Land Office, Insurance, Statistics and History and Military Affairs. The people of Dallas county could have elected no more able man to represent her in the House if she had had the right to select one out of the combined brains and talent of the entire State. Judge C. said, in conversation, on one occasion that he wanted to live long enough to see Texas fulfill her grand destinies and in fact become the greatest State in the Union.

#### W. J. CAVEN.

Col. W. J. Caven was born in Georgia, in the year 1835. When twenty-four years of age he came to Texas and settled in Harrison county, where he purchased a farm on Caddo Lake. He has been a remarkably successful farmer owing to his fine business qualifications, enterprise and pluck. He has resided in Harrison over twenty-five years, is admired for his great ability and true Democracy, and has throughout the fifteenth electoral district—Rusk, Panola, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine and Harrison counties—a host of warm, devoted friends, who are well acquainted with the good qualities of both his head and heart. He was a brave Confederate officer in the army of Tennessee, a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee in 1878, and has represented his district in the House of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. He is not a member of any religious organiza-

tion, but believes in the "Common brotherhood of man." Not only is this his creed but the guide of all his actions, and many there are who can testify to the many friendly, generous and charitable deeds of this honorable gentleman. Those who have three times elected him to his present position place the most unbounded confidence in his fidelity to principle, ability and earnestness of purpose. He has always been appointed chairman, or member of, the most important committees, and has helped to perfect and enact most of the wise and beneficent laws passed during his term of office. He is respected by his colleagues and beloved by his constituents. What more can be said of any man? What greater or more fitting reward can any man ask for under a government of the people?

#### M. M. CRANE.

M. M. Crane, the representative from the thirty-sixth district—Johnson county—was born in Grafton, West Virginia, November 17, 1853. In 1870 he came to Texas and settled in Cleburne, Johnson county, his present home. He was licensed to practice law in 1877, and the year following was elected County Attorney of Johnson county. Two years later he was re-elected to the same position. During his term of office he was engaged in the prosecution of many important murder cases, there being no district attorney in the judicial district of which Johnson was one of the counties. He rose rapidly to the front, and has since maintained his position with great ability. At the November election in 1884, he was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature by a majority of eight hundred and five votes over two opposing candidates. Mr. Crane was chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills and a member of Judiciary No. 2, Internal Improvements, and to Examine the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Accounts committees. He is one of the most talented men of the Young Democracy, and scored a splendid record in the late Legislature.

#### J. R. COWLES.

This able representative of Grayson and Cooke counties in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Mecklenberg county, Virginia, forty-three years since. During the war between the States, he served in the Army of Northern Virginia and was in nearly all the important battles of the great civil struggle. While retreating from Gettesburg he was severely wounded,

near Culpepper Court House. In 1868 Judge Cowles came to Texas and located at Sherman, where he commenced the practice of law. From 1876 to 1878 he was County Attorney of Grayson, and was appointed District Judge in 1882. He was nominated, by Democratic convention, to represent Grayson and Cooke counties, and was subsequently elected to the Nineteenth Legislature by eleven thousand majority. He was a member of the following committees: Judiciary No. 1, Internal Improvements, and Towns, Cities and Corporations. Judge Cowles ranked among the ablest thinkers on the floor of the House and was highly esteemed by all of his colleagues.

#### T. C. COOK.

This distinguished gentleman was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and is now forty-eight years of age. In 1859 he took the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Princeton College, New Jersey, the degree of M. D. at the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1860, received the degree of A. M. from the University of Alabama. In 1860, during the month of December, he came to Eagle Lake, Texas, Colorado county, where he remained nine months, when he removed, to his present home, Weimar, in the same county. During the late war he served in the Confederate army as assistant surgeon and surgeon of the First Regiment Heavy Artillery, and displayed a gentleness, skill and cool courage that won for him the respect and kindly regard of his comrades in arms. He is a physician and planter and, since his first entry into the practice of medicine at Fairfield, Alabama, and has been a successful practitioner. He is a member of the M. E. church South, a master mason, K. of H., and A. O. U. W. Politically he is a conservative. The people of the sixty-seventh district, Colorado county, hold him in high esteem, and elected him their representative in the House by a large majority.

#### W. R. CAVITT.

The grand parents of this talented gentleman came to Texas in the days that preceded the Mexican and Indian troubles, through which they lived until after the annexation of Texas to the United States. Mr. Cavitt was born in Robertson county, Texas, July 4th, 1849, and resided in his native county until February 4, 1874, when he removed to Bryan, Brazos county, where he commenced the practice of law and rapidly rose at the bar to a leading position. He was County Attorney of

Brazos county from November 1878 to November 1880, and was again elected to fill that position from 1882 to 1884, when he was nominated by a Democratic Convention of the fiftieth district for the Legislature, and was elected Representative by a plurality of one thousand two hundred and fifty votes over four opponen's. He graduated with distinguished honors in both the Literary and Law Departments of Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and is a member of Phi, Gamma, Delta Greek college fraternity. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and a Democrat true and tried as a Toledo blade. He is fully informed on all questions of state craft and has a strong influence both in the House and Committee room. He was a member of the following committees: Judiciary No. 2, Educational Affairs, and Enrolling Bills. Mr. Cavitt is one of the most gifted, brilliant and promising young legislators in the State, and would fill any position to which the people of Texas might call him with distinguished honor.

#### D. M. CARLETON.

D. M. Carleton was born Jan. 22d, 1817, in Bedford county, Tennessee, and is of English descent. He grew up to manhood in his native State and then went to Alabama, where he lived for five years, at the expiration of which time he moved to Mississippi, where he actively pursued farming for ten years. In 1853 he came to Texas and settled in Leon county, Texas, and has since that time lived on the same farm that he settled upon thirty-two years ago. He is a member of the M. E. church South, and has been faithful to its teachings. Young men have grown up around him, many friends of early days have passed away, but with the advance of years the respect, love and honorable regard of those among whom his lot has been cast, has grown up strong around him, and has called him to several important positions. He has never sought office or thirsted for political laurels, yet the people of the forty-ninth district—Leon and Madison counties—in convention assembled at Leona, declared him their choice for representative in the Nineteenth Legislature. He is a Democrat who has shared the fortunes of his party in success and defeat, and has ever remained true to its principles. His observation, experience, and logical mind exercised their proper influence during the deliberations of the memorable body of which he was a member.

W. D. COCHRANE.

This young member, whose brilliant talents have raised him to an enviable position in the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Legislature, is a son of the Empire State, Austin county, Texas, being the place of his nativity. He was reared on a farm and attended the common schools of his district until sufficiently far advanced to take a collegiate course, when he entered Emory and Henry College, Virginia. He advanced with remarkable rapidity and in a short time graduated with distinguished honors. He then applied himself to the study of law, passed a most creditable examination and was enrolled on the list of attorneys in the District Court at Belleville in 1882, since which time he has risen to a leading position at the bar as a thinker, orator and lawyer. For about six months he filled the editorial chair of the Bonham Daily Independent. His reputation for ability, true Democratic principle, and devotion to the interests of his section and the State of Texas became wide spread, and the citizens of Austin county saw in him the requisite qualities for a good, faithful and statesmanlike representative and elected him over three opponents. He received 1,000 votes more than his strongest competitor. He is a member of Judiciary No. 2, Commerce and Judicial District Committees. He is one of the readiest and most forcible debaters of the House, and several of his speeches have been marked by an eloquence scarcely to be believed possessed by a young man of twenty-four. This is his first entry into public life and has been marked by the brilliant success which has crowned all his efforts. He is a representative of the Young Democracy of Texas, and as such is one of the most observed of all the members of the House. Texas has many grand old men, veterans, who fought to gain her freedom from the Mexican yoke, and patriots of a later day, who gained her great civic victories in the dark days of—so called—reconstruction, but she has within her broad bosom a new generation well fitted to receive the mantle of those who have labored so long for her greatness and prosperity. As a representative of the men of the future, W. D. Cochrane ranks first and foremost over his colleagues. The future that lies before him is great with possibilities and destiny seems to hold many laurels with which to crown his career.

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B. M. CAMP.

B. M. Camp was born at Jonesboro, Georgia, September 2, 1839, was one of the most influential members of the Nine-

teenth Legislature and, although a new member, showed himself well acquainted with parliamentary etiquette and thoroughly posted on all questions of public moment. During the civil war he served in the Second Regiment Georgia Cavalry with distinction. At the close of hostilities he taught "The young idea how to shoot," until 1870, when he came to Texas, and located in Hopkins county, where he has since lived engaged in farming and cotton buying. He was elected to represent the thirty-fourth district and well did he perform his duties, not only as the member from Hopkins, but as a Democrat devoted to the welfare of Texas. He was a member of the Committees on Agriculture, Public Debt, Internal Improvements and to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts. His solid judgment, practical experience as a business man and farmer, and fine intellect, exercised great influence in molding the action of the committees and legislation in the House.

#### J. H. COMBS.

J. H. Combs was born in March, 1841, in Johnson county, Missouri. In the spring of 1854 he came to San Marcos, Hays county, Texas, where he has since resided. In October, 1861, when the tocsin of war echoed through the hills and over the plains of Texas, Mr. Combs joined the Sixth Texas Infantry, Confederate Volunteers, Garland's Brigade, commanded by Capt. J. P. White. After the fall of Arkansas Post, he was assigned to duty in Capt. J. J. McConean's company, Col. Jim. Taylor's consolidated regiment, Polignac's brigade, Walker's Division of the Army of the West. At the battle of Mansfield, (La.) he was severely wounded while gallantly charging the Federal army. After his return from the scene of war he studied and mastered the profession of dentistry, which he has since practiced with great success in the charming little city of San Marcos. He is treasurer of the Coronal Institute located in that place and was delegate to the West Texas Conference, of the M. E. South church in 1882 and 1883. He was nominated at Seguin to represent the ninety first district, Caldwell, Hays and Gaudalupe counties, in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected over his opponent, I. Starke, conservative republican, by over two thousand and ninety two majority. He was on House committees on Education, Penitentiaries, Public Health, Insurance Statistics and History. He is a man endowed with a high order of mind, is a fine reasoner and talker, a Democrat true to his party, was held in high esteem by his colleagues.

### A. G. CAMP.

A. G. Camp was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in the year 1827. He is a physician of high reputation and has a large practice. Dr. Camp represented the fifty-eighth district—Limestone county—in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. He was Chairman of the Committee on State Asylums, and a member of the following committees during the session of the last Legislature: Public Health, Vital Statistics and History and Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

### GIDEON CHRISTIAN.

G. Christian, of Gilmer, was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina, October 9th, 1828, moved to Texas January, 1857, and settled in Upshur county. He is of the Missionary Baptist church, and K. of H., L. of R., A. F. and A. M. lodges, and the State Grange. He was reared on a farm and has followed the pursuits of agriculture with great success. During "the late unpleasantness" he served in the Western Division of the Confederate Army, and carried his musket with honor to himself and the cause he battled for. He is a man of extensive information, logical and well developed mind, and thoroughly conversant with the great questions of State government. He was a member of the following committees: Agriculture, County Government, County Finances and Military Affairs. In the committee room and on the floor of the House, the guiding rule of his action has been "the greatest good for the greatest number," and in that direction his efforts have been untiring and unceasing. The sovereigns of the Eleventh District—Camp and Upshur counties—had a bold and able representative in the Hon. Gideon Christian, and one whose exalted worth they doubtless justly estimate.

### N. A. CRAVENS, JR.

N. A. Cravens was born in Franklin, Louisiana, September 9th, 1854. He was educated at Homer College, Homer Louisiana. He came to Texas January 1874, located at Willis and was admitted to the bar in 1876, and soon won for himself an enviable position in the legal fraternity. He was elected to the Eighteenth and again to the Nineteenth Legislature from the fifty-fourth district—Montgomery, Walker, Trinity and Harris counties. In his second canvass he met with no opposition either in the convention or at the polls, but was the universal choice of his people. He is a staunch Democrat.

and was one of the ablest members in the House. Mr. C. was a member of the most important committees, and his experience and solid judgment exercised a strong influence in shaping many much needed laws.

#### D. C. DARROCK.

D. C. Darrock was born in Rockville, Parke county, Indiana, January 18, 1846. He graduated with high honor at Rusk Medical College, Chicago, Illinois; and commenced the practice of medicine in 1873, in Moncco, Newton county, Indiana. In 1878 he came to Texas, and located in Fredericksburg, Gillespie county, where he has since built up an extensive practice and established a wide spread popularity. During the late war he was a soldier in the Union army. He was nominated by a Democratic convention in Blanco, September 17th, 1884, to represent the eighty-ninth district in the Nineteenth Legislature and was elected by 675 majority. He was a member of House committees on State Affairs, Public Health and Asylums. Mr. D. made an intelligent and conscientious representative.

#### B. F. DAVIS.

B. F. Davis, the talented member from the sixtieth representative district—Navarro county—was born April 2, 1833, in Davidson county, Tennessee. He came to Texas in March, 1852; lived fourteen years in Anderson, Grimes county, Waxahatchie two, Bryan three, Hearne three, and at Corsicana—his present home—ten years. He is a member of the M. E. South church and a Democrat, staunch and true. The people of his district elected him to the Nineteenth Legislature by eight hundred and fifty-five majority over his strongest opponent. During the session of that body he was Chairman of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries and was a member of the following important committees: Revenue and Taxation, Public Buildings, and Counties and County Boundaries. Mr. Davis is a man who carefully investigates and studies every question before expressing himself concerning, or voting upon it; his judgment is cool and correct, and, consequently, whenever he rose to his feet, in the committee-rooms or on the floor of the House, and spoke for or against any measure he generally carried his point and, in all instances, had a large and respectable following. He is an easy, graceful and forcible speaker, a man of extensive information, handled his intellectual forces with consummate skill, and was



considered one of the most talented members of the Nineteenth Legislature. His constituents can not but feel gratified, and well pleased with the course pursued by him. His record in the Legislature is the most flattering comment that can be passed upon his political career.

#### GEORGE DONALDSON.

George Donaldson, one of the youngest and most talented members of the House, was born in Ladonia, Fannin county, Texas, and is now twenty-two years of age. He is a farmer and has been quite successful in all his agricultural ventures. He is one of the most promising members of the Young Democracy of Texas, and has a bright future lying before him, and no doubt his career will be marked with many honorable distinctions. He is a member of A. F. and A. M. lodge. Mr. Donaldson was elected as representative of the twenty-first district—Fannin county—in the Nineteenth Legislature by a large majority. He was on all the most important committees, and showed himself to be a bold, yet conservative guardian of the people's rights.

#### J. H. FAUBION.

J. H. Faubion, who represented the seventy-eighth district—Williamson county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Cooke county, Tennessee, and is now forty years of age. During the civil war he served the Confederacy as First Sergeant of the 26th company of Tennessee Infantry. He fought under the folds of the flag "of the loved and lost cause" on many a sanguinary battle field, and carried it through storms of shot and shell to glorious victory only to at last see it furled forever. He was captured at the fall of Fort Donalson and taken to Indianapolis, and kept there until exchanged (at Vicksburg, Miss). Tired of strife and saddened by the desolation of his fair State, he came to Texas and settled at Bagdad, now Leander, in Williamson county, where he still resides. He has practiced farming with considerable success, and has accumulated a competency. Mr. Faubion has been Justice of the Peace, and served several terms as one of the Commissioners of his county. August 9th, 1884, he was nominated at Georgetown to represent Williamson county in the Legislature, and was subsequently elected, over his opponent, by a majority of four hundred and fifty votes. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Patrons of Husbandry lodges. He served on the following committees during the session of the Nine-

teenth Legislature: Commerce and Manufactures, Lauds and Land Office, and Penitentiaries. He was one of the most active, progressive, and efficient members of the House, and in every instance spoke and voted in the interest of his constituents and the people of Texas.

#### L. C. FISHER.

This gentleman, who was the brainy representative from Galveston county, sixty-fifth district, was born in Lowndes county, Alabama, and came from his native State to Walker county, Texas in 1854, and remained there until 1867, when he removed to the city of Galveston where he now resides. The horizon of his intellect is by no means limited in its scope. His mind is stored with information, useful and varied, and he handled his forces in the Nineteenth Legislature in a manner that showed him fully equal to the requirements of parliamentary warfare. During the course of his useful and eventful life he has filled many distinguished positions. Was Mayor of Galveston from 1881 to 1883, Collector of City Taxes from 1883 to 1885, when he announced himself a candidate for the legislature and was elected by a majority of 1901 votes. He is a tried and true son of the Democracy, and as an advocate of deep water at Galveston, showed himself the man of all others, best fitted to champion that cause and demonstrate to the representatives of Texas, what incalculable benefits were to be derived from deep water, not only by Galveston, but the entire State. Mr. Fisher is a man of learning, and of a thoughtful, vigorous and philosophical mind. For years the medical fraternity of the United States claimed that yellow fever was introduced in the South, not by importation from its tropical home, but atmospherically. Acting on this theory, it was found impossible to prevent its annual appearance and spread. Mr. Fisher gave the subject his attention, and undertook and carried out a series of investigations that resulted in proving the time honored traditions of the medical schools fallacious. As a member of the Board of Health of Galveston from 1877 to 1879, he did more to establish the exotic origin of yellow fever than any man living. He published a series of articles in the Galveston News, from 1878 to 1880, on the efficacy of quarantine. They attracted national attention and elicited a strong letter of commendation from Prof. Tyndall, the great English advocate of the germ theory of disease. The adoption of his quarantine policy has resulted in the almost total exemption of Texas from yellow fever.

Not only the State of Texas, but the nation, owes him a debt of gratitude, as he has perhaps done more to save human life than any other citizen. Owing to his vigorous quarantinc policy while Mayor, he effectually eradicated yellow fever. New Orleans and other cities have adopted his theory, the scourge is no longer dreaded, and real estate has greatly appreciated in Galveston and all other cities where his system of quarantine has been adopted. The people of Galveston cannot testify their appreciation of this distinguished gentleman's services too strongly. With such a representative in Congress her interests would be properly guarded and deep water at Galveston would become a certainty. For he would demonstrate the incalculable benefits to be derived by the State of Texas and the South-west in such a manner as to secure attention and intelligent action. Not only would his services be invaluable in this direction, but in every other where the interests of the people lie. No man in this State would do more honor to himself and constituents in such a position. During the war he served during the first two years in the army of Northern Virginia, and from that time, to Lee's surrender at Appomattox; in Green's Brigade. He was chairman of committee on Commerce and Manutures a member of the committees on Public Health, Insurance and Statistics, and Towns and Corporations.

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#### R. C. FOSTER.

R. C. Foster was born in Logan county, Kentucky, September 10th, 1834. Was educated in the common schools of Kentucky and Tennessee, and a graduate of the law department of the Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee. He was a member of the Kansas Constitutional Convention, served three terms in the Kansas House of Representatives, and a term in the Senate, being one of only three Democrats in that body. In 1870 was the nominee of the Democratic party of Kansas for Congress, when the State had only one member in the National House of Representatives. In 1875 he came to Texas and located at Denison, where he has since practiced law, he has an extensive practice, and stands foremost at the bar. He has represented Grayson Co. in the Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. Mr. Foster is a member of the Baptist church, and a Democrat thoroughly Jeffersonian in his principles. He was chairman of the committee on Educational Affairs, and a member of House committees on Penitentiary and Judiciary No. 1, during

the session of the Nineteenth Legislature. This distinguished gentleman's varied experience, wide observation, fine electory powers, and devotion to the interests of the State made him a safe leader in the House and won the respect, confidence and esteem of his brother members.

#### A. GROOS.

A. Groos is a German, having first put in his appearance upon this mundane sphere in the "Faderland" in the year Anno Domini 1835, in consequence of having done so, he is now forty-nine years old. He came to Texas in 1848, and settled in Fayette county, where he has since devoted his attention to agriculture with marked success. He represented the seventieth district and was elected for this, his first term, by a large plurality over two rival candidates. He is a Democrat of the first water, and was an efficient member, able and conscientious. He was on the committee of Agricultural and Manufactures, and his good sense and practical experience rendered his services of the highest value.

#### F. B. GREENWOOD.

F. B. Greenwood was born in Grimes county, Texas, May 15, 1846, and has resided near Plantersville in his native county, even unto the present day. By profession he is a lawyer and farmer, and has been quite successful. During the war he served in Green's division, and was one of the most gallant of the "gallant boys in grey." He is an orthodox Democrat and a member of A. F. and A. M. lodge. Mr. Greenwood was elected to represent the fifty-second district—Grimes county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, by a large majority. During the session of that body, he served on the following House committees: Educational Affairs, Stock and Stock-raising, and Public Lands and General Land Office. He most ably represented his friends and constituents, and the interests of his section and State.

#### A. Y. GUNTER.

Addison Y. Gunter was born in Geilford county, North Carolina, June 17, 1833, moved to Heard county, Georgia, in 1840, and moved to Wood county, Texas, in 1854, where he merchandised until the commencement of the civil war, when he joined Bates' regiment as Lieutenant, and afterwards served as an officer in R. R. Brown's regiment, Confederate army,

with distinction. After the hostile guns of the North and South were silenced, and the great struggle ended, he—in 1866—located at Sivalsbend, Cooke county, where he has since farmed with great success. August 1, 1884, he was nominated, at Gainesville, to represent the thirtieth district—Cooke county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was subsequently elected without opposition. Mr. Gunter is a Democrat, than whom none stand higher in his section, is a member of A. F. and A. M. lodge, was an able, fearless, and outspoken representative, and is a gentleman who enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him. During the session of the late Legislature he was a member of the following House committees: Revenue and Taxation, Finance and State Affairs.

#### R. E. HENDRY.

R. E. Hendry was born in Harris county, Georgia, July 10th, 1847. During the "late unpleasantness" he served in the Third Georgia Reserves. In 1870 he commenced his present occupation of school teaching in his native county. He met with great success owing not only to his fine intellectual attainments, but the ease with which he presented his scholastic lore and enable the youthful minds under his tutalage to comprehend and retain it. December, 1876, he came to Troupe, Smith county, Texas, where he resided two years, and then removed to his present home, Rusk, Cherokee county, Georgia, during 1872-73 74. In 1870 he commenced teaching in his native county, in which occupation he continued in Georgia and after he moved to Texas until June 1882. He then entered the mercantile business, in which he has since been engaged. He was elected the Mayor of Rusk, in 1883. He is a member of the M. E. church, South, and of K. of H. and Masonic lodges. He is a man who has seen much of life, who had been thrown into positions where the exercise of his disciplined intellect and critical judgement has made him a rare judge of human nature, and thoroughly familiarised him with the necessities of the great mass of our people. He was on the committees of Education, Penitentiaries, and Military Affairs. The eighth district had an able and statesmanlike representative, who did honor to his constituents, and at all times contended for their and the States best interests.

### J. W. HUMPHREY.

J. W. Humphrey is thirty-seven years of age, having been born in Robeson county, North Carolina; March 28, 1847. The days of boyhood were passed on his father's plantation, the place of his nativity. From an early age he displayed an investigating turn of mind and a strong spice of originality. He acquired a fondness for, and skill in farming and literature that caused him to make it the successful pursuit of his life. In 1874 he emigrated to Texas, and settled in Rains county, where he at present conducts a large farm, and is engaged in stock-raising. During his life he has taught school, in all, about seven years, was a deputy sheriff of Rains county from 1876 to 1877, county assessor three years, and county surveyor one year. He is a member of A. F. and A. M., and Patrons of Husbandry lodges. Politically, he is a true, simon pure Jacksonian Democrat, and the people of the ninety-fourth district—Woods and Rains counties—had in him a representative than whom there was few equals in the Nineteenth Legislature. Mr. Humphrey was a member of the committees on Education, Counties and County Boundaries, and Privileges and Elections.

### W. P. HANCOCK.

This widely known and influential member of the House was born in Copiah county, Mississippi, June 19, 1833. In 1846, when thirteen years of age, he came to Texas and for some time resided in Cass county, within a few miles of Jefferson. From this place he removed to Bell county, his present place of residence, and pursued the occupation of farming. The rains of Spring and glowing sun of Summer blessed his efforts, the Autumn "harvest home" was for him a happy one, as year by year his substance increased until he is now in easy circumstances. He has occupied a number of positions of honor and trust, among others was: Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Assessor of Taxes from 1874 to 1879, was nominated at Cameron for representative of the fifty-first district—Bell, Milam and Robertson counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected by a large majority. He is a Missionary Baptist, and a member of A. F. and A. M. and P. of H. lodges. Mr. Hancock was a member of Walker's Division during the war between the States, and is a Democrat who has been true to his party during its darkest days. He was a member of the following committees: Agriculture, Health and Vital Statistics, Penitentiaries, and to

Examine the Treasurer's and Comptroller's Accounts. He is a man of rare good sense, varied experience and a fit representative of an intelligent and progressive constituency.

### HARRY HAYNES.

Mr. Haynes was born March 9, 1848, in Independence, Washington county, Texas, was reared in his native town and still resides there. He was educated at Baylor University, located at Independence, and early in life devoted himself to farming; but, such were his extraordinary talents, that he found it impossible to remain within the shades of private life. In 1878 he was united in matrimony to Miss Maggie Leman, one of the most beautiful and accomplished young ladies of Houston—to whom he is devotedly attached and who has been the guiding star and sweet inspiration of his life. She is descended from an illustrious family, the names of whose sons adorn some of the brightest pages in American history. Capt. Peter Gray, her great grandfather, commanded the "crack" fighting company in Marion's brigade during the Revolutionary war, and was at Fort Moultrie and took part in all the fierce engagements of that war, which have since thrown a halo of glory around the names of Marion and his comrades in arms that will never fade, but will grow brighter with every age. She is also related to the dashing and intrepid Capt. Gray, the famous Texas ranger, whose name became a terror to the lawless Mexicans and Indians of the Western frontier, and who did much to suppress the violation of law along the Rio Grande. It is either written in the bible, or said by Bill Sterrett, that—"a prophet is not without honor save in his own country." This axiom did not hold good in Mr. H's case. The men among whom he grew to manhood and who were thoroughly acquainted with his intellectual and other qualities seem to have delighted to honor him. From 1875 to 1877 he was Grand Lecturer of the order of U. F. of T., at the expiration of which time he was elected G. S. of same order, which position he holds at the present time. In 1879 he was elected a trustee of Baylor University, one of the largest and best conducted institutions of learning in Texas. During the time of his office he gave the greatest satisfaction. In 1880 he was nominated, contrary to his inclination and expressed desire, at Bonham to represent the forty-second district, composed of the counties of Washington and Burleson, and was elected by a large majority. In the Seventeenth Legislature he found a fair field for the exercise of his

splendid oratory and clear judgment and business skill. He was on nearly every committee of importance and before the legislature adjourned had made for himself a record rarely equaled by a member during his first term. In 1884 he was tendered the nomination from the seventy second district, Washington, Lee and Burleson counties, and was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature by a larger majority than he had secured at his first election. This was an assurance that the voters of his section heartily endorsed his course during his previous term of office. He was considered one of the best speakers in the House during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, had a weight and influence second to no member in the House, and was chairman of Penitentiary committee, second named on Internal Improvements and a member of Finance, the most important of all the committees. During the war Mr. H. made a gallant Confederate soldier and was devoted to the cause for which he battled. Owing in a great measure to his executive ability, determination, and skilful management his county was redeemed from radical rule and enabled to elect a Democratic representative and county officers. He is a member of the Baptist church, believes in deeds not creeds, and has an abundance of the milk of human kindness worked up in his composition. Harry Haynes has a bright future before him. Such men as he, can not be kept in the back ground. He is competent to fill, absolutely, the highest position to which the people of Texas can raise one of the native born sons of the Lone Star State, for he is a man of the highest talents, most unimpeachable honesty, bold and fearless in his support of men and measures, and a christian gentleman.

#### D. T. HEARN.

D. T. Hearn, representative in the Nineteenth Legislature from the sixteenth district—Cass county—was also a member of the Eighteenth Legislature. He was elected by large majorities, both times, as an independent candidate. He was born in Couheta county, Georgia, in 1831. In 1856, when twenty-five years of age, he came to Texas and settled in Cass county, and commenced farming, which pursuit he followed until the breaking out of the civil war, when he responded to the call of his country, and for four years fought for the success of the Confederacy in Gen. W. P. Lane's regiment, Green's Cavalry. He was Second-Lieutenant at the Mansfield and Pleasant Hill fights, and in all the cavalry engagements



in Louisiana and Arkansas. On his return from the war he found himself broken in fortune and forced to begin life anew. He went to work with his characteristic energy and is now in comfortable circumstances. The people of his district repose the most implicit confidence in his integrity, capacity, and determination at all times to speak out in no uncertain tones in the interest of the people of Texas. He is a Presbyterian and a member of A. F. and A. M. lodge. Mr. Hearn is a man who can ever be relied on to champion the cause of justice and to defend the weak against the oppression of the strong. He was a member of the following committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: State Affairs, Federal Relations, and Stock and Stock raising.

#### T. C. HENDERSON.

T. C. Henderson was born in 1837 in the state of Alabama. During 1857 he came to Texas and located in Paris. He is a farmer and has tickled the earth "everi year" until it laughed with golden harvests. Mr. Henderson represented the twentieth district—Lamar county—in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, and was a member of the most important committees. As a legislator he reflects credit upon his constituents, who had in him an active, intelligent and efficient representative.

#### W. O. HAMILTON.

"The gentleman from Comanche" was born in Chattooga county, Georgia, where he lived until sixteen years of age; then came to Hill county, Texas, where he remained two years and then moved to Comanche, Comanche county, his present home. Mr. Hamilton is one of the representative men of the Young Democracy, being only thirty years of age. For three terms he filled the position of county attorney for Comanche and made a record that he may justly feel proud of. He announced himself a candidate for representative of the seventy-seventh district—Comanche and Brown counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature. Col. S. P. Burns, who was nominated by the State Greenback Convention in 1882 for Attorney General, and A. S. Harris, both of Brown county, were his opponents. The vote on being counted stood; Hamilton, 1698; Burns, 1428 and Harris 562, and Mr. Hamilton was declared duly elected. He is a man of a high order of mind, disciplined and powerful in its logical analysis. He is a fine speaker and stood in the front ranks of the House. Young,

talented, earnest and highly cultivated, the future lies before him, a laurel grove and he has only to weave the wreath, that crowns the brow of successful merit, with his own hands. The citizens of the seventy-seventh district, have a bold and fearless representative in Mr. H., and will do well to return him to the Legislature, or elect him to any position where they desire to be represented by a man of brains, courage, information, popular manners, experience and address.

#### R. T. HAILEY.

R. T. Hailey the representative of the fourteenth district—Harrison county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born August 10th, 1835, in Rockingham, Richmond county, N. C. He graduated with distinguished honors at the University of North Carolina. By profession he is a civil engineer and has been engaged on some works of great importance. In 1861 he was engaged in planning and surveying an extension of the North Eastern Railroad for the Confederate government, to open communication with the coal fields of N. C. Several years since he was a member of the engineering corps that projected the International and Oriental, an extension of the I. & G. N. Railroad, from Laredo toward the City of Mexico. In December, 1866, he settled in Harrison county, Texas, where he has since resided and actively been engaged in farming, which he has prosecuted with great success. This did not interfere with his profession, which he has followed with assiduity. Mr. H. is a Democrat, staunch and true to the grand principles of free government as enunciated by that party. He was a member of the following House committees in the Nineteenth Legislature: State Affairs, Asylums and Stock and Stock Raising. While not a man anxious to make a display, he was considered one of the ablest thinkers in the body of which he was a member. In the committee room and on the floor, he was listened to with respectful attention and seldom failed to convince his hearers. Harrison county has ever been noted for her men of great ability, and in the election of Mr. Hailey as her representative, selected one who is a worthy representative of her intelligence and refinement.

#### GEORGE T. INGRAHAM.

George T. Ingraham was born January 15, 1842, in New York, when three years old went to Tennessee, and in 1854 came to Nacogdoches, Texas, where he has since resided. In

1871 he was admitted to the bar and has risen to a leading position in the legal profession. Among other positions of honor, he has filled those of Treasurer and County Judge of Nacogdoches county. During the war he was high-private, but not in the "rear rank," and was a soldier faithful to duty and one who stood to his arms. Mr. Ingraham is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and a member of the M. E. South church and A. F. and A. M. lodge. He was nominated, by convention, to represent the fourth district—Nacodoches and Angelina counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected by from six to seven hundred majority. During the session he served on the following committees: Judiciary No 2 and Revenue and Taxation. Mr. Ingraham is a good speaker, well posted, and made a competent, active, and zealous member of the House.

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#### W. H. JONES.

W. H. Jones, of Gonzales, represented the ninetieth district in the Nineteenth Legislature.

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#### J. R. JONES.

J. R. Jones, of Panola, represented the seventh district in the Nineteenth Legislature.

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#### E. A. JONES.

This distinguished gentleman, who represented the sixty-first district—McLennan county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Somerset county, Maryland. During the civil war he served the Confederacy in the world-famous "Forests Cavalry." To say that he was an intrepid soldier is as superfluous as to write that one of Cæsar's Tenth Legion or Napoleon's Old Guard, was never known to shun the shock of battle. In 1868 he commenced the practice of law in Princess Anne, Maryland. In 1871 he came to Texas and settled in Waco, where he has since resided and established a state reputation as an able lawyer. He was a Presidential Elector from this State in 1880, and was elected from his district—as the regular Democratic nominee—to the Nineteenth Legislature by a majority of 4200. Col. J. was on House committees—Judiciary No. 1, Land and Land Office and Constitutional Amendments. A graduate of Jefferson College, Penn., profoundly versed in the law, and familiar with the needs of Texas, he made one of the most influential and effi-

cient members who has ever occupied a seat in the House of Representatives.

J. P. KEY.

This well known member of the Legislature was born in Smith county, Arkansas, in the year 1830, and lived in his native county until eighteen years of age, when he came to this State and secured himself a farm in Coryell county. He was educated at McKinzie College, Red River county. His present residence is Jonesboro, in that county. He has been county commissioner and surveyor of Coryell and filled the representative chair of the sixty-third district—Hamilton and Coryell counties—in the Fifteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, in a manner that has built up for him a record that no man in Texas would blush to own. He is a faithful member of the Methodist church and a Mason in good standing with his lodge. Mr. K. was on the following House committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, County Government and County Boundaries, Constitutional Amendments and Public Lands and Land Office. He is an all-wool, and a yard wide Democrat, experienced legislator, and faithful champion of the rights of the people.

JOHN B. KING.

This distinguished gentleman has a record that can not be done sufficient justice in a short biography. He was born in Stewart county, Tennessee, March 24, 1816; came to Texas in 1837, settled in Seguin in 1838; served six months in Capt. Matthew Caldwell's company of rangers in 1839; was first lieutenant of Capt. French Smith's company at San Antonio, in the spring of 1842; in the battle on the Salado in the fall of 1842; served three months in Capt. Ben McCulloch's spie company, under Gen. Taylor in 1845, '46, '47; on the frontier with Capt. H. E. McCulloch in 1850; served six months with Capt. H. E. McCulloch as first lieutenant and as quarter master and commissary of the latter company in 1853; was elected Mayor of Seguin in 1855, '56; represented Guadalupe county in the Legislature in 1860; represented the citizens of Wilson county before the committee on county and county boundaries, in behalf of the creation of Wilson county; in 1861 was appointed commissary of subsistence of Col. H. E. McCulloch's regiment First Texas mounted rifles, Confederate States army, and in 1862 was promoted to major commissary of McCulloch's brigade in Arkansas. After the close of the war he returned

to his farm on the Cibolo in Wilson county during 1878, served as county commissioner of Wilson county 1882; elected to represent the eighty-second district, composed of the counties of Attascosa, Karnes and Wilson, in the Eighteenth and in 1884 was re-elected to the Nineteenth Legislature, by a large majority. Through life J. P. King has maintained a spotless integrity and devotion to Democratic principle, that crowns his advancing years with a wreath that is more to be desired than the blood stained laurels of a Roman consul. He is a member of the Methodist church and A. F. and A. M. lodge. Major King was chairman of Private Land Claims and a member of State Affairs, Judicial Districts, Counties and County Boundaries, Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries committees. His vast experience, logical mind, and untiring energy, did much toward the perfection and enactment of wise and much needed laws.

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W. H. LOCKETT.

W. H. Lockett, a teacher and merchant by profession, and a distinguished member of the Nineteenth Legislature from the fortieth representative district—Bosque, Hood, Somerville and Erath counties—was born in Liberty, Clay county, Missouri, November 23, 1850. In 1863 he came to Texas, resided in Robertson county three years, McClennan county six years, and since that time in Bosque county. Mr. Lockett served as Commissioner of the later county for two years, and Mayor of Morgan his present home—nine months, having resigned that office on being elected to the legislature. He had five opponents in his race, but defeated them at the ballot box by a plurality of four hundred and eighty votes. Mr. Lockett is a member of the Baptist church. He is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and consequently a "simon pure." During the Nineteenth Legislature he was a member of the following committees: Engrossed Bills, County Government and County Finances, Revenue and Taxation, and to Examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's Accounts. He introduced a number of bills in the legislature, intended to correct freight discriminations and other crying evils, and such was their intrinsic merit that all of the most important ones passed both the House and Senate. He is thoroughly posted, a fine speaker, has never suffered political defeat and is one of "the coming men."

### J. M. JOLLEY.

J. M. Jolley was born in Baldwin county, near Millidgeville; Georgia, in 1830. He lived in his native State until ten years old and then went to Mississippi, where he resided for thirty years. During the civil war he served with distinction in Gen. Forest's renowned cavalry brigade. With the fall of the Confederacy he lost all of his property, and when he came to Caldwell county, Texas, in 1870, his entire fortune consisted of \$900 in greenbacks, which at that time were only worth seventy-five cents on the dollar. With this sum he commenced farming and raising stock. By industry and fine business management he has accumulated a fortune of \$30,000. Among other important positions, he has been a member of the Commissioner's Court of his county for the last two years. Mr. Jolley is a Missionary Baptist, and a member of the State Grange. He is a man of fine mind, sterling worth and a Democrat true as steel. The good people of the ninety-first district—Caldwell, Hays and Gaudalupe counties—who nominated him at Seguin, in 1884, and elected him to the Nineteenth Legislature by a majority of over two thousand, thereby testified their high esteem and secured an efficient representative. He was a member of four of the most important House committees, and in that capacity was truly invaluable.

### R. S. KIMBROUGH.

R. S. Kimbrough was born September 19, 1851, in Monroe county, East Tennessee. This brilliant representative of the Young Democracy came to Texas in 1874, lived eighteen months in Clay county, then moved to Mesquite, Dallas county, where he commenced merchandising and a few years later purchased, and now operates, a fine farm in connection with his mercantile business. In 1882, he founded the "Texas Mesquiter," a live, progressive newspaper, that at the present time buzzes quite vigorously. When Mr. Kimbrough first landed in the Empire State, his entire fortune consisted of \$27.50. Since that time he has prospered as a farmer, merchant and journalist, and has accumulated a handsome property. He ranks high as a writer, business man, Democrat, and courteous and able gentleman. He was a member of House committees on Finance, Internal Improvements, and Towns, Cities and Corporations, and was also Chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses. He is a gentleman well fitted to fill any position to which the people of the thirty-third district—Dallas county—may see fit to elect him.

His constituents evidently place the proper estimate on his exalted merits, as they elected him by a majority of 1,111 over four opponents, as one of their representatives in the Nineteenth Legislature. His total vote was 5,377.

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T. W. KENNEDY.

T. W. Kennedy was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the year 1838. When quite a young man he graduated at Eureka college, Illinois, and commenced the practice of medicine at Paducah, Kentucky, which he has since pursued in Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas and other Southern States, with great success. In 1870 he moved to Brownsville, Texas, where he lived four years and then removed to his present home, Rio Grande City. He has filled various county offices, and is greatly esteemed by the people of his section. He was nominated at San Diego, in 1884, to represent the thirty-eighth district—Webb, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo and Duval counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected at the polls by over one thousand majority. During the session of that body he was on the following committees: Internal Improvements; Asylums and Frontier Defense. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge, is a good Democrat, and made one of the ablest representatives who has ever had the honor to represent the good citizens of the thirty-eighth district upon the floor of the House.

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F. W. LATHAM.

F. W. Latham was born in Groton, Conn., and is sixty-six years of age. He served under General Scott in the war between the United States and Mexico; and was in all the terrific engagements that culminated in the stars and stripes being run up in the squares of the City of Mexico. He left the land of the Aztecs with the last division of the United States army under Gen. Worth. In 1848 Mr. Latham settled near Brownsville, on the Rio Grande, and has since devoted himself to stock-raising and farming. He has one of the largest and best conducted ranches in Southwest Texas. This distinguished citizen filled many high positions. He was a member of the first State convention, Seventh and Eighth Legislatures, Secession Convention and the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. He is a staunch Democrat, and has always labored for the success of his party. During the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, and served as a member of most of the

other important committees. His record as a legislator is one that any man might feel proud to acknowledge, for it displays the bold yet conservative actions of a wise, conscientious and statesmanlike representative.

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T. H. LENOX.

T. H. Lenox, the talented member from the seventeenth district—Bowie, Marion, Cass and Morris counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in the State of Missouri, came to Texas in 1863, lived a short time in Red River county, and then removed to De Kalb, Bowie county, his present home. Politically he is a Democrat, by occupation a successful farmer, and is a member of K. of H. lodge. During the session of the late Legislature he was a member of the following House committees: Claims and Accounts, Commerce and Manufactures, to Examine the Treasurers and Comptroller's Accounts and Stock and Stock-raising.

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J. G. McREYNOLDS.

J. G. McReynolds was born in Bartow county, Georgia, and is forty one years of age. In 1876 he came to Texas and settled in Anderson county, where he has since merchandised and built up a large trade. During the civil war he served in Gen. R. E. Lee's army, and took part in most of the heavy engagements of that army. He was nominated in Athens, Henderson county, during the autumn of 1884 to represent the tenth district—Anderson and Henderson counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected at the polls, by a majority of four hundred and forty votes. He was a member of the following committees: Finance, County Government, Insurance, Statistics and History. Mr. McReynolds is a member of the Presbyterian church and K. of H. lodge. He is a true and tried Democrat, a man of fine intellectual powers and made an able representative.

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JESSE P. LOVING.

Jesse P. Loving was born in Gasconade county, Missouri, September 2d, 1835, came to Texas in 1847, lived in Denton county five years, and since that time has resided in Sherman. During the war he served in the thirty-fourth regiment dismounted cavalry, Polignac's brigade and took part in most of the heavy fighting of that celebrated corps. He is a member of the Christian church and of the I. O. O. F. lodge. Mr. L. is a Democrat of the first water and has always supported



the principles of his party. From 1872 to 1882, he was treasurer of Grayson county. He was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature from the twenty-seventh district—Grayson county—by a majority of 2119 votes. He was on the following House committees: Finance, Constitutional Amendments, Roads and Bridges and State Affairs. Mr. Loving is a successful farmer, and has filled many positions, which have enabled him to become familiarized with the needs of the people. His experience, knowledge and solid judgment, exercised a powerful influence in properly moulding much needed laws and won for him an enviable position in the House of Representatives.

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#### E. D. LINN.

E. D. Linn was born in Victoria, Texas, in the year 1848. The journalistic profession was well represented on the floor of the House; but by no man more ably than Mr. Linn, the talented and brilliant member from the eighty seventh district—Aransas, Calhoun, DeWitt, Jackson, Goliad, Refugio and Victoria counties—who was considered one of the most polished orators, sound reasoners, conservative, and weighty representatives in the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. He has spent his life among the citizens of his district. They elected him first by a good majority and have since endorsed his record by calling him to office by large and increased majorities. He has for a number of years, conducted the Victoria Advocate, a sterling Democratic newspaper, and has shown himself a ready, bold, fluent, nervous and elegant writer, and has done yeoman service for his party. He is a man, whose good qualities of heart and head win for him the respect confidence and esteem of all who knew him, and endeared him to his colleagues. He is a Knight Templar and stands high among his brother Masons. Mr. Linn is secretary—and a member of the directory of—the N. Y. T. and M. Railway, and is a wide-awake progressive railroad man, who has ever endeavored to protect the rights of the people and at the same time give railroad companies their just dues, and protect both in their rights and liberties. Being recognized as a man of this kind, his speeches were listened to with respect and his suggestions were given grave consideration and often acted upon. During the session of the 19th Legislature. He was chairman of Revenue and Taxation and a member of the committees on Contingent Expenses, Educational Affairs and others of im-

portance. No man's integrity is more spotless and no representative of the people has made a record that more deserves the hearty endorsement of his constituents and the citizens of Texas.

#### R. M. LUSK.

R. M. Lusk was born in Bradley county Tennessee, January 28th, 1851. He graduated with distinguished honors at Cumberland University and when twenty-one years of age came to Texas and commenced the practice of law at Bonham, where he at present lives. Twice mayor of Bonham and county attorney from 1880 to 1884, the people of his section were enabled to become thoroughly acquainted with the scope of his comprehensive intellect and great talents. He was strongly solicited to run for local representative in his county, but in a published letter declined; but was afterwards petitioned to become a candidate for representative of the twenty-second district—Lamar and Fannin counties—consented and was elected by a majority of 7502 votes. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and Blue Lodge chapter and Masonic Commandary at Sherman. He was on the following House committees of the Nineteenth Legislature: Judiciary No. 1, Internal Improvements, and Constitutional Amendments. Mr. L. proved himself a profound thinker, fine orator and ready debater.

#### M. F. LOWE.

M. F. Lowe was born in Attascosa county, Texas, in the year 1855. For twenty-five or twenty-six years past, he has resided in McMullen county, and has occupied many civic positions of honor, among others served three successive terms as Judge, of the latter county, and only resigned that position to take his seat in the House of Representatives, of the Nineteenth Legislature, as member for the eighty-fifth district—McMullen, Nueces, San Patricio, Bee, Live Oak and La Salle counties. During the session of that body he served on the following committees. Revenue and Taxation, Stock and Stockraising, Penitentiaries and Military Affairs. His present home in Tilden, McMullen county. Mr. Lowe is a fine scholar, a man of varied experience, is thoroughly posted on questions of State policy, and made an able, conscientious and conservative representative of the people.

W. L. McGAUGHEY.

W. L. McGaughey was born February 26th, 1837, in Lawrence county, Alabama. He graduated with honor in the academic and literary departments of Lagrange College and for about ten years taught a private school. In 1869 he came to Texas, lived three years in Tarrant county, and then moved to Granbury, Hood county, where he at present resides. Mr. McGaughey was at one time a member of the faculty of Thorp College, one of the best institutions of learning in Texas, but of late years has devoted his entire attention to farming and stock raising with considerable success. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and of the Independent Order of Masons, free and accepted. During the war between the states, he served in Cleburnes' Division, army of Tennessee and followed the ebbing fortunes of the Confederacy as long as her flag floated above him. He is a Democrat, who not only believes in the principles of his party, but has maintained them at all times against all comers. He represented the fortieth district—Hood, Erath, Bosque and Somerville counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature and was a member of the committees on Revenue and Taxation, Health and Private Land Claims.

P. B. MUSE.

This able and active member of the Nineteenth Legislature from the twenty-eighth district—Collin county—was born April 16, 1852, in Lexington, Missouri, and when five years of age came to McKinney, Collin county, Texas, where he grew to manhood and won the good will of his fellow citizens by his high moral worth and courteous demeanor. In 1875 he commenced the practice of law and was soon thereafter elected city attorney of McKinney. From 1878 to 1881, he filled the position of county attorney of Collin county. He is a member of A. F. and M., K. of P., I. O. O. F., and K. of H. lodges. Mr. M. was a member of House committees: Judiciary No. 2, Public Lands and Land Offices and Agriculture. He is a member of the Young Democracy, who promises to be one of the future leaders on the rostrum and in the legislative halls of his country.

E. T. MOORE.

E. T. Moore representative from the seventy-fifth district—Travis county—was born November 26th, 1846, in the State

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of Missouri. He came to Texas in 1864, and lived two years in Caldwell county, when he removed to Austin where he commenced and pursued with great diligence the study of law, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1867, after examination in the Supreme Court. He was not long after, elected city attorney, then county and afterwards district attorney. He was first elected prosecuting attorney by the commissioners court, second by the people with a majority of 1165, third with 1766 majority, and fourth without opposition, in 1882. He resigned in 1883 and 1884 was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature. Mr. M. is a Democrat, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and is a Royal Arch Mason, Knights of Honor and Knight Templar. He is a fluent orator, and a man of broad statesmanlike views. He was a member of the following committees: Judiciary No. 2, Constitutional Amendments and Public Debt.

#### I. B. MAXWELL.

I. B. Maxwell was born April 2, 1831, in Lanadale county, Tennessee, came to Texas in 1854 and settled in Bluffton, Llano county, where he has for the past thirty years engaged in farming, and met with great success. During the civil war he served on the Western frontier. Mr. Maxwell has been Justice of the Peace and County Commissioner of his county prior to his election to the Nineteenth Legislature from the seventy ninth district—Llano, San Saba, McCulloch, Concho, Coleman and Runnels counties. He is a member of the Christian (Campbellite) church; and A. F. and L. M. lodge, and is "an all-wool-and-a-yard-wide-impossible-to-curry" Democrat. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he served on the following committees: Penitentiary, Finance, Stock and Stock-raising and Constitutional Amendments. Mr. Maxwell made a record as a thinker and legislator that reflects great credit upon him and can not but be pleasing to his constituents.

#### W. T. MERRIWETHER.

This gentleman, who so ably represented the eighty-first district—Frio, Kinney, Dimmitt, Maverick, Uvalde and Zavala counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, was born April 16, 1846, in the western district of Tennessee, came to West Texas in 1854, lived a number of years in Guadalupe county and then moved to his present home, Pearsall, Frio county. During the late war he served in Lee's Army of Virginia, and par-

icipated in the grand historic struggle that took place around Richmond. In 1874 he commenced the practice of law, which he has since prosecuted with vigor and success. He is a member of the M. E. South church and a Knight of Honor. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was a member of the committees on Judiciary No. 1, Penitentiaries and Stock and Stock-raising. He is a fine lawyer---well versed in legal lore---and made one of the hardest working and most efficient members on the floor of the House.

#### J. M. McKINNEY.

J. M. McKinney was born October 5, 1841, in the State of Alabama, came to Milam county, Texas when eleven years of age, and has grown to manhood, and still lives in, that county. He went out, and served through the war, with the Seventeenth Texas Infantry. He has followed farming, and the kindly seasons and unrelenting energy have enabled him to accumulate a competency. He was elected from the fifty-seventh district---Milam county---to the Nineteenth Legislature, by a majority of over 2300. Many of the people of this district have known him from the days of boyhood, and their cordial support is an earnest of his worth as a citizen and sterling Democrat. He is a Missionary Baptist and member of K. of H. lodge. Mr. McKinney served on the following House committees: Finance, and Revenue and Taxation. He represented his constituents most ably and efficiently and made a record that they may justly feel proud of.

#### R. J. MOORE.

R. J. Moore was born of a colored mother and white father, in the year 1844, in Washington county, Texas, is a school teacher by occupation, an intelligent man, has held many positions of trust among his people, was a Commissioner of Washington county, and represented the seventy first district---Washington, his native county---in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. Politically, he is an Independent Republican, conservative in his views and never obtrusive. He was a member of the committees on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and Penitentiaries.

#### J. M. McCLANAHAN.

Mr. McClanahan was born in Lawrence county, Alabama, May 30, 1832, and in consequence thereof, is fifty-two years of age. When fourteen years old he came to Burleson county,

Texas, where he resided until a part of Burleson was cut off and formed into the present county of Lee, his present home. He is of Scotch descent, a true and tried Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, a Mason and a member of the Baptist church. At the early day, in which he came to Texas, Burleson was considered one of the frontier counties and as almost beyond the pale of civilization. His boyhood was spent amid stirring scenes and he can relate many incidents of interest connected with the early history of the State. Formed in this rugged school he grew to manhood with principles firmly grounded as the rock of Gibraltar. While not a college graduate, his education was not neglected. Of a thoughtful and investigating mind, he has garnered much from the store house of observation and experience. He is a skillful and experienced farmer, and the returning seasons have blessed him with rich returns. The good people of the seventy-third district, composed of the counties of Lee and Burleson, called upon him to represent them in the Nineteenth Legislature and, so great was his popularity, that no one entered the field to compete with him for legislative honors.

#### A. T. MCKINNEY.

A. T. McKinney was born in Randolph county, Illinois, and is now forty-six years of age. He is a man finely cultured, having graduated with high honor at the University of New Jersey, has read and thought much, is a profound lawyer, and is statesmanlike in his views. He represented the fifty-fourth district, composed of Harris, Walker, Trinity and Montgomery counties, in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures and was considered by his colleagues and the people of Texas as one of the ablest men upon the floor of the House and carried with him an influence second to that of none of his colleagues. He came to Texas and settled in Huntsville in 1850, and has resided there since. In 1860 he commenced the practice of law and for a number of years has ranked as one of the first lawyers of Texas. He is a Democrat who helped his party successfully through some of its stormiest struggles. Mr. McKinney was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and helped form some of the wisest provisions of the present Constitution. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and of A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F. and K. of H. lodges. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, he was Chairman of judiciary Committee No. I, and a member of the committees on Penitentiaries, Education and Rules.

### GEORGE C. PENDLETON.

George C. Pendleton was born April 23, 1845, in Coffee county, Tennessee. He came to Texas in 1857, lived thirteen years in Ellis county, and then removed to Bell county, his present home, where he successfully conducts an extensive farm. During the civil war he went out with the Nineteenth Texas Cavalry, and followed the stormy fortunes of the lost cause until the surrender. He is a Democrat of the true type and a warm supporter of the principles of his party as enunciated by Thomas Jefferson: He is a member of the M. E. South church and I. O. O. F. lodge. Mr. Pendleton has represented the people of the fifty-sixth district in two legislatures, (the Eighteenth and Nineteenth) with distinction, and made a record which his constituents have heartily endorsed. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he acted as Chairman of Counties and County Boundaries, and was a member of the committees on Finance, Education and Public Debt.

### S. P. POUNDER.

S. P. Ponder was born January 10, 1848, in Franklin county, Alabama. In the month of January, 1865, he came to Mt. Pleasant, Titus county, Texas, where he at present resides. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar and was, the year following, elected County Attorney; to which position he was re-elected in 1880. He is a member, in good standing, of K. of H. lodge. Mr. Ponder is a Democrat thoroughly imbued with the principles of correct constitutional government and has, at all times, been bold in his advocacy. He was nominated at Clarksville by a Democratic convention to represent the nineteenth district—Titus, Franklin and Red River counties—and was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature without opposition. He served on the following House committees: Judiciary No. 2, Penitentiaries and Public Debt. He was an able, efficient and conscientious representative.

### JOHN W. ROUNDTREE.

John W. Roundtree is a native of Missouri; having been born in that State in the year 1854. He came to Texas and settled in Collin county, lived in Collin four years, Lamar county ten years, and has resided in Delta county, his present home, for the past seven years. In 1878 he was elected State Attorney, and in 1884 was chosen to represent the twenty-third district—Lamar, Fannin and Delta counties—in the

Nineteenth Legislature, and made a record that both himself and his constituents may justly feel proud of. He was a member of the following House committees: Judiciary No. 2, Stock, and Stock-raising, Constitutional Amendments and Education. Mr. Roundtree studied law at the University of Virginia in 1876 and 1877, and practiced law for four years with success, but then abandoned his profession and commenced merchandising and has built up a fine business. He was one of the brightest and most observed of all the young men in the House of Representatives.

#### W. B. PAGE.

W. B. Page is a native of Virginia, having been born in that State in the year 1851. In 1873 he came to Texas and settled at Crockett, where he has since resided. For a number of years he was principal of Crockett High School and under his management the institution flourished and grew in popularity. Mr. P. is a Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason and Knight Templar. He is a Democrat who has done much for the party, and has ever labored for its success. August 5th, 1884, he was nominated to represent the thirteenth district—Houston county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was subsequently elected to that position without opposition. He was a member of the committees on Education, Internal Improvements and Enrolled Bills. He is a gentleman finely educated, possessed of strong conviction, earnest in the support of measures, and Houston county had in him a most able representative.

#### W. S. PENDLETON.

The talented member from Tarrant was born in Warren county, Tennessee, thirty-four years since. He came to Texas in 1857 and lived in Ellis county until 1866, when he returned to Manchester, Coffee county in his native State, where he attended school until the latter part of 1870, when he assumed the pedagogical chair and for three years taught the young ideas how to scan the 'highths' of learning. During this time he diligently pored over the musty pages of legal lore, whenever he found an hour at his disposal. In 1873 he returned to Texas and located at Fort Worth, where he has since practiced law with success, and worked his way to a leading position at the bar. During the last six years he has acted as county attorney of Tarrant, and has made a vigorous and able officer. In August, 1884, he was nominated by a demo-



cratic convention held in Fort Worth, to represent Tarrant county in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was subsequently elected by over 5,000 majority. He is a member of the Christian church and of K. of P. lodges. Mr. P. was on most of the important House committees, and made a record that his constituents may well be pleased with.

### J. R. ROBINSON.

J. R. Robinson, representative in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures from the forty-first district—Wise, Jack and Young counties—was born June 28th, 1846, in Henry county, Kentucky. In the spring of 1855 he came to Texas, and for two years resided in Collin county. His present home is Jacksboro, where he commenced the practice of law in 1873. Robinson & West is the style of the well-known law firm of which he is a member. During the civil war he served in Wells' Battalion, Confederate States army. Mr. Robinson is a Democrat of the strict school and is a member of A. F. and A. M., and I. O. O. F. lodges. He occupied several important positions prior to serving in the Legislature, having been district clerk and county attorney of Bastrop county. During the sessions of the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of the committee on Public Lands and Land Office, and a member of Education, Judiciary No. 1, and other important committees. The gentleman from Jack is a man of varied information, fine education, a good speaker, and ranked among the first of his colleagues.

### J. A. RAMSDELL.

J. A. Ramsdell was born August 23, 1824, in the State of New York, and was liberally educated in the free schools of that State. In 1854 he was Superintendent of schools in Chenung county, New York. During the administration of Presidents Pierce and Buchanan he was a postmaster in Illinois. Mr. Ramsdell came to Texas in 1867, lived three years in Lampasas and then removed to Burnet county, where he has since been engaged in agriculture and stock-raising. The generous soil has yielded him a good return, and his herds have yearly increased with highly gratifying rapidity. He is a prominent member of the M. E. South church, and a Democrat, such as flourished in the days of long ago. He was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature, from the seventy-sixth district—Burnet and Lampasas counties—by a vote of 2584 to 57, for his opponent. Mr. Ramsdell was a member of House

committees: State Affairs, Commerce and Manufactures, Stock and Stock Raising, and Public Buildings and Grounds, and chairman of the committee on the substitution of granite for limestone. His action in the committee rooms and record in the House show him to have been an able, earnest, and faithful representative of his people.

#### A. T. RAINEY.

A. T. Rainey was born and educated in Alabama, is sixty-two years of age, served as a member of the legislature before he came to Texas, was a member of the Texas Legislature in 1857. A member of the Senate in 1859-60. Was a member of the Secession Convention in January and February of 1861. Was a Democratic elector for president on the Breckinridge and Lane ticket in 1860. Was the captain of a company of volunteers during the war, and after the organization of the first Texas regiment was appointed major by Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States; with Lewis T. Wigfall as Colonel and Gen. McLeod of Galveston; as Lieut. Colonel. Lewis L. Wigfall was subsequently appointed Brig. Gen.; and McLeod became Colonel, and A. T. Rainey Lieut. Col. by promotion. After the death of Col. McLeod at Dumphries on the Potomac, he became Colonel of the regiment. He participated in the battle of Elthams Landing on the retreat from York Town, was in the battle of Gaine's farm on the Chickahominy near Richmond, and disabled for field service and returned to Texas and subsequently placed in command of the Island of Galveston, and retained the position for nearly one year. He was an elector for president in 1872, was a member of the Fifteenth Legislature in 1876, a member of the special session of 1883 and was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature from the county of Anderson, and during the session of that body served on the following committees: Chairman of Federal Relations, Internal Improvements, Privileges and Elections and Judicial Districts.

#### J. M. ROBINSON.

This well known and efficient member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislature from the seventy-fourth district—Bastrop county—was born in Madison county, Alabama, and is now fifty-four years of age. During the late war he served the Confederacy in the Trans Mississippi department. He came to Texas in 1852, and since that time has farmed near Bastrop, in the county of the same name, and has met with

gratifying success. He is a member of the Baptist church and A. F. and A. M. lodge. Mr. R. was on the following committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Revenue and Taxation, Contingent Expenses, County and County Boundaries. He is a man who possesses the confidence and esteem of his constituents and fellow members of the House, and who may justly feel pleased with the record made by him during his two terms of office. He let no occasion pass to speak and vote in the interests of his section and State. As an outspoken, wise and conservative legislator he was the peer of any man upon the floor of the House of Representatives.

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R: E. STEELE.

This prominent member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures was born in 1840, in the State of Alabama. When fourteen years old he came to Texas and settled in Freestone county, his present home. Politically he is a full blooded Democrat from stock that has never been crossed with any other political creed. During the civil war he served the Confederacy in Granbury's Brigade, Army of Tennessee, with a devotion and gallantry well worthy of the cause for which he fought. He is a member of the Old School Presbyterian church and the Patrons of Husbandry society. Mr. Steele has farmed for thirty years in the fifty-ninth district—Freestone county—and his fellow citizens have testified the high esteem in which they hold him, socially and intellectually by twice sending him as their representative to the State Legislature by an overwhelming number of votes. It is a matter of doubt whether there is a man who could defeat him before a Democratic convention or at the polls. He was an active and efficient member of the following House committees: State Affairs, Agriculture, Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and Internal Improvements.

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F. W. SIMMONS.

This highly cultivated gentleman, who represented the sixty-ninth district—Lavaca county.—in the Nineteenth Legislature was born in Pike county Mississippi, October 12, 1829. He came to Texas in 1863, lived in Wood county until 1865, and then moved to Lavaca county where he has since practiced successfully the profession of medicine and farming. Among other positions of honor and trust, he filled the post-mastership at Bahala, Mississippi, in 1858-9 and 1860 and was

assessor of taxes of Copiah county, (same State) from 1854 to 1860. A few years since Dr. Simmons retired from active practice, but the people of his neighborhood still refuse to be treated in cases of severe illness, by any other physician. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of the people of Lavaca and all who know him, for he has, united with the graces of a splendid mind, the kindly, courteous and pleasing manners of a true gentleman. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and A. F. and A. M. lodge. He is a Democrat of Jeffersonian ilk. The life of Dr. S. is one that contains the moral that is attached to all that have been well spent and filled with honorable actions. He started without money or influence and has accumulated a competency and throughout his career has done nothing that would bring the blush to the cheeks of one of his children, if the scroll upon which is written the record of his days could be unrolled. He was on House committees: Asylms, Vital Statistics and History and Stock-Raising, and his experience, thoughtfulness and logical mind exercised great influence in moulding legislation. Dr. Simmons is a man of a high order of literary ability, and while he has written little for the public, has composed several poems that breath truth and poetic sentiments.

#### J. H. STEWART.

J. H. Stewart, colored, was born in Cado Parish, Louisiana, Sept. 5, 1859, came to Marlin, Falls county, Jan. 10, 1869, where he lived ten years and then moved to Hearne, his present place of residence. He is a school teacher and has been quite successful. He has been twice secretary of the Baptist State Sabbath School Convention, is a member of G. U. O. O. F. Lodge and politically a republican. All who know him speak flatteringly of him as an honest citizen and a quiet, unobtrusive colored man, who is anxious to morally and intellectually raise his race. He was educated at Prairie View State Normal school and was among the first teachers who graduated from that school. He was elected by one hundred majority to represent the 48th district—Robertson county—in the Nineteenth Legislature and was on the following committees: Education, Penitentiaries and to visit the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Bryan, and the Prairie View Normal School.

WHITFIELD SCOTT.

This widely known and prominent member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislature was born March 6, 1842, in Holmes county, State of Mississippi. In 1850, he came to Waco, McLennon county, where he lived twenty-five years and then removed to Mexia, Limestone county, and then to Kerrville, where he at present resides. During the last war he was Adjutant of the 19th Texas regiment of cavalry and made a brave and active officer. Mr. S. is a member of the C. P. church. He has always been a conservative Democrat and was nominated by a convention both in 1882 and 1884. He was elected to represent the 84th district—Kerr, Medina, Bandera, Kinble, Mason and Kendall counties—first to the Eighteenth Legislature by a majority of 1600 and second to the Nineteenth Legislature by 2000 votes over his opponent. During the session of the last Legislature he was chairman of the committee on Military Affairs and a member of the following committees: Land and Land Office, Stock and Stock Raising, and Commerce and Manufactures, and member of special committees of twenty to adjust fence cutting troubles. Mr. S. is a collegiate graduate, a man of fine mind, fine parliamentarian, and well acquainted with the needs of the State and was zealous in his efforts to secure proper legislation.

C. F. STEPHENS.

C. Stephens was born in Morgan City, La., May 7, 1859. In 1874, he came to Texas and settled in Liberty where he remained six years and then removed to Wallisville, and was soon thereafter elected County Judge of Chambers county. At this time he was only twenty-one years of age. It is doubtful whether any man has ever been elected to such a responsible position in Texas at such an early age. Mr. S. made one of the most competent, impartial, and satisfactory judges who ever presided over the court of Chambers county. In January, 1881, he returned to Liberty where he has since been actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law. He was nominated by a Democratic convention at Beaumont, Sept. 11, 1884, to represent the 1st district—Liberty, Jefferson, Orange and Hardin counties, in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected at the polls by a majority of 700 votes. He is an accomplished orator and debator, and, although but twenty-five years of age ranked among the leading members of the House. He served on the following committees: Ju-

diciary No. 2, Claims and Accounts, Judicial Districts, and Engrossed Bills.

F. E. SMITH.

Felix E. Smith was born August 10, 1831, in Lincoln—now Moore—county, Tennessee. In 1851, he came to Texas and settled at his present home, Bluff Springs; Travis county. During the past thirty-three years he has been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits and is now one of the most enterprising and prosperous farmers in Central Texas. From 1855 to 1856, was County Commissioner, for eight years Justice of the Peace and was one of the most distinguished and widely known members of the Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. The citizens of the 75th district—Travis county—properly appreciate his great services and have each time elected him by very large majorities. During the session of the late Legislature he was chairman of Public Buildings and Grounds and a member of the following committees: Agriculture and Revenue and Taxation. He is a member of the Baptist church and A. F. and A. lodge. In the civil war Mr. Smith served in Ford's Texas brigade as First Lieutenant for a time and afterwards was Captain of an independent volunteer company of infantry. His services in the army were marked by a gallantry that inspired subordinates with respect and won the confidence and regard of those higher in command. As a Democrat and Statesman his record is without blemish, and it may be said of him, as of the Chivalier Bayard, that he is a man "sans peur, sans reproche."

B. D. TARLTON.

B. D. Tarlton was born October 18, 1849, in the Parish of St. Mary, Louisiana. He came to Texas in July, 1875, lived in Waxahatchie until 1876, when he moved to Hillsboro, Hill county, his present home. He is a graduate of St. Charles College, Louisiana, and of the Law Department of the University of Louisiana, located at New Orleans. He has pursued the practice of his profession in his native State and Texas, since 1872, with the most gratifying success. Mr. Tarlton was a distinguished member of the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, having been chosen first to represent Hill county, and second, the thirty-ninth district—Johnson, Hill, Ellis and Navarro counties—in the Nineteenth, and was elected the second time by 14,920 majority. This handsome vote

was a fitting endorsement of his course during his first term. Mr. Tarlton was Chairman of Judiciary No. 2, and a member of the following committees, during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Finance and Privileges and Elections. He is a splendid speaker, cool and liberal in his judgments, fearless in support of all just measures and a man well fitted to lead in legislative halls.

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### M. TANKERSLEY.

M. Tankersley is a native Texan, having been born in Houston, Harris county, January 8, 1856. He was elected as representative from Harris county to the Seventeenth Legislature by four hundred and fifty majority, and was returned to the Nineteenth Legislature by a majority of one thousand one hundred and eight votes. During the last session he was Chairman of the Committee on Judicial Districts, and a member of the committees on Internal Improvements, Penitentiaries and Judiciary No. 1. He is one of the leaders of the Young Democracy, an eloquent speaker, and a man of fine mind. His constituents have known him from boyhood and are well acquainted with his capacity. They endorsed their representative's course by re-electing him by an increased majority, and he may well feel pleased with the confidence evinced by his large and intelligent constituency.

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### H. L. TATE.

H. L. Tate was born in Elbert county, Georgia, September 4, 1841. When ten years of age he came to Texas with his parents, who located in Smith county where he still resides. Young Tate, after receiving as thorough an education as could be obtained at the neighborhood schools, was sent to the "School of Medicine" at New Orleans, where he mastered the healing art and carried off the honors of the college. Since 1866 he has practiced medicine at Lindale, Smith county, and has an extensive practice. Throughout the late war he served in the Confederate army with distinction. Dr. Tate was nominated August 7, 1884, at Tyler, to represent the twelfth district—Smith county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected by eight hundred and sixty-four majority. He is a member of the M. E. South church, and a Democrat in whom there is no guile. During the session of the last Legislature he was Chairman of Public Health and Vital Statistics, and a member of the committees on State Affairs, Asy-

luns and Penitentiaries. South county has in him, a wise, conservative and faithful representative.

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A. M. TAYLOR.

This prominent member of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures from the eighteenth district—Red river county—was born in Nash county, North Carolina, November 10, 1852. In 1871 he came to Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he engaged in various pursuits, but occupied all his leisure hours poring over the law until 1874, when he was admitted to the bar and commenced the practice of his profession at Cooper. In 1875 he removed from Cooper to Clarksville, Red River county, where he has since established a reputation for talent and great legal ability. He is a young man and one who illustrates the fact that the Young Democracy of to-day is well worthy to receive the mantle of the great men who are yearly passing away. He was nominated by primary election, August 8, 1884, as representative, and was subsequently elected by five hundred and eighty-one majority. He was Chairman of Constitutional Amendments, and a member of the committees on Agriculture, Revision of the Rules, and Judiciary No. 1.

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W. H. TIPTON.

W. H. Tipton was born in Knox county, Tennessee, October 1st, 1841. In 1870 he left his native State for Texas, and journeyed the entire distance to Itaska, Hill county—his present home—in a two horse wagon. His wife and a young man, Puck Ashby, were the sole companions of his trip, which occupied thirty-nine days. Mr. T. was lieutenant of company K, Second Tennessee regiment, Confederate States army, during the civil war, and his comrades in arms state that he made a gallant and intrepid officer. He is a Democrat who has ever been faithful to the teachings of the great statesmen of his party and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and A. F. and A. M. lodge. The voters of the thirty-eighth district—Hill county—elected him to the Nineteenth Legislature by 269 majority. During the session of that body he was a member of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising, Roads and Bridges, Penitentiaries and County Boundaries. Mr. Tipton is a successful farmer, is thoroughly identified with the material interests of his section and the State, and made one of the most energetic, useful and able representatives on the floor of the House.



W. L. THOMPSON.

The member from Bexar—eighty-sixth district—is a native of Louisiana, having been born in St. Helena Parish, October 1st, 1840, and educated at the Florence University, in Alabama, in 1859. During the war between the States he was a soldier in the Fourth Louisiana regiment, Army of Tennessee. After the battle scarred flag of the Confederacy had been furled forever, he returned to St. Helena Parish, and commenced the practice of law, which he has since prosecuted with great success. He served a full term in the State Senate of Louisiana before moving to Texas. In 1874 he came to Texas; remained two years at Seguin, and then removed to San Antonio, where he has built up an extensive practice and attained a position in the front ranks of the legal profession. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South; and A. F. and A. M., L. of H., and K. of H. lodges. He is a Democrat who has labored for the success of his party in season and out, is a fine scholar, fluent orator, and a profound thinker and was one of the most influential members of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. He was chairman of the committee on Rules, and the following House committees, during the session of the legislature: Judiciary No. 2 and Constitutional Amendments.

G. I. TURNLEY.

G. I. Turnley was born at Cedar Bluff, Cherokee county, Alabama, forty-one years since. He dwelt in the place of his nativity until eight or nine years old and then moved to Jacksonville, where he grew to manhood; and of which city he was twice elected Mayor. In 1861, when the State appealed to the bayonet to settle national differences, he joined the Tenth Regiment Alabama Volunteers, Army of Northern Virginia, and was in all the heavy engagements in which Wilcox's and Karney's brigade participated. He was a brave and faithful soldier, and while charging under the banners of the Confederacy was twice seriously wounded. In the autumn of 1876 Mr. Turnley came to Texas, and settled at Cold Springs, San Jacinto county, where he has since practiced law and won for himself a wide spread reputation for legal ability. He is a member of the M. E. South church, and A. F. and A. M. lodge, and a true Democrat. At the general election of 1884, he was chosen to represent the second district—Polk and San Jacinto counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature, during the session of which he was on the following House committees: Judiciary No. 1 and Constitutional Amendments.

### A. UNDERWOOD.

There is no occasion more fascinating to the Texan chronicler than to write a history—though it be but crude and brief—of the life of one of the old Texas heroes who nursed the young republic, fought for its freedom from the Mexican yoke, and has lived to see the darling land of his youth become one of the proudest States in the American Union. The subject of this sketch was born February 13th, 1810, in Dracutt, Massachusetts, and was liberally educated in the schools of his native town. His father was a soldier of the Revolution, and was as enthusiastic in his support of the declaration of independence as old John Hancock himself. There was no braver or more heroic soldier in the Continental army. Young Underwood being of a bold and romantic turn of mind, and thinking that he could perhaps lay the foundation of a fortune in the wilds of Texas—then a sparsely settled Mexican colony—sailed from Boston, Massachusetts, February 12th, 1834, and after a wearisome voyage of two months, sighted the Texas coast and stepped ashore at Velasco, April 11th, 1834. He settled at Columbia, then the Municipality of Columbia, now in Brazoria county—and commenced merchandising on a small scale. He has lived at his present house orf over 50 years and under seven government—Mexican, Provisional, Republic of Texas, State of Texas, Confederate States of America, Military and the present State government. He rallied to the first call for troops and served, as only a Texan of those heroic days could—throughout the first campaign against Mexico, and was acting as Post Commissary at Columbia before the battle of San Jacinto, in which he took part. He was postmaster at Columbia from the first organization of the Republic up to the period of annexation. Unexpectedly to, and unsought by him Mr. U. was unanimously nominated, by convention, in the city of Galveston to represent the sixty-fourth district—Galveston and Brazoria counties—in the Nineteenth Legislature and was elected at the polls by 6,302 votes, his opponent only receiving 46. He was on the following committees: Finance, Insurance, Statistics and History and Public, Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Underwood cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson and has ever since kept in line and fought for the success of the principles of the Democratic party. This great old man is still vigorous, walks erect, and his mind is as strong, active, and luminous as in the days of youth. Judging him from physical appearances a stranger would not think him over

fifty years of age. The counties of Galveston and Brazoria honored themselves when they selected this able gentleman.

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#### W. F. UPTON.

W. F. Upton was born in Winchester, Tennessee, in 1832. Since 1842 he has lived in Fayette county, Texas, and has engaged successfully in farming and merchandising. His first mercantile venture was made at High Hill, three miles from Schulenberg—his present home in 1867, since which time he has built up an extensive trade. During the civil war he served under the flag of the Confederacy, and since the close of hostilities has been one of the ablest and most untiring exponents of Democratic principle in the State, and has labored for the elimination of sectional jealousy, and the establishment of a complete union of North, South, East and West. He was a distinguished member of the Eleventh, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, from the seventieth district—Fayette county. During the session of the last Legislature he was Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and a member of Penitentiaries, Private Land Claims, and other important committees. Col. W. F. Upton is well known throughout Texas, and his invaluable services need no favorable comment by the pen of a biographer. He has ever ranked among the first of his colleagues, has made a bold, conservative and reliable leader, and has left the impress of his powerful mind upon all of the important and salutary laws passed by five legislatures. He would grace the most exalted position to which the people of Texas could call one of her citizens.

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#### B. F. WILLIAMS.

B. F. Williams, colored, who represented the fourteenth district—Waller county—in the Nineteenth Legislature, is sixty-five years of age. He is a quiet, sensible and well informed man, and won the good will of his fellow members. Those who have known him for years speak of him in terms of commendation, and state that they never knew a better colored man. He is a minister of the Gospel and is a zealous Christian worker among his people.

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#### R. H. WOOD.

R. H. Wood, who represented the 87th district, composed of the counties of Refugio, Goliad, Victoria, Calhoun, DeWitt

and Jackson, in the Nineteenth Legislature is a native Texan, having been born in San Patricio county in 1845, from whence he afterwards moved to St. Marys, Refugio county, where he lived for twenty-two years and then settled in Rockport, Aransas county, his present home. He is extensively engaged in stock raising and is thoroughly acquainted with the needs of his section, as was shown upon the floor of the House and in the committee rooms, where he was a zealous advocate of the rights of the many and sought to protect them against the encroachment of the few. Politically, he is a Democrat, tried and true to the principles and tradition of that grand old party, which has ever been the palladium of civil liberty. He is a consistent member of the Catholic church, and has filled many positions of trust and honor, among others the Mayorality of Rockport from 1882 to 1883, and during his administration the officers of the city were admirably managed. Mr. W. served on the following committees during the Nineteenth Legislature: Stock Raising, Agriculture and Private Land Claims.

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J. K. WHITE.

J. K. White represented the 66th district, Matagorda county, in the Nineteenth Legislature. He is fifty-one years of age and quite a successful farmer.

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J. P. WEBB.

J. P. Webb was born in Oglethorpe county, Georgia, August 16, 1832. In 1850 he came to Texas and lived in Smith county three years, Hill twenty-one years, Parker two years and in Breckenridge, Stephens county, his present home, during the past eight years. Throughout the civil war he served the Confederacy in the Trans Mississippi Department. He was raised on a farm and for a number of years past has been successfully engaged in farming and stockraising. For six years—to Dec. 1884—he was Sheriff and Tax collector of Stephens county and resigned that position upon being elected to the Nineteenth Legislature from the 42nd district—Palo Pinto, Eastland and Stephens counties. During the session of the late legislature he served on the following committees: Indian Affairs, Stock and Stock Raising and Revenue and Taxation. He is a member of the Baptist church and A. F. and A. M. and K. of P. lodges. Mr. Webb is a sterling Democrat, a man of high intelligence; and was considered one of the most active and efficient members of the Nineteenth Legislature.

### W. H. WHALEY.

W. H. Whaley is a Tennessean by birth, having commenced his existence in Rhea county of that State, in the year 1836. In 1858 he came to Texas and settled in Gainesville, Cook county. Prior to the civil war he studied law and was admitted to the bar; but when the forces of the North and South were marshaling he joined the Eleventh Texas Cavalry; served until peace was declared, returned home, found his fortunes desperate, abandoned the profession of his choice, and became a mechanic and engineer. In 1869 he started a mill in Cook county, which has since proven to have been the nucleus of the live little town of Dexter. Mr. W. was district clerk of Cooke county in 1867. For the past seven years he has resided at St. Jo, Montague county. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and of A. F. and A. M. lodge, is a believer in prohibition and a Democrat without reproach. He was nominated to represent the forty-fourth district—Clay and Montague counties—in the Ninetenth Legislature, and was elected by an overwhelming majority. During the session of that body, he was a member of the committees on Finance, Agriculture and Land and Land Office. He is a man finely educated, broad and liberal in his views, and was one of the ablest representatives in the House.

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### A. E. WATSON.

A. E. Watson was born in Prince Edward county, Virginia, in 1834, and is now 50 years of age. In 1856 he came to Texas and settled in Washington county, where he remained until the fierce mutterings of sectional jealousy and the outrages of class legislation culminated in the shot fired at Ft. Sumpter, and the unfurling of the ensigns of war. He responded to the call of his country and served in that most famous of all Confederate corps, Hood's Brigade, in the Fourth Texas regiment. After 'the purple tide of war' had rolled by and left tears, desolation, broken hopes, and thousands of new made graves to mark its passage, he returned to Texas, and in 1867 located in Galveston and the year following became a member of the well known commission firm of Schalkelkeford, Brown & Co. In 1870 he removed to near Marlin—his present home—and worked with a will and determination that soon restored him to an easy financial position. He is a member of the Baptist church and a Democrat of the true school. He was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature from the fifty-

fifth district--Falls county--by a large majority. Mr. W. served on the following House committees: Finance, Penitentiaries, and Public Lands and Land Office.

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J. S. WOOD.

J. S. Wood, who was a distinguished member of the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Haywood county, Tennessee, in 1850. During the same year his parents came to Texas and settled near Brenham, Washington county, where they remained two years, removed to Bell county, and from thence to Gregg county, from which Mr. Wood went to Kaufman county, his present home. Although not born in the state he may be styled a Texan, for at the time of his first entry upon the scene of action he was unable to appreciate the difference and had just learned to squall with success. He received his education at Bonham seminary. During the latter part of the war he served a few months in the Confederate army, but was too young to enjoy tramping, exposure and the fatigues of the battle-field and, consequently, at the end of the civil struggle returned home with a heart more joyful, if possible, than when he left it enfatuated with the "pomp and circumstance of glorious war." In 1874 he was admitted to the bar and has since risen to an enviable position in the legal fraternity. During the session of the Seventeenth Legislature, was chairman of the committee on Judicial Districts, which redistricted the entire western portion of the State, including the Pan Handle. He is a man finely educated and is, intellectually, richly endowed. He is a member of K. and L. of H., and a Democrat from the center of his nervous system throughout its circumference and the possibility of a change to any other party is out of the question. He was elected to the Nineteenth Legislature from the 47th district--Kaufman county--by 800 majority and was on the following House Committees: Judiciary No. 1., Asylum and Finance. Mr. Wood was chairman of the important committee on Privilege and Election.

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E. F. YEAGER

E. F. Yeager was born December 26, 1844, in Johnson City, Washington county, Tennessee. He early evinced a taste for study and a faculty of retaining knowledge that was truly remarkable for one of his years. After attending the common schools of his district, he entered Greeneville and Tucculm college and in a few years graduated with the highest

honors. At the breaking out of the civil war he joined company G, 29th regiment, army of Tennessee, and charged with the lines of gray on many a hard fought field. In victory and defeat he remained true to the flag whose broad folds had so often floated "o'er the purple tide of war." In 1870 he came to Texas to accept the position of Principal of the Masonic Institute, at Veal's Station, Parker county. From 1871 to 1872 he was principal of Alvarado Masonic Institute. At this time he was earnestly requested to accept the chair of Professor of Ancient Languages in the Marvin college at Waxahachie, accepted and held the position until 1875, when he filled the same chair in the Alvarado Institute. In 1879 he returned to Waxahachie—his present home—and the year following purchased the "Waxahachie Enterprise," one of the neatest printed and best edited papers in Texas. Besides a scholar and editor, he is a lawyer of first rate ability but not practicing. He is a member of the M. E. South Church and a Democrat who has done much for his party. Mr. Yeager represented the 37th district—Ellis county—in the Nineteenth Legislature and was a member of the following committees: Judiciary No. 2, Finance, Public Printing and Education.

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## OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

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### A. D. SADLER.

A. D. Sadler, Chief Clerk of the House during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Green county, Alabama, August 18th, 1843, and was educated at Madison College and Georgia Military Institute. He grew to manhood in Mississippi, and when the forces of North and South were marshaling for battle, he enlisted for the war and joined Robert E. Lee's army of Northern Virginia, as drill master of the twenty first Mississippi Infantry. December 11th, 1862, while taking part in the defence of Fredericksburg, Va., he was struck by a cannon shot and lost both feet. He came to Texas in 1874, lived in Groesbeck (teaching school one year), Galveston eight years, and in Austin—his present home—two years. He has been engaged in various pursuits; was insur-

ance agent in 1869; justice of the peace in 1872; school teacher in 1874, and assistant clerk in Comptroller's Office from 1883 to 1885. He is a clerk and author by profession, a member of Hood's Camp of Confederate veterans, a Democrat, a man of the highest order of intellect, and as chief clerk, gave general satisfaction and made many warm personal friends.

### R. M. JOHNSTON.

R. M. Johnston, Journal Clerk of the House, was born in Washington county, Georgia, and is now in his thirty-fourth year. He is by profession a Journalist, having followed the business since early boyhood, being reared, as it were, in a printing office. When but twelve years of age he entered the Confederate army as a drummer boy, and experienced no little of the ups and downs of the war. He published a paper in Georgia, of which he was editor and proprietor, and when only twenty one years of age occupied with credit to himself the position of City Editor of the Savannah Morning News, the leading paper of that State. He came to Texas in 1878 and settled at Crockett, Houston county. He edited the Crockett Patron for a year and moved thence to Corsicana, where he edited the Observer, and subsequently established and edited the Independent, in that city. He came to Austin, where he now resides, in 1880. His first service here was on the Daily Statesman, upon which journal he filled the positions, respectively, of Reporter, Foreman, Associate and City Editor of said paper. When the Houston Post was reorganized he was appointed Staff Correspondent and manager of the branch office of that paper at Austin, which position he occupied until the Post suspended. His duties in this position embraced the discussion, both editorially and through his letters, of the politics of the State. During the last campaign, when the present administration was seeking a re-election, his pen did valiant work in that behalf. He it was who conceived the idea of the "old ticket," which was found so impregnable at the Houston Convention, and but for which combination, it is largely believed, the results would have been very materially different. This latter idea is perhaps best illustrated by the remark of a prominent delegate, from a western county, to the effect: "It's no use boys, Johnston and the Post have fixed the thing up, and we had as well surrender." As a journalist, Mr. Johnston ranks very high, and his ability, experience and splendid judgment have procured for him a reputation second to no



man in Texas. He not only has the ability to write, but, what is of exceedingly more importance in his profession, he possesses also the judgment to know when and what to write. He was elected to his present position by a vote of 56 to 38 over Mr. Ridgell, of Collin county.

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### GEO. W. FINGER.

Geo. W. Finger, the efficient and popular Reading Clerk of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, was born in Tarrant county, Texas, June 21, 1857. He is a young lawyer of great promise, and has filled several positions of honorable distinction. He was mayor of Arlington, and no man enjoys the esteem of his fellow townsman more than Mr. Finger. As Reading Clerk, he won the kindly regard of all members of the House, and there is nothing within their gift that he cannot get in the future.

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### J. S. BOGGS.

Mr. J. S. Boggs was born in Carrollton, Carrol county, Georgia, and is now thirty-seven years of age. He came to Texas in 1852, lived one year at Tyler, seventeen years at Henderson, Rusk county, and since that time at Terrell. He is a member of K. of P. lodge and is a farmer and stock raiser by occupation. Mr. Boggs was Sergeant-at-arms of the Seventeenth, and Calendar Clerk of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. In every position he proved himself active and courteous and performed his duties in a manner that showed him to be thoroughly competent. No officer of the House has more friends among the members.

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### H. T. PRATER.

H. T. Prater, Assistant-Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, in the year 1832. By occupation he is a farmer. He is a member of the Christian Church and of I. O. O. F. Lodge. Mr. Prater was twice Sergeant-at-Arms of the Tennessee House of Representatives, and was held in high esteem by the members, many of whom gave him cordial letters of recommendation when he left for Texas in 1883. His present home is Belton, Texas. He made an active and faithful officer, and was much liked by the members of the House.

W. L. McDONALD.

W. L. McDonald, Engrossing Clerk of the House during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Anderson, Grimes county, Texas, June 29, 1860; lived in Anderson twenty-two years, and at Georgetown—his present home—during the past two years and a half. He has clerked, taught school and canvassed for books. With the money thus obtained he secured a collegiate education and is now studying hard for admission to the bar, and expects to practice his profession in Fort Worth. He is a member of the M. E. South Church. He performed his duties as Engrossing Clerk faithfully and efficiently, and was highly esteemed by all the representatives.

J. W. BOYNTON.

J. W. Boynton, Enrolling Clerk of the House during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born near Paris, Bourbon county, Kentucky, and is now in the twenty-first year of his age. He came to Texas in 1876 and settled in Hamilton, where he at present resides. Mr. Boynton was a clerk in the Comptroller's office in 1883-4, and studied law after business hours under Judges Gould and Robert. He was elected Enrolling Clerk on the first ballot over all competitors. He is a true blooded Democrat and a member of the Christian (Campbellite) Church. At the age of seventeen he left home to acquire a collegiate education, and graduated with honor at the National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio, since which time he has been a hard student. He expects to engage actively in the practice of his profession in some live Northwestern town as early as possible. Mr. Boynton is highly intelligent and possesses the qualities that ensure success.

W. I. C. AUTRY.

W. I. C. Autry was born August the 24th, 1844, in Morgan county, Georgia. Went to the war February 16th, 1862; served in the army of Virginia till June 23d, 1864; was wounded at Petersburg—shot through the left lung. Came to Texas December, 1865; lived at Jefferson till 1869; went to Arkansas and lost his hands in 1870; came back to Texas the same year and settled in Wood county, his present home. He was elected Door Keeper of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth, and Assistant Door Keeper of the Seventeenth and Door Keeper of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. He

is a man of popular manners and has a host of friends among the solans of Texas.

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M. M. BOGGESS.

M. M. Boggess, the efficient Sergeant-at-Arms, of the Sixteenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, was born in Carroll county, Georgia, in the year 1830. During 1847 he came to Texas, settled in Henderson, Rusk county, where he remained twenty-four years and then moved to Waco, McLennan county—his present home. During the civil war he served the Confederacy with gallantry and distinction as Captain of the First Texas Cavalry. He is a Democrat, than whom there are none of more spotless integrity, and is a member of A. F. and A. M. Lodge. As Sergeant-at-Arms of three legislatures he proved an invaluable officer, became acquainted with all the public men of the state, and has made a host of friends.

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MARCHANT LITTLE.

This thoroughly business, wide awake and sprightly young man was born March 2d, 1867, in the city of New York, but is entitled to the proud soubrequet of Texan-grass-eater, as his mother had gone from this State to New York in search of health and returned to Texas a few months after his plaintive wail had helped to swell the general hubbub of the world. He was a page in the Seventeenth and postmaster during the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, and in every position that he has occupied gave general satisfaction. With the money earned as page and postmaster, he has educated and prepared himself for the battle of life. His present home is Austin, Travis county, Texas.

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J. M. TRYON.

J. M. Tryon was born in Houston, Texas, June 7th, 1848, grew to manhood in that city, was alderman in 1875-6, and was city assessor and collector in 1877-8 and 1883. He engaged in merchandising several years and is now preparing himself for admission to the bar. Mr. Tryon is a man strong, well developed intellect, was educated at Baylor University, and possesses the qualities that ensure a long, useful, honorable and successful career. He is a conservative Democrat and a member of the Baptist church and I. O. O. F. and K. of P. lodges. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was clerk of House Judiciary Committee No. 1, and in that position gave perfect satisfaction and was universally popular.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

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### JOHN IRELAND.

The following biographical sketch of Governor Ireland is taken from the Houston Journal:

John Ireland was born in Hart county, Kentucky, January 1, 1827, being of Irish descent. He received a common school education, studied law in 1851-2, and, being admitted to the bar, came to Texas in 1853, settling at San Antonio, but during the same year removed to Seguin, Gaudalupe county. He practiced his profession there, and soon took front rank at the bar in West Texas. In 1861 he was elected to the Secession Convention, and was an ardent advocate of the ordinance of secession, believing it to be the only honorable method of settling the perplexing questions of that day. He went into the Confederate army as a private, but was rapidly promoted until reaching the rank of lieutenant-colonel, when he was appointed by President Davis, Judge of the Criminal Court. In 1866, under the policy of President Johnson, he was elected judge of the district composed of Travis, Williamson, Burnet, Blanco, Hays, Guadalupe, Caldwell and Bastrop counties, which position he held until removed by the military as "an impediment to reconstruction." He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1866-7, and afterward was elected District Judge under the new Constitution. In 1873 he served as a member of the House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Legislature, where he began his famous fight against the inordinate railroad subsidies, and when the Fourteenth Legislature was elected he became a Senator. In 1875 he was appointed by Governor Coke to the Supreme bench, which position he held until the present Constitution went into effect. In 1877 he, together with Governor Coke and Hon. John Hancock, was a candidate for United States Senator, but was defeated by a slender plurality. In 1878 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress, and in 1880 headed the Texas delegation to the Cincinnati Convention, which nominated General Hancock for President.

Those who know Governor Ireland best like him most. In manner, while quiet—notably unassuming—and, to strangers, somewhat reserved, he is quite genial to friends and acquaintances. In daily habits, he is temperate himself, and, although all of his ideas of citizenship are of a strictly moral cast, he is generously conservative as to others. It has been said of Governor Ireland that he is a good-hater. However this may be, another characteristic may be mentioned with equal emphasis, and that is he never forgets a friend or turns a deaf ear to the appeals of the distressed. His term expires in January, 1887.

#### WILLIAM C. WALSH.

William C. Walsh is a native Texan, having been born in this State in 1837. Since 1839 he has resided in Travis county. Mr. Walsh is finely educated (having graduated at Georgetown College, D. C.) and possessed of a powerful mind. Soon after the tocsin of civil war sounded, he entered the army as Captain of the Tom Green Rifles, of Travis county, went to Virginia and was attached to Hood's brigade. In June 1862 he was wounded at Cold Harbor and permanently disabled and prevented from further actively serving the Confederate flag on the battlefield. After peace had been declared he returned to his home; was Chief Clerk of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Legislatures, and in 1878 was appointed, by Governor Hubbard to fill the unexpired term of Col. Groos, Commissioner of the General Land Office, whom death had removed. Captain Walsh has since been nominated and re-elected at every state election. He is the man, of all others, best fitted to fill the distinguished position which he at present occupies. He is a gentleman, social and courteous, is a jealous guardian of the people's rights; the children's lands are safe in his hands, and he has the moral courage to oppose and defeat the will of designing speculators and unprincipled landed corporations.

#### FRANCIS R. LUBBOCK.

Francis R. Lubbock, State Treasurer, was born October 16, 1815, in Beaufort, South Carolina; began life as a hardware clerk in his native town at fourteen years of age; went to New Orleans in 1834; came to Texas in 1836; lived for a time at Velasco, and moved from thence to Houston in 1837 and erected the third house ever built in that city. He was Assistant and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the

Republic of Texas; was appointed Comptroller by President Houston—while occupying this position was appointed Adjutant of the Bonnell Frontier Battallion, and in 1839 returned to his farm in Harris county. In 1841 he was again selected as Comptroller but shortly thereafter resigned to become District Clerk of Harris county. He was at this time appointed Colonel on President Houston's staff; remained District Clerk of Harris county until 1857, when he was elected Lieutenant Governor, and was chosen Governor in 1861; in 1863 was appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the Confederate Adjutant General's department, and in 1864 was placed on President Davis' staff with the rank of Colonel, in which capacity he served until 1865, when he was captured with the Confederate President and imprisoned in Fort Delaware; was released and began business in Houston in 1866. In 1868 he moved to Galveston and served one term as Collector of that Port. He was elected State Treasurer in 1878, and has been re-elected continuously to that position since—the present being his fourth term. The affairs of the Treasury have prospered under his able management. Governor Lubbock has, in all the many honorable and responsible positions he has filled, thoroughly and conscientiously performed his duty and won the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. Although seventy years of age, he walks erect, is hale, hearty, and full of spirits. May he live long to be honored by the people—to give them the benefit of his experience—and to honor the State by consecrating to its service the mellow autumn of a well spent life.

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#### W. J. SWAIN.

W. J. Swain was born in the year 1839, in Estile county, Kentucky; lived for a time in Mississippi; came to Texas in 1859 and was attending school at Clarksville when the civil war began. He enlisted in Whitfield's Cavalry Legion in 1862 and served until the close of hostilities, at which time he was Captain of his company, having risen, by gallantry, from the ranks. He began practicing law at Clarksville in 1872; for a time edited—with great ability—a newspaper; in 1874 was elected to the House of Representatives of the Fourteenth Legislature; was in 1878 elected to the Senate, in which body he served during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Legislatures; in 1882 he was nominated by the Democracy for Comptroller, and was elected at the polls, and in 1884 he was renominated at Houston and was subsequently re-

elected by over 240,000 votes—the largest majority ever cast in favor of any candidate for public office in Texas. His administration has been both popular and business-like. Colonel Swain is a man of fine mind, strong personal magnetism and could obtain any honor from the people that he might desire.

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### JOHN D. TEMPLETON.

John D. Templeton, who has entered upon his second term as Attorney General of the State, was born August 21, 1845, in Henderson county, Tennessee, moved to Texas with his parents in 1850, and settled in Rusk county. When but a lad he enlisted under the banners of the Confederacy and made a gallant soldier. After the war he studied law under Chief Justice (Governor) O. M. Roberts, was licensed to practice in 1871, located at Fort Worth and successfully practiced his profession. He was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Roberts in 1879, was offered re-appointment, but declined. In 1880 was a candidate for Attorney General, but after making a strong race was defeated by Hon. J. H. McCleary, at the Galveston convention in 1882, he was subsequently elected Attorney General. The people of Texas never had a more learned, active, conscientious and efficient officer. His opinions bear the impress of a strong, cultivated mind and have been endorsed by the ablest lawyers of the state. Mr. Templeton has a host of friends, is popular with all classes, and has a future, glowing with the promise of great achievements stretched out before him.

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### WILLIAM H. KING.

This distinguished gentleman was born in 1839, in Crawford county, Georgia, came to Texas in 1856, but remained only a short time, subsequently returned to this state in the spring of 1861, and located in Cass county. He enlisted at the first call of the Confederacy, and was elected Major of the 18th Texas Infantry, commanded by Colonel D. B. Culberson. He was a gallant and intrepid officer, was loved by the boys in gray, and rose rapidly in the service, attaining the rank of General of Brigade, and for most of the time was commander (although he did not receive his commission as such) of that famous body, Walker's Division. After the cessation of hostilities he studied and commenced the practice of law in Cass county, removed to Jefferson in 1873 and pursued the practice of his profession with great success.

He removed to Sulphur Springs, in 1774, of which town he was subsequently elected mayor. He was sent to the Legislature in 1878 and was considered one of the leaders of the House. Governor Roberts appointed him, in July, 1881, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Adjutant General Jones, and he was re-appointed by Governor Ireland in 1883; His management of military affairs could not be excelled. Through his efforts lawlessness has been greatly checked along the borders. General King has many warm personal friends and enjoys a state popularity.

#### JOSEPH W. BAINES.

Joseph W. Baines was born January 24, 1846, came to Texas when a boy, was educated at Independence, Washington county, served in the Confederate army until peace was declared, and then moved to Collin county where he taught school and studied law whenever his duties left him an hour at his disposal. In 1870 he began the practice of law at Plano, moved to McKinney, and up to the time of appointment as Secretary of State by Governor Ireland in 1883, edited, with great ability, the McKinney Advocate. He was re-appointed to the Secretaryship after the Governor's second inauguration. His administration of affairs has been most business like and efficient. He is a social and popular gentleman. His report to the Governor and legislature was the most thorough, comprehensive and creditable that has ever emanated from the office of the Secretary of State.

#### B. M. BAKER.

The following sketch of the distinguished Superintendent of Education appeared in the Houston Journal, January 11, 1885. It is well written and true to nature :

Benjamin Marbry Baker was born in Girard, Alabama, just across the river from Columbus, Georgia, January 20, 1851. After being educated in the common schools of his native state, Mr. Baker, at the early age of 18 years, came alone to Texas and settled at Carthage, Panola county, in 1869. He studied law under Hon. A. W. DeBerry, and on June 9, after a brilliant examination, was admitted to the bar. He practiced his profession successfully for several years, and in 1876 was elected to the Legislature to represent the counties of Panola, Rusk and Shelby, continuing his services in this capacity through the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Legislatures. Mr. Baker, when he declined a re-ele-



tion to the Eighteenth Legislature, had acquired a position of prominence in legislative halls, being generally acknowledged; notwithstanding his youth, a leader. He was a prominent candidate for Speaker of the Seventeenth Legislature, being defeated by the late Hon. Geo. R. Reeves, of Grayson county. He was Chairman of the Committee on Penitentiaries in the Sixteenth and of the Committee on Finance in the Seventeenth Legislatures. In 1882 he was a prominent candidate for Lieutenant Governor, but was defeated in the Galveston convention by Hon. Marion Martin. He removed from Carthage in September, 1882, to Decatur, Wise county, which place he still claims as his home. In January, 1883, he was elected, without applying, to the petition of Secretary of the Board of Education. During the two years in which he discharged the duties of his office, he studied the school system very closely, and it was due chiefly to his efforts that the present school law was framed and passed at the extra session of the Eighteenth Legislature. When the new school law went into effect, Governor Ireland appointed Mr. Baker Superintendent of Public Instruction, the position to which he has been so overwhelmingly elected by the people. Mr. Baker is a young man of very great promise, and, for one of his years, has already achieved unusual prominence. Almost a boy in years, he is a man in judgment and deliberation. In politics he was nearly always successful, from the fact that his warm-hearted, generous disposition drew around him friends and rendered him popular with the masses. In his official capacity, he has been successful and satisfactory, and Texas never had a truer or more faithful servant.

#### JAMES H. BRITTON.

James H. Britton who was State Engineer and who in his last annual report recommended the abolishment of his office, was born in Lebanon, Tennessee. He graduated in the academic department of the Cumberland University, and as a civil engineer in 1853. He came to Texas before the war, during which he served in the Confederate army. He is a practical railroad man, was for a time a conductor on the Houston and Texas Central, is a member of the firm of Britton & Long, builders and contractors, and was appointed State Engineer in 1883. Col. Britton is a man of popular manners and has many friends and admirers. He is thoroughly conscientious, as is shown by his demonstrating that his office was useless and should be abolished.

### JOHN B. LUBBOCK.

John B. Lubbock, who was Fish Commissioner, was born in Savannah, Georgia, March 29, 1829; was educated and grew to manhood in Charleston, South Carolina; came to Texas before its annexation to the United States, served with distinction in the Trans-Mississippi Department of the Confederate army, and since the war engaged in mercantile pursuits up to the time of his appointment as Fish Commissioner in 1883. Mr. Lubbock faithfully performed the duties of his office, and at all times labored for the best interest of the state.

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### DR. A. N. DENTON.

Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, Dr. A. N. Denton, was born March 12, 1836, in the Indian Territory; came to Texas in 1838, with his parents who settled in Clarksville, Texas, and lived in North Texas until the breaking out of the civil war, throughout which he served with gallantry in the nineteenth Texas Cavalry. He graduated at Galveston Medical College and commenced the practice of his profession at Sutherland Springs, Wilson county. In 1879 he visited Europe, took a course of practical study in the University of Edinburgh, visited the great schools and hospitals of London, and returned to Texas in 1880. He was a member of the House of Representatives during the session of the Thirteenth Legislature and acquired an extensive reputation for ability. January 1, 1883, Governor Ireland appointed Dr. Denton Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, located at Austin, and was confirmed by the Senate. This institution, as shown by the report submitted to the Governor and Nineteenth Legislature, was never better conducted than under the management of Dr. Denton. He is a sterling Democrat, a member of the M. E. church, South, and K. of H. lodge, is a skillful physician and surgeon, and is a dignified, polished, scholarly and courteous gentleman.

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### DR. FRANK RAINEY.

Dr. Frank Rainey, Superintendent of the Institute for the Blind, was born in Alabama in the year 1840, graduated with honor at Franklin Institute, and studied medicine in the medical department of the University of Louisiana, and in 1860 carried off his sheep-skin by passing a creditable examination. In June 1861 he commenced the practice of his profession in Houston county, Texas, with Dr. F. L. Merri-

wether. When war was declared between the states, Dr. Rainey enlisted as a private in Tucker's company, Randall's regiment, C. S. A. and was left, for a time at Shreveport, Louisiana, in charge of the sick. He rejoined his command in Arkansas, but was sent home owing to illness. Recovering health, at the expiration of three months, he joined the Fifth Texas cavalry, Sibleys brigade, was assigned to the medical staff, and was subsequently commissioned assistant surgeon of his regiment. He was present at and took part in all the engagements in which Green's brigade participated in Louisiana and Arkansas. He stood a splendid examination before the Confederate Army's Medical Board and was highly complimented, and it was said, in the written history of Green's old brigade, that he passed one of the best examinations made in the Trans-Mississippi department. After the war he resumed practice in Houston county, and was elected to represent that district in the Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Legislatures. He was chairman of the committee on Education during the second session of the latter legislature; resigned his seat to retire from active politics, and was immediately appointed, by Governor Coke, in May 1874, Superintendent of the State Institute for the Blind, which position he occupies at the present time. When he took charge there were only thirty-one pupils, while there are now 104 in attendance. During the past ten years seventy-five persons, supposed to be incurable, have been restored to sight, and upwards of one hundred who could not see have been blessed with partial sight, educated and learned to earn an honest livelihood. Dr. Rainey is essentially a philanthropist, and to occupy his time in endeavoring to bless the unfortunate blind with sight, to mold the minds of the young, and inculcate principles of honor and virtue is a daily pleasure that never palls. As a soldier he was true and faithful to the flag that floated above him; as a surgeon, kind and tender as a woman; as a legislator, bold and fearless in his defense of the rights of the people and honest democratic government; as Superintendent of the Institute for the Blind, he has won the love of all the children under his charge, has greatly increased the usefulness of the institution, and is the man of all others best fitted to conduct it; and as a true, chivalrous and courteous southern gentleman he is par excellence.

#### RINALDO HOTCHKISS

Rinaldo Hotchkiss, Assistant Door-Keeper of the House, is an old Texas veteran and made a most efficient officer.

# SENATE.

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## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BARNETT GIBBS.

Barnett Gibbs, one of the most successful public men of the present day, was born in Yazoo City, May 19, 1851. He graduated with distinction at the University of Virginia and subsequently in the law department of the Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee. He determined to "go west and build up with the country," and in 1873, settled in Dallas, Texas, and commenced the practice of his profession. His splendid talents, studious habits, fine oratorical powers, and strong and luminous mind soon raised him to an enviable position at the bar. In 1875 he was elected city attorney of Dallas, filled that position for three terms and so well did he perform his duties, that in 1882, the people of the senatorial district, in which Dallas county is situated, nominated him at Terrell, and he led the ticket over 2,000 votes and defeated his opponent by 8,000 majority. While a member of the Senate he made a brilliant record. He took a bold and decided stand on every question of importance, was a ready debater, quick at repartee, and by exercising his ability helped to properly mould legislation and gained a wide spread reputation for intellectual strength and popularity that extended from one end of the State to the other. The leading papers of the State, after the adjournment of the Eighteenth Legislature, began to speak of him in connection with the Lieutenant Governorship. Mr. Gibbs was, at first, averse to allowing himself to be mentioned as a candidate, but, his spirit was roused by unjust attacks from free grass papers and his personal friends persuaded him to enter the race. When the State nominating convention met at Houston in 1884, he was nominated unanimously amid the greatest enthusiasm, and was elected at the polls by 132,000 majority over all opponents. Mr. Gibbs is a thorough parliamentarian and as President of the Senate, was considered one of the best officers who ever presided over the deliberation of that body. His rulings were prompt and just, and his many so-

cial qualities and great personal magnetism won for him the warm personal friendship of every Senator upon the floor. The family from which Lieutenant Governor Gibbs is descended, is one of those distinguished in the South, and under the old regime filled many positions of honor and trust. His grandfather was Gen. G. W. Gibbs of Tennessee, and his father Judge E. D. Gibbs, was one of the most distinguished advocates who ever graced the bar of Mississippi. Mr. Gibbs is a member of M. E. church, South, and of K. of P., I. O. O. F., K. of H., and L. of H. lodges. Our President Cleveland is frequently spoken of as "a man of destiny." If not having sought office and having risen to high office on merit alone has thus caused him to be designated, Barnett Gibbs may, with justice, be like wise termed "a man of destiny." Only thirty-two years of age and yet has been a State Senator and is now Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and recognized as one of the ablest men of the Empire State. What more exalted honors could be won by a man of his years. The people of Texas appreciate his splendid talents, purity of purpose and devotion to principle and it remains to be seen—in the future—how they reward such merit. It is safe to predict that there is no laurels with which they will not fail to take pleasure in crowning the brows of this—standard bearer of the Young Democracy. Lieutenant Governor Gibbs will be the next Governor of Texas. His great strength lies in the masses of the people, whose love, confidence, and esteem, he has won and whose interests he has ever fostered and guarded. As Governor of Texas, he would do honor to the Democracy and the State.

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#### C. K. BELL.

C. K. Bell was born in the city of Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1853, came to Texas in 1871; lived in Belton until 1874, and then moved to Hamilton, where he at present resides. Mr. Bell was licensed to practice law in 1874; his talent and studious habits soon won for him recognition as one of the first lawyers at the bar, and he was elected District Attorney of the 30th judicial district. In that position he found a fair field for the exercise of his abilities and made a bold, active, efficient and popular officer. In 1884 he was elected from the 23d district - Bell, Coryell, Lampassas and Hamilton counties—as State Senator. He was Chairman of the committees on General Land Office and Engrossed Bills, and was a member of all of the important committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature. He is a Democrat and a member

of A. F. and A. M. Lodge. Mr. Bell is one of the most graceful and eloquent speakers in the Senate, a man correct in his views, earnest and untiring in his support of what he considers proper measures of state policy, and is one of the brainiest of the rising young statesmen of the day. A long, useful and honorable career lies before him, and he has that within him that prophesies its achievement.

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#### J. H. CALHOUN.

J. H. Calhoun was born in Throup county, Georgia, January 17, 1849. He is a graduate of Homer College, Homer, Louisiana; came to Texas August 3, 1871, lived at Waco two years, where he was admitted to the bar August 8, 1873, and since that time has resided in Eastland, his present home. He is a member of the M. E. South Church, and of A. F. and A. M., I. O. O. F. Lodges. After he was admitted to the bar, for a while, engaged in the land business in Eastland county, and then commenced the active practice of his profession, which he has since pursued with success. He was County Judge of Eastland county from 1876 to 1877, and District Attorney of the 12th judicial district during 1881-2-3 and 1884. Mr. Calhoun was then elected State Senator from the 29th district composed of Stephens, Schackelford, Jones, Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Grimes, Martin, Andrews, Eastland, Callahan, Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell, Howard, Comanche, Brown, Coleman, Runnels, San Saba, McCulloch and Concho counties, to the Nineteenth Legislature, during the session of which he was Chairman of the committee to investigate the Treasurer's and Comptroller's offices, and a member of the committees on Education, Private Land Claims, Public Lands and Land Office, Engrossed Bills, Public Printing, Frontier Defence, Stock and Stock Raising and Judiciary No. 2. He was one of the most polished and powerful orators in the Senate, and exercised great influence. He is a man firm in his convictions and was bold in his defence and advocacy of all measures that were in the interest of the masses.

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#### J. L. CAMP, JR.

J. L. Camp, Jr., was born September 23, 1855, at Gilmer, Upshur county, Texas, where he grew to manhood and still resides. He was educated at Tehuacana Hills and attended the Military Institute at Austin. About six years since he was admitted to the bar of his native town and soon acquired prominence as a lawyer of great ability. He was nominated at Tyler in

1884 to represent the Sixth district composed of Upshur, Smith, Wood, Gregg and Rains counties in the Nineteenth Legislature, and was elected without opposition. During the session of that body he was Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and was on Judiciary No. 1, State Affairs and other important committees. Mr. Camp is one of the youngest, most talented and brilliant members of the Senate. His record will bear the most critical inspection—his constituents may well heartily endorse his course as their representative, his colleagues highly esteem him, and he is a democrat and gentleman above reproach.

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W. O. DAVIS.

W. O. Davis was born in Heard county, Georgia, February 26th, 1848, came to Texas during the spring of 1870, and settled at Gainsville in Cooke county, where he still resides. He was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. M. Martin, in 1882, and was returned at the November election held the same year, as Senator from the eighteenth district—Grayson and Cooke counties—and during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was chairman of Judiciary No. 2, and a member of Judiciary No. 1, Finance, Penitentiaries and other important committees. He ranked among the first men on the floor of the Senate.

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W. L. DOUGLASS.

W. L. Douglass, of Beaumont, Jefferson county, was born in the year 1853, in Mississippi, moved to Texas after the close of the war, is a successful lawyer, was a member of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Legislatures and was elected to the Senate in 1884 from the first district, composed of the counties of Tyler, Polk, San Jacinto, Liberty, Chambers, Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Jasper and Newton. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of committee of Military Affairs, and a member of the following Senate committees: Judiciary No. 1, Internal Improvements, Public Health, Treasurers and Comptrollers offices, Privileges and Elections and Enrolled Bills. Mr. Douglass is conservative in his views, is a clear and logical reasoner and was bold and outspoken in defense of all measures that he conceived would benefit the people.

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WM. A. EVANS.

Wm. A. Evans, of Bonham, representative of the 31st

Senatorial district, was born in Wilson county, Tennessee, March 30, 1830; he was educated at Clinton College, Tennessee. In the year 1848 he moved to Greenville, Kentucky, where he studied law in the office of B. E. Pitman; came to Texas and settled at Bonham in 1857; was Presiding Justice of Fannin county from May, 1873, to April 1876; and County Judge from the latter date to 1878. Never, during the entire term of his office, did he have one of his judgments reversed. Was nominated by a democratic convention of his district; and at the election held November 7th, was elected by a majority of 6811 votes, over his opponent. He was chairman of the committee on Public Printing and Public Debt, and a member of the following important committees: County and County Boundaries, Roads and Bridges, Public Lands, Penitentiaries, Finance, Education and Judiciary No. 2.

#### J. P. FOWLER.

John Preston Fowler was born in Laurens District, South Carolina, March 1, 1852, during the year 1854 his parents moved to Texas and settled in Travis county, where he remained until 1868. He attended Spencer's Commercial College, and after receiving a thorough business education, entered the Law Department of Columbia College, Washington, D. C., where he graduated with high honors as a bachelor of law in 1871. During the same year he commenced the practice of his profession in Bastrop, and rose rapidly at the bar, until he had built up a lucrative practice and stood pre-eminent in the ranks of his profession. He was chosen Mayor of Bastrop in 1864, County Attorney in 1880 and was elected, by a majority of over 2000 votes, Senator from the Thirteenth district—Bastrop, Fayette and Lee counties—in 1882. During the session of the Nineteen Legislature he was chairman of the committees on Judicial Districts and Enrolled Bills and a number of other important committees. Mr. Fowler was the peer of any man in the Senate. At no time did he evidence a desire for notoriety, but in the committee rooms and on the floor his bold, dignified, and statesman like speeches exercised a most powerful influence in properly directing legislation. He is never hasty in his judgments, but calmly and thoroughly examines into the merits of every question before he ventures an opinion, and is well informed before he casts his vote. This wise and conservative habit of action rendered him a safe leader and won for him a strong and respectable following. He is a



man finely educated, of wide observation, much knowledge of the world, well acquainted with the needs of the masses, thorough and philosophical in his logical analysis, conscientious and outspoken, and an impressive speaker. In Mr. Fowler, the thirteenth district has an able Senator, and the people of Texas a sturdy champion of their just rights and liberties. Mr. Fowler is a Democrat, and has never supported any other than his party ticket, except when his personal friend and fellow townsman, Hon. G. W. Jones, was candidate for Governor. He has no faith in political conventions and ran for the Senate on his merits. The voters of his district evidently considered those merits as of the most exalted character, as they have elected him to every position, that he has asked, by overwhelming majorities. He has made a shining record, and one that reflects honor upon his great qualities of heart and head, and shows him well worthy of even more distinguished honors than he at present enjoys.

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#### L. J. FARRAR.

Lochlin J. Farrar of Groesbeck, Limestone county, was born in Dekalb county, Georgia, came to Texas 1858 and settled in Limestone county, his present home. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the Fourteenth Legislature and was elected in 1782 (as a Democrat) to the Senate, from the fifteenth district—Limestone, Freestone and Navarro counties. His term expires in 1886. He was chairman of the committee on State Asylums and a member of the following important committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Judiciary, No. 1, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Internal Improvements, Penitentiaries, Roads and Bridges, Judicial Districts, Insurance and History, Counties and County Boundaries and Frontier Protection. He is a good speaker and made a wise and conservative Senator.

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#### C. J. GARRISON.

C. J. Garrison was born in Carroll county, Georgia, May 31, 1828, came to Texas in the early part of 1851, lived at Caledonia, Rusk county, two years, and moved from thence to Henderson, Rusk county, in, and near which, he has since lived. During the war he served under the Confederate flag in company K., fourteenth Texas Infantry, Ector's brigade, army of Tennessee. In 1854 was Assistant Secretary of the Senate. In 1855 was admitted to the bar and commenced the successful practice of law, the same year was engrossing

clerk of the Senate, in 1856 was elected clerk of Rusk county, and then married and commenced farming. He was a member of the House of Representatives, in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Eighteenth Legislature and was elected to the Senate in 1884 from the second district—San Augustine, Rusk, Panola, Shelby, Sabine and Nacogdoches counties. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, he was chairman of the committee on Insurance, Statistics and History, and was a member of the following committees: State Affairs, Privileges and Elections, General Land Office and Agricultural Affairs. He is a member of the M. E. church, South, and A. F. and A. M. lodges, is a Democrat and a man of great ability.

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W. H. GETZENDANER.

This able conservative and widely known Senator, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in the year 1834, came to Texas in 1858, lived in Huntsville six months, and then removed to Waxahatchie, his present home. During the war between the States, he served the Confederacy as lieutenant of company E, Parsons cavalry regiment and made an efficient and intrepid officer. Since 1859 he has practiced law with great success. He is a lawyer, banker, farmer and stock raiser. He has occupied many positions of honor and responsibility, among others was mayor of Waxahatchie, and was elected Senator in 1882, from the twenty-first district—Ellis, Johnson and Hill counties—and drew the four years term. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of Claims and Accounts, and a member of all of the most important committees. Mr. Getzendaner is a graduate of Dickenson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, is a man well informed on all business and political questions, is a sound reasoner, a good speaker, and an able and distinguished Senator.

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GEORGE W. GLASSCOCK.

G. W. Glasscock the talented Senator from the twenty-fourth district—Travis, Williamson and Burnet counties—was born in Travis county, Texas, in the month of January, 1846. During the civil war he served in Duff's regiment, thirty-third cavalry. He lived in Travis county until seven years since, when he moved to Georgetown, where he continued the practice of law with great success. He has occupied many important positions; among others, was county attorney 1879 to 1880, and from that time until his election to the Senate, was

county judge of Williamson county. Mr. G. is a Democrat and a member of the Baptist church. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, he was chairman of the committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, and was a member of the following committees: Judiciary No. 1, Education, Printing, Asylums and Military Affairs.

### RICHARD H. HARRISON.

R. H. Harrison, one of the youngest, most talented, and brilliant members of the Senate, was born in Monroe county, Mississippi, September 8, 1857. The year following his parents came to Texas and located at Waco. He is a son of Gen. James E. Harrison, deceased, a gallant Confederate brigadier. At the age of sixteen Mr. H. was left fatherless and upon his own resources. For a short time he was a deputy sheriff of McLennan county, and from 1877 to 1878, served in the Texas frontier batallion. By hard work and economy he saved enough money to educate himself and graduated with honor in the law department of Cumberland University. In 1881 he commenced the practice of his profession in Waco, and by application and native brains, he soon won a reputation for legal ability, oratory, and talent second to that of no young lawyer at the bar of central Texas. August 9, 1884, he was nominated by the Democratic convention at Marlin, as Senator from the twenty-second district—McLennan and Falls counties—and was subsequently elected by 2500 majority over his opponent W. R. Reagan, a brother of John H. Reagan, M. C. Mr. H. is a member of the Baptist church and K. of P. lodge. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries and a member of Judiciary No. 1, Education and other important committees. He is the author of the bill to prohibit corporations from holding and acquiring lands for speculative purposes, and although the bill received an unfavorable report from the committee to whom it was referred, yet Mr. Harrison filed at the same time, a minority report which will be found in Senate Journal number twenty-one of the Nineteenth Legislature, which is well worthy of a careful perusal by the thoughtful statesman. He is also the author of the bill which seeks to restore to the public schools and debt funds, the lands situated in Greer county, which he and other advocates of the bill claim, have been illegally patented to land grabbers. If this bill becomes a law, it will restore to the above funds, lands worth over \$2,000,000. The

introduction of these important measures attracted attention and built up for Mr. Harrison a reputation as an able and thoughtful statesman. In this, the morning of his public career, the future stretches out before him smiling with the promise of fame, or at least, honorable distinction. The people of his district had a splendid senatorial representative, and the legislature of Texas has secured, in him, one of the brightest minds of the young Democracy. He is an able debater and splendid speaker. A future of bright possibilities lies before him. He is only twenty-seven years of age, and has the determination, moral habits and high resolves, that will most assuredly cause him to eventually realize the fondest expectations of his friends and admirers.

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#### A. W. HOUSTON.

A. W. Houston, of San Antonio, was born August 3, 1850, in Lauderdale county, Alabama, came to Texas with his parents, who settled in San Antonio, in 1854, graduated at Washington College, Virginia and carried off the honors of the law department of Cumberland University. He was licensed to practice his profession July 19, 1871, was elected to the Senate in 1878, and was re elected from the twenty-eighth district—Bexar, Medina, Bandera, Kerr, Edwards, Gillespie, Mason, Kimble, Menard, Crockett, Tom Green, Presidio, El Paso and Pecos counties—in 1882. He was elected President Pro-tem of the Senate during the Eighteenth Legislature. He was chairman of Judiciary No. 1., and a member of the following committees during the Nineteenth Legislature: Constitutional Amendments, Education, Internal Improvements, Public Health, Rules, Commerce and Manufactures.

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#### MEMPLE HOUSTON.

Temple Houston, represented the 19th Senatorial district, composed of twelve organized and forty-four unorganized counties, in the Nineteenth Legislature. According to this gentleman's own assertion his life contained no fit material for a biography.

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#### E. F. HALL.

E. F. Hall was born in the city of New York, thirty-seven years since, came to Texas in 1863 and settled at Laredo, where he has practised law with great success since 1867. Judge Hall is a true and tried Democrat, and a member of the holy Catholic church and I. O. O. F., and K. of H. lodges.

He is a man who believes in the teachings of his religion and is noted throughout his section of the State for his liberality and kindness to the poor, none of whom ever left his door "au hungered or a thrist." He was chosen at the last general election, as Senator from the twenty seventh district—composed of fifteen counties—and during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was considered one of the brainiest, most active, efficient and well informed gentlemen on the floor of the Senate. He was chairman of the committee on Rules and Regulations and a member of the following important committees: Judiciary No. 2, Finance; State Affairs, General Land Office, Frontier Protection, Public Health and Private Land Claims. Judge Hall was educated at Columbia College, New York, is a man of extensive and varied knowledge, knows how to handle his forces with consummate skill, and in speaking, his well rounded sentences march with the stately and steady tread of a Roman legion. He was, undoubtedly one of the strongest (intellectually speaking) men in the Senate, and scored a splendid record.

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J. W. JONES.

James Warren Jones of Houston, Harris county, is a native of Tennessee, having been born in that State in the year 1844. He was elected from the ninth district—Trinity, Walker, Harris and Montgomery counties—to the State Senate. He made a splended record during the session of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures. His term expires in 1886. He was chairman of the committee on Penitentiaries and a member of the following committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Judiciary No. 2, Education, Internal Improvements, Finance, Treasurers and Comptrollers Offices, Rules, Commerce and Manufactures.

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JOHN JOHNSON.

This Senator, whose name is known throughout the length and breadth of Texas, was born in Ash county, North Carolina, February 23d, 1820, went to Missouri in 1833, and from thence to Collin county Texas, where he has since lived—in 1861. He is a man of great legislative experience having been a member of the Missouri legislature in 1856, of the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1875, and was elected to the State Senate, in 1882, from the seventeenth district—Collin and Denton counties—by a large majority. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, he was chairman of the commit-

tee on Agriculture and a member of all the important committees. He is in favor of a just and equitable government, fairly administered in the interests of all the people. He is opposed to monopolies of every species and is in favor of rigid economy in the management of public affairs. "Rutabaga" (a soubriquet) Johnson has become famous as the champion of retrenchment and reform. He is a man of strong mind, a good speaker, is honest, earnest and conscientious and is highly respected by all of his colleagues--even those who do not subscribe to his views of State policy. Mr. Johnson's home is McKKinney, Collin county, and his fellow citizens and constituents admire and respect him. He is a Jacksonian Democrat, he is a hard shell Baptist, non-affiliating mason, and a member of the Grange. He is advanced in years, but is a doughty and staunch old warrior whose blows fall right and left in the interest of the people with telling effect.

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#### W. M. JERDONE.

W. M. Jerdone was born in Charles City, Va., Nov. 8, 1849. When the "dogs of war" were loosed and the Confederacy appealed to the chivalry of Virginia to rally around its flag, young Jerdone enlisted in company 4, 24th regiment Army of Northern Virginia, and in the great battles around Richmond bore himself in a manner worthy of his state and cause. He is a graduate of the Military Institute of Virginia, is a man of fine mind, is highly cultivated, and a gentleman of spotless integrity. September 3d, 1871, he came to Texas, lived in Austin something over a year, spent about nine months on the frontier, and then moved to Galveston, his present home. In 1874 he was admitted to the bar and was soon thereafter elected city attorney, and has since won for himself an enviable position in the legal fraternity. At the November election of 1884 he was elected senator from the tenth district—Galveston, Matagorda and Brazoria counties—and during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature was chairman of Public Health and a member of the following committees: Public Lands, Federal Relations, Commerce and Manufactures, Public Buildings and Grounds.

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#### H. KNITTEL.

H. Knittel was born in the year 1835 in Silesia, Prussia, came to Texas in 1852, and settled in Washington county, where he has since resided in the town of Burton. During

the war between the States he was a second lieutenant in Waul's Texas legion, and was one of the most intrepid officers whose words waved under the folds of the Confederate flag. He is a member of the Lutheran church and A. F. and A. M. lodge. Mr. K. was elected Senator from the twelfth district—Washington, Burleson, Waller, Fort Bend and Austin counties. During the Nineteenth Legislature, he was chairman of the committee on Retrenchment and Reform and a member of Public Health and Claims and Accounts committees. He is a Democrat, who has stood firmly for the great principles of his party, and was an intelligent, active and efficient Senator.

### C. B. KILGORE.

C. B. Kilgore was born February 20, 1835 in the state of Georgia, came to Rusk county in 1846, lived in Rusk until 1874, in Gregg county three years, and since that time in Wills Point, Van Zandt county, his present home. During the civil war he was Adjutant General in Ector's famous brigade. He is a Democrat, who did much to free Texas from radical rule, and is a member of the O. S. Presbyterian church, and A. F. and A. M. K. of U., and Knights of Montezuma Lodge. In September, 1884 he was nominated by the Democratic convention assembled at Palestine, to represent the Seventh district—Van Zandt, Anderson, Henderson and Cherokee counties—in the State Senate, and was elected at the polls by a majority of 8300 voter. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of the committee on Constitutional Amendments, and a member of State Affairs, Public Lands and Land Office, Judiciary and other important committees. Senator Kilgore has filled many positions of honor and trust. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and was a Democratic Elector in 1880. No Senator enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his colleagues more than C. B. Kilgore, whose brilliant mind and sound statesmanship made him one of the most powerful senators of the Nineteenth Legislature.

### RUDOLPH KLEBERG.

Rudolph Kleberg was born July 15, 1847 in Austin county, Texas, moved to De Witt county (Cuero), his present home, in 1848, and when war was declared between the states enlisted in Greene's Brigade Texas Cavalry, and took part in all the battles in which that corps participated in Louisiana

and Arkansas. He is a man finely educated; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875, since which time he has practiced law with great success. He was editor of the Cuero Star, the first paper ever published in De Witt county, in 1873. About this time the Taylor-Sutton feud, growing out of the Davis police troubles, was raging, the civil authorities were defied and men were daily murdered in the streets of Cuero. Mr. Kleberg's articles were bold and fearless, and did much to restore peace. For a time he "carried his life in his hand" but did not falter and won a wide-spread reputation for courage and ability. He was County Attorney of De Witt county in 1876 and was re-elected in 1878. Mr. Kleberg was nominated, by Democratic convention, as Senator from the Twenty-sixth district—Wilson Karnes, Atascosa, Live Oak, McMullen, Bee, Refugio, San Patricio, Goliad, Calhoun, De Witt, Jackson, Aransas and Victoria counties, and was elected without opposition, November 7, 1882. Term expires November, 1886. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was Chairman of Stock and Stockraising, second named on Judiciary Committee No. 1, and was a member of the joint committee to investigate the Penitentiaries, and all others of importance. He is a man of splendid talents, is an able thinker, and was considered one the leaders of the Senate. He is a law partner of Hon. W. H. Crain, M. C., and has a lucrative practice. Mr. Kleberg's father, Judge Robert Kleberg, a San Jacinto veteran, is living and is now, although in his eighty-second year, a hale and hearty old gentleman.

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#### JOHN ATLAS PEACOCK.

John Atlas Peacock of Daingerfield, Morris county, was born, November 23d, 1845, in Titus county, Texas; was alderman of Daingerfield in 1870, and was justice of the peace, assessor of taxes and county commissioner under the Constitution of 1869. He was elected county attorney in 1876 and was re-elected in 1878 and resigned in 1879, having been chosen in 1880 as representative of the eleventh district in the Seventeenth Legislature, over four opponents. He was elected Senator from the fourth district—Cass, Marion, Bowie, Morris and Titus counties—by a vote of 4578, against 3178 for James H. Culberson, independent. Term expires November, 1886. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, Senator Peacock was chairman of the committee on Public Lands and a member of the follow-



ing committees: Judiciary No. 1, Constitutional Amendments, Penitentiaries, Public Debt, Rules, State Asylums, Public Buildings and Grounds. He is a fluent orator, a fine debater, and has scored a record that both himself and constituents may well feel proud of.

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J. S. PERRY.

This distinguished gentleman, who so ably represented the Fourteenth district—Robertson, Milam and Brazos counties in the Senate of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, was born in Scott county, Kentucky, in the year 1835. His father moved to Lafayette county, Missouri, in 1842, and from thence to Travis county, Texas, in 1853, then moved to Washington county and settled at Independence in 1858. He attended Baylor University from 1858 until 1861, at which time he joined Company F, Tenth Texas Infantry, known at the time as Nelson's regiment, and served the Confederacy until the close of hostilities, as Orderly Sergeant. He was elected Lieutenant of the company at Camp Nelson near the town of Austin in Arkansas, in the summer of 1862, was captured at Arkansas Post in January, 1863, and imprisoned at Camp Chace and Fort Delaware, and was exchanged at City Point, below Richmond, Virginia, in the spring of 1863, and was released on the day on which the battle of Chancellorsville was fought. His command, (R. Q. Mills Colonel of the regiment) was placed in the Army of Tennessee, then stationed at Tulehoma. General Dishler commanded the brigade until the battle of Chicamagua, where he was killed. The corps was afterwards known as Granbury's brigade. He was in the battle of Chicamagua, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Ringold, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Golgotha Church, and in fact in all the battles between Chatanooga and Atlanta. He was the last man to leave the field after Hood's second day's fight at Atlanta, was then detailed as passport officer between Meridian, Mississippi, and Mobile, Alabama, which place he occupied until the close of the war. He was elected county judge of Brazos county in 1866, was removed by Governor Pease, as an impediment to reconstruction in 1867, commenced practice of the law at Bryan in 1867, continued the practice with J. N. Henderson, (firm name Perry & Henderson) until 1872, when he moved to Milam county. Judge Perry was elected County Judge of Milam county in 1876, and to the Senate in 1883, as Democratic nominee, by a plurality of over 1200 votes. He is now living at Rockdale, and is en-

gaged in the businesses of farming, stockraising and banking. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was Chairman of the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and was a member of Internal Improvement, Finance, Claims and Accounts and other important committees.

### GEORGE PFEUFFER.

Geo. Pfeuffer "the sage of Comal" was born October 17th, 1830, in Bavaria, came to Texas in 1845, has lived at New Braunfels, Comal county, for a number of years, was elected by the Legislature in 1879, a director of the A. and M. College and Prairie View Normal School, and was elected to the Senate from the twenty-fifth district—Blanco, Hays, Kendall, Comal, Caldwell, Gaudalupe and Llano counties—November 7th, 1882, and was re-elected to the same position by an increased majority in 1884. By occupation he is a merchant and has filled among other important positions, the county judgeship of Comal county for several terms. He was chairman of the committee on Education and a member of the following committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature: Constitutional Amendments, Public Debt, Retrenchment and Reform, Public Buildings and Grounds. Senator Pfeuffer is a man of powerful intellect, left the impress of his good sense and conservative views on most of the important legislation, and is too well known in Texas to render a review of his public career necessary.

### W. H. POPE.

This distinguished and popular Senator was born thirty eight years since, in Wilkes county, Georgia, and when twelve years of age came to Texas with his parents, who located at Marshall, Texas, where he grew to manhood. During the war between the States he served in Dave Terry's scouts, and Wharton's cavalry. In early youth Mr. Pope gave promise of a useful and brilliant career. He is a man of genius and solid thought. In 1868 he was admitted to the practice of law and soon won for himself an enviable position at the able bar of Marshall. He was county and district attorney from 1870 to 1879, when he was elected to the State Senate from the third district. He was elected to his first and present (second) term without opposition. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was chairman of Federal Relations and member of the commit-

tees on Commerce and Manufactures, Finance, Judiciary, Public Health and Constitutional Amendments. He did much to free Harrison county from the yoke of Radical rule, is on every important case tried in the district court at Marshall, and no man enjoys to a greater extent, the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He is one of the leaders of the Senate, a splendid orator and a man of strong mind and exalted purpose.

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### M. Y. RANDOLPH.

M. Y. Randolph was born June 16, 1848, in Jefferson county, Alabama, came to Texas in 1850, lived at Huntsville, until 1870, and then moved to Madisonville, his present home. In 1871 he was county attorney of Madison county. He has represented the eighth district—Grimes, Leon, Madison and Angelina counties—two terms in the State Senate. At the last election he was chosen to fill his present distinguished position by over 6000 majority. He is a good Democrat and a member of the M. E. church, South, and I. O. O. F. lodge. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, he was chairman of the committee on State Affairs and a member of all the important committees. Mr. R., is a powerful reasoner, an earnest and eloquent speaker and a man of sterling integrity.

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### SAM. D. STINSON.

Sam. D. Stinson, one of the young and talented State Senators, was born in Hunt county, Texas, April 11, 1852, lived at Gilmer thirteen years, and since that time has resided in Greenville, Hunt county. He graduated with honor in the law department of Trinity University, was licensed to practice in the courts in 1878, and has since been actively and successfully engaged in the pursuit of his profession. He was County Attorney of Hunt from 1880 until nominated at Sulphur Springs, September, 1884, as Senator from the Fifth district—Hunt, Hopkins, Delton, Camp and Franklin counties. He received over 10,000 votes, and was elected without opposition. During the session of the Nineteenth Legislature he was Chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, and was a member of all the other committees of importance. He is a member of I. O. O. F. lodge. Mr. Stinson is a Democrat, whose metal gives forth the proper ring, and may safely be counted as one of the "coming men."

### W. R. SHANNON.

This distinguished member of the House in the Seventh, Eighth and Tenth, and member of the Senate in the Eleventh, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, was born January 15, 1828, in Lexington, Kentucky. He came to Texas in 1853 where he remained until 1867, in Johnson county, when he removed to his present home Weatherford, Parker county. During the civil war he served with distinction in the Confederate army. Senator Shannon's Democracy, and devotion to principle are too well known to need comment. He is a graduate of Belmont Institute, a man thoroughly conversant with the great questions of the day, and a farseeing and conservative statesman. For the past thirty-six years, he has been actively engaged in the practice of law, and is considered one of the ablest members of that learned profession. He represented the thirtieth district—Jack, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties—in the Nineteenth on the floor of the Senate, of which he was unanimously elected president pro tempore. Senator S. was chairman of Internal Improvements and a member of most of the other important committees.

### J. O. TERRELL.

This distinguished Senator, who may be said to be the giant of the young Democracy of Texas, was born in Kaufman county, April 6, 1856. He was educated at Trinity University, in Limestone county, but owing to limited financial assets was unable to finish his studies. On his twenty-first birthday he commenced the practice of law in Kaufman, but, a few years later, removed to Terrell, his present home. His ability was early recognized, and he has built up one the most extensive and lucrative practices possessed by any member of the legal fraternity of the State. He was nominated at Dallas, August 1st, 1884, to represent the Sixteenth district—Dallas, Kaufman and Rockwall counties—in the Senate, and received, at the polls, a majority of 12,157 votes. He is a member of the M. E. South Church, and K. of P., K. of H., and I. of H. lodges. He was Chairman of the committee on Commerce and Manufactures, and a member of Judiciary No. 1., Public Lands, Penitentiaries, Constitutional Amendment and other important committees during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature. Senator Terrell is a self-made man. By hard work, close study and fixedness of purpose, combined with genius, he has at the age

of twenty-eight attained a position and reputation which few men of more advanced age ever gain. The country is familiar with the subject matter of many of the Senator's speeches, as they have been printed in the daily newspapers of the State, and is well acquainted with their nervous, rich, ideastical, and idiomatic sentences; but, can not properly judge what effect these orations had when delivered in the Senate. Senator Terrell's delivery is earnest, easy, and forcible. His colleagues admire him as a gentleman, believe him to be thoroughly conscientious, and always listen with the greatest attention when he is discussing any question of public policy. He has, as yet but entered the vestibule of life and the pillared halls of fame lie before him. May he carve his name high on their sculptured walls.

#### JOHN H. TRAYLOR.

Senator Traylor was born in Henry County, Virginia, forty-five years ago. He was raised and educated in Troup county, Georgia. He has followed the occupations of merchandising, farming, stock raising and dealing in real estate. He is now engaged principally in farming and raising blooded stock on his farm near Granbury, Texas. He served during the war under Stonewall Jackson in the "army of Northern Virginia," and came to Jefferson, Texas, in 1867, and was engaged in merchandising till he removed to Hood county in 1871. He was sheriff and tax collector from 1876 to 1880, when he was elected to the Legislature and served in the regular and extra session of 1881 and 1882. Was elected in 1882 to the Senate from the thirtieth senatorial district, composed of the counties of Hood, Somerville, Bosque, Erath and Palo Pinto. He was a member of important committees in both sessions of the Eighteenth Legislature. In the Nineteenth Legislature Senator Traylor was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and was a member of the following other committees, Public Lands, Public Debt, Penitentiaries, Internal Improvements, Constitutional Amendments, Frontier Protection and Enrolled Bills. He is a Democrat and is regarded by his colleagues as a man of fine intellect; always conservative and is considered without a superior in either House upon the subject of State Finances, or upon practical business legislation.

## JOHN WOODS.

John Woods is a native of Alabama. He came to Texas and settled in Lavaca county, where he has since lived, in 1853. Mr. W. served three years as district attorney, and was then elected to the Eighteenth Legislature as representative of Lavaca. In November, 1884, he was elected to the Senate from the eleventh district—Gonzales, Lavaca, Colorado, and Wharton counties—and was one of the best thinkers and most active members of the Senate. He served on the following committees: Judiciary Nos. 1 and 2, Roads and Bridges, Claims and Accounts, Public Printing and Stock Raising. Senator Woods is not a showy orator, but one who studies difficult problems to their solution, thinks much, is conscientious, just in his opinions, dignified in appearance and when he arose to address his colleagues, either in the committee room or on the floor of the Senate, was listened to with respectful attention. His calm analysis and logical arguments exercised an influence in moulding legislation that justly entitles him to be considered one of the strongest men in the Senate.

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## OFFICERS OF SENATE.

### WM. NEAL RAMEY. †

Wm. Neal Ramey—This well known, highly esteemed, and popular gentleman was born in Rutherford county, Tennessee, July 4, 1835, came to Texas in 1857, lived five years in Harrison county, fifteen years in Shelby county, and has since resided in Austin. When but sixteen years old he taught school, completed his education and began life. During the civil war he rose from the ranks to the position of Adjutant General and was one of the best and most intrepid officers in the Confederate army. He has occupied civic positions from Justice of the Peace to Superintendent of Public Property, of the State, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1875, and was twice elected Secretary of the Senate - during the sessions of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures—without opposition and, beyond a doubt, performed the duties of the latter office as satisfactorily as any previous officer. He is one of the staunchest Democrats in Texas, and his popularity is as wide-spread as the State. He is editor and proprietor of the "Texian," a monthly newspaper, and is a strong, easy and graceful writer. Captain R.

ney is a member of A. F. and A. M. and Friends of Temperance lodges. He is a man of great mind and of exalted worth, and is well fitted to fill not only his present honorable position, but any to which the people or their representatives can call him.

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#### CHARLES MILTON BOYNTON.

Charles Milton Boynton, Assistant Secretary of the Senate during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Brompton, Canada, April 25, 1836, came to Texas in 1875, and settled at Hamilton, Hamilton county, where he has since lived and has for a number of years owned, edited and published the Hamilton Herald, a live Democratic weekly newspaper. Mr. B. taught school twenty seven years of his life, is an elder in the Christian church, and has been Sunday School Superintendent for eleven years. He is examiner of candidates for admission to the State Normal school in his district, and has occupied the Assistant Secretaryship of the Senate three times. Mr. Boynton has been a delegate to three State conventions, enjoys the respect, confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens, and as Assistant Secretary of the Senate, added many friends to the scores he already possessed.

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#### A. SAMPSON.

A. Sampson, Calendar Clerk of the Senate during the session of Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Georgetown, South Carolina; was educated at the University of South Carolina and the University of Michigan; came to Texas in August 1871; lived four years in Austin, and since that time has resided in Galveston. He was a general Clerk of the Senate in 1873, was for six months employed in the General Land Office, and from 1878 to November 1880 was a Justice of the Peace of Galveston county. He is a staunch Democrat and a member of A. F. and A. M. and K. of H. lodges and of Phi, Delta, Phi Chapter, University of Michigan. Since June 1875 Mr. Sampson has successfully practiced law in the city of Galveston. As Calendar Clerk he gave perfect satisfaction and was highly popular.

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#### W. M. IMBODEN

W. M. Imboden, Journal Clerk of the Senate during the session of the Nineteenth, Legislature, was born April 6, 1861, in Madison, Carroll Parish, Louisiana, in 1863 came to

Texas, lived a while in Cherokee county and at present resides in the city of Austin. He is a member of A. O. U. W. lodge, is a Democrat, and a shouting Methodist. For some time Mr. Imboden was traveling agent for the Galveston News. As Journal Clerk he gave perfect satisfaction and his popular manners and obliging disposition made many friends for him among the solons of the upper house.

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#### A. P. FINLEY.

A. P. Finley the popular Engrossing Clerk of the Senate, during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Bradley county, Tennessee, September 14, 1849; came to Texas, September 5, 1876, and located at Sherman where he has since resided. He has engaged in various mercantile enterprises, kept books and was deputy county clerk of Grayson county, from January, 1877, to November, 1882; during which time he had control of the civil, criminal and probate departments of the office. Mr. Finley was one of the most active, competent and highly esteemed gentlemen who ever officiated as Engrossing Clerk of the Senate.

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#### YANCEY LEWIS.

Yancey Lewis, Enrolling Clerk of the Senate, was born August 24, 1861, in Gonzales county, Texas. He is a graduate of Emory and Henry college, and is a young man of bright promise. He taught school two years in Austin and is at present studying law at the State University, located in that city. As Enrolling Clerk, he was an active, thoroughly competent, and popular officer.

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#### REV. R. N. SMOOT:

Rev. R. N. Smoot, one of Austin's distinguished divines, and who officiated as Chaplain of the Senate, was born in Huntingdon, Tennessee in the year 1846. He is a college graduate and a splendid biblical, literary, and general scholar. During the year 1876 he came to Texas and settled in Austin, where he has since officiated as minister of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Mason and Presiding officer of the O. S. Presbyterian Church of the United States. As Chaplain of the Senate during the session of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Legislatures, he performed his sacred duties faithfully and added many warm friends to those whom he already possessed



### W. T. BREWER.

W. T. Brewer, Sergeant-at Arms of the Senate during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born February 22, 1836, in the city of Memphis, Tennessee. During the civil war he was second lieutenant, company E, Lockes' regiment, tenth Texas cavalry, and took part in many severe engagements, among others the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. In 1844 he came to Texas, lived three years in Fannin county, and since then in Rusk county. By occupation he is a farmer, politically a Democrat who would "vote for a wooden Indian if nominated by the party," and is a member of the M. E. church, South; and A. F. and A. M. and K. of H. lodges. From 1879 to 1884, he was sheriff of Rusk county, and made one of the best officers the people ever had to serve them in that position. As Sergeant-at-Arms he gave perfect satisfaction made a host of friends, and was said to have been one of the best sergeants who ever brought "a distinguished Senator" up to the bar, on a call of the House.

### J. A. STEWART.

J. A. Stewart, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in White county, Tennessee, January 28, 1837. During the civil war he served under Gen. Joseph E. Johnston as First Lieutenant of artillery. Soon after the cessation of hostilities he entered into the life insurance business in Mississippi and since coming to Texas, in 1868, he has acted as agent for various reliable companies. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and I. O. O. F., K. of H., and M. S. E. and B. A. of A. lodges. He is possessed of inventive genius of the highest order; has recently secured several valuable patents, and has several others pending at this time. Mr. Stewart's present home is Austin. He made an efficient officer and won many warm friends among the Senators.

### MONROE DREW.

Monroe Drew, postmaster of the Senate, during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature, was born in Marianna, Polk county, Texas, April 18, 1859; moved to Terrell, Kaufman county, January 19, 1879, and entered the office of the "Terrell Star" as an apprentice. After remaining four years in this office and perfecting himself as a printer, he went to the city of Kaufman in the Spring of 1883, and bought an in-

terest in the "Kaufman Sun," of which paper he is now senior editor. Mr. Drew is a good writer, the "Sun" has prospered under his management, and as Postmaster of the Senate, he gave complete satisfaction.

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#### MAJOR ANDREW J. DORN.

Major Andrew J. Dorn was born in Montgomery county, New York, December 8, 1815. He graduated at the University of Vermont, moved to St. Louis in 1842, went across the plains in charge of an artillery company (General Karney's brigade, of which he was Major,) when war was declared between the United States and Mexico, and helped win the victories that resulted in Texas being admitted into the Union. He was then taken into the regular army and was assigned to the Indian department, with the rank of Colonel. When the states appealed to arms he sent in his resignation to President Lincoln; entered the army of his old comrade, General Sterling Price, and was placed on the staff of General Cleburn F. Jackson, Governor of Missouri, as Paymaster General, with the rank of Colonel of Cavalry. He remained in this position until after the death of General Jackson and from 1862 until the close of the civil war had charge, under General S. B. Maxey, of all the Southern Indians, and held the rank of Colonel. Major Dorn came to Texas in 1863, and settled at Bonham, where he remained until elected State Treasurer, in 1873 which position he occupied until 1879—four years under the old constitution, and two under the constitution of 1875. Major Dorn's present home is Austin. When the Nineteenth Legislature convened he was elected Doorkeeper of the Senate and made a popular and efficient officer. He is full of years and honors and has a host of friends throughout Texas.

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#### ED. B. WALKER.

Ed. B. Walker was born August 25, 1862, in Clinton, Kentucky, and was educated at Clinton College, from which he graduated with high honor. He owned, edited and published during the years 1880-1-2, "The Times" and later, the "Beacon" at Columbus, Ky., edited the "Daily Jacksonian," in Jackson, Tennessee, during the campaign of 1882, when Hon. Mr. Bate was elected Governor of Tennessee, on the Democratic ticket, to succeed Hawkins, Republican, and in 1883 and 1884, previous to coming to Texas, edited the "Anchor," and subsequently, "Our Country" in Union City, Tenn. Im-

mediately on arriving in Texas, September, 1884, he took an editorial position on the "Gainesville Register," which he resigned to be present at Austin during the session of the Nineteenth Legislature and familiarize himself with the public men of Texas and become acquainted with State affairs. After the organization of the Senate he was appointed clerk of Judiciary Committee No. 2 of which Senator Davis was chairman. Mr. Walker is a thorough newspaper man, a fine writer, and as committee clerk formed many warm friendships among the Solons.

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#### W. J. WILSON.

W. J. Wilson, one of the most popular of the Senate Committee clerks, was born in Mississippi, November 17, 1828. The best days of his life have been spent in North Carolina. He was a member of the Legislature of that State from 1865 to 1866, Enrolling Clerk of the House, two terms, and Enrolling Clerk of the Senate in 1877. He was captain in the sixty-second North Carolina regiment, during the late war was taken prisoner at Cumberland Gap, and was sent to Ohio, where he remained incarcerated until the close of hostilities. While in prison he prepared the manuscript of a Progressive Speller, which was published in Baltimore in 1870. Mr. W. is a Democrat and member of the M. E. church, South. He is a teacher and farmer by occupation, came to Texas in 1880, and has lived in various portions of the State prior to locating in Austin, his present home. As committee clerk he gave general satisfaction and had many friends among the Senators.

## Speech of Hon. J. S. Woods,

Of Kaufman. Nominations for Speaker being in order, Hon. J. S. Woods said :

MR. SECRETARY: - It falls to my happy lot to place in nomination for the high and responsible office of Speaker the name of one who would do honor to the great interests of Texas were he called by you to perform the duties of this office. I would not rob the distinguished gentlemen, who have been placed before you for the same office, of the laurels so well won by them. But I, in common with others on this floor, have a solemn duty to perform. In the performance of that duty, I place in nomination for Speaker the name of Hon. Marshall Tankersley, the grandson of the historic old county of Harris. He was reared upon Texas soil. There beats in his heart, though a young man, all the elevated impulses that have ever animated the patriot heart. While he, in comparison to the other distinguished gentlemen, in years is young, I have reason to believe that his rulings will be tempered with all the fairness and conservatism that prompt men of older heads: I should witness one of the proudest days of my life if by my appeal in this council chamber the honored representatives of this state, which is now to American history the morning star of civilization, would place this young son in the chair.

Elect him, and I assure you he will prove an honor to himself, to us and to the country. I invoke at your hands that consideration which he so well merits.

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### CHARLES L. MARTIN,

Assistant Journal Clerk by appointment of the Speaker, and clerk for the committees on Educational Affairs and Roads, Bridges and Ferries, was born in Texas on the 6th day of March, 1847; was appointed when sixteen years of age a cadet to the United States naval academy at Annapolis, Md.; graduated at Franklin college, Tennessee, and also at the Kentucky military institute, six miles from Frankfort the capital of that state; was married in Kentucky three weeks before he graduated; served in the Confederate army four years, entering the service as first lieutenant of Company D, Fourth Texas Infantry, Hood's Brigade, and was major of cavalry when the war closed; studied and practiced law for six years after the war was over, but for twelve years past has been in journalism, having served on several of the principal dailies of the state, being now connected with the Dallas Daily Herald, and is its Austin correspondent in the House.

HON. JOSEPH LEE,

Capitol Commissioner. Hon. Joseph Lee, who was appointed by Governor O. M. Roberts (and still is) a member of the Capitol Commission, was born in Butler county, Ohio, April 14, 1810. The name of Lee has been associated with American history until it is synonymous of patriotism, chivalry and genius: When eight years of age he went to Cincinnati, O., where he was partly educated at Johnson & Coleman's Institute, and grew to manhood: At one time during his youth he served as clerk on several steamboats plying on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, but tiring of this mode of life, he assisted his father in the carriage business; followed building for four years and then entered a law school: While in this institution he formed a warm attachment for W. B. Caldwell (who was afterwards an eminent judge) and finished his legal course under that gentleman and commenced the practice of his profession in 1838. He moved to Texas, with a brother and two sisters, and has now resided in Austin for nearly half a century: Chief Justice of Travis County James W. Smith was killed by Indians near Austin in 1841, and President Lamar appointed Mr. Lee to fill the vacancy. He held this position until the expiration of the term in 1842. In this year San Antonio was captured by the Mexicans, and President Houston, to the indignation of the people of Austin, moved the seat of government to Houston. A year later an armed resistance was made to prevent the removal of the archives from Austin. Mr. Lee was one of the leaders of the opposition and did much to retain the state papers until Austin was again made the seat of government in 1845. In 1857 he was elected to the House of Representatives, and made an able and efficient legislator. A few years later he was appointed to the important position of Commissioner of Claims, and did much to detect and prevent land frauds. In 1857-8-9-60 he was a delegate to the state Democratic conventions, and has been a member of every subsequent one, save two. In 1860 he was one of those who signed the call for the election of a secession convention, and although beyond the age of military duty, held a commission as captain in the Confederate army and served in Texas and Arkansas. Throughout a long, useful and eventful career, he has maintained a spotless integrity, has faithfully performed every duty, and is admired and respected by all who know him. In his present position of responsibility his services have been invaluable, and of all other men is best fitted to fill it with honor to himself and state.

## GEN. R. L. WALKER.

Gen. R. Lindsey Walker, State Supervising Architect and superintendent of the construction of the new state capitol, was born in Albemarle county, Virginia, May 29, 1828; was educated at the Virginia Military Institute; commenced life as assistant civil engineer of the Augusta (Ga.) canal, and was for a number of years assistant engineer of the E. & O. (Va.) R. R.; was for several years contractor on this road, and did about one and a half million dollars worth of work for it. When war was declared between the states he entered the Confederate service as captain of a light field battery. He was sent to, and has the honor of being the first soldier on, the Potomac. He served one year as captain, four months as major, three months as lieutenant colonel, one year as colonel of artillery, and from that time to the close of hostilities was brigadier-general, commanding the third corps of artillery. He was a brave and heroic officer, and his corps is one of the most famous that fought under the broad folds of the Confederate flag. After the war he was connected with the C. & O. R. R. as engineer, and in September, 1869, was invited to Alabama as chief engineer and superintendent of the S. M. & M. R. R.; resigned this position and was appointed chief engineer and superintendent of the Selma & Gulf Railroad. He remained with this road until February 1, 1872, when he became one of the contractors to build a railroad from Mobile, Ala., to Helena, Ark. The financial panic of 1873 broke the company and it was forced to the wall. Gen. Walker then returned to Virginia and became engineer of repairs for the Richmond & Danville system; held this office for four years, resigned on account of health and took charge of the city railways; one year later was appointed superintendent of the R. & A. R. R., which position he held until February, 1882,—two years; was then appointed (unsolicited by him) architect to build a state penitentiary, which work he completed one month before coming to Texas. February 6, 1884, he was appointed by Governor Ireland state superintendent of the construction of the new capitol.

Gen. Walker is a man of great and varied experience, possesses a high order of ability and has performed his duties as supervising architect in the most conscientious and thorough manner and has zealously guarded the interests of the state. He is the man of all others most eminently fitted to fill his present responsible position.