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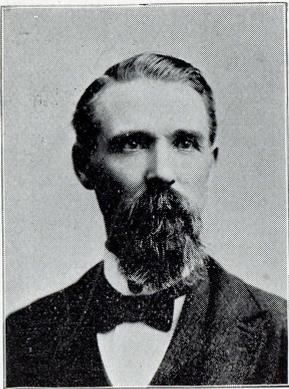
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the common schools with a finishing course at Notre Dame. For two years he was clerk in the office of the circuit clerk of McHenry county. He also has represented the Northwestern railroad in the south. He was deputy collector of internal revenue under Cleveland. Mr. Donnelly is one of the most popular and affable members of the general assembly. Was elected to the house in '90, and although the district is the strongest republican district in the state and an independent democrat was running against him he received more votes than either of the republicans or the independent. He is the first democrat that has been returned from the district a second time immediately following the first. He is very influential in northern Illinois democratic politics, and takes a prominent part in all important legislation.

Committees: Corporations (chairman), banks and banking, live stock and dairying, sanitary affairs, insurance, miscellaneous subjects, enrolled and engrossed bills, senatorial apportionment, steering committee.

Douglas, John J., (rep.), Chester; farmer. Born in Chester Aug. 17, 1849, and was educated in the common schools and McKendree College. Then he learned the trade of miller. His parents came from Scotland and when he was 22 years old he visited the crags and moors of the Land of the Thistle. Returning home he married



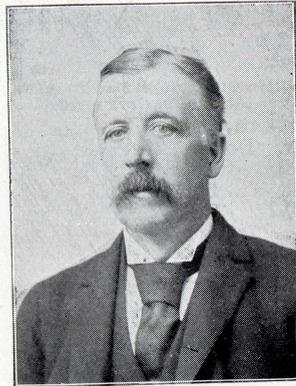
JOHN J. DOUGLAS.

in '72, bought a farm and settled down, and has farmed ever since. In this occupation he has been successful, owing more to his own intelligence and industry than to the fertility of the soil. He owns 340 acres of good land, and is one of the most reliable

and substantial members of the house.

Committees: Mines and mining, fees and salaries, roads and bridges, horticulture.

Dow, Augustus, (rep.), Pittsfield; flour manufacturer. Born in South Coventry, Tolland county, Connecticut, Oct. 9, 1841, and in '58 moved to Pittsfield, where he has lived ever



AUGUSTUS DOW.

since. He received an academic education in his native town and from '62 to '65 was connected with the pay department of the United States army. After the war he returned to Pittsfield and engaged in the mercantile business, continuing it until '70, when he sold out and started the manufacture of flour on a large scale. Pittsfield is a democratic district, but he has been elected to the county board several times, and mayor of the city four years. Mr. Dow has been connected with all the improvements of a local nature, and is regarded as one of the foremost and most liberal citizens. He is an uncompromising republican, is a director in the First National Bank and is married.

Committees: Canal-river improvement and commerce, drainage, state and municipal indebtedness, to visit charitable institutions.

* **Drury, Joseph W.,** (dem.), Waterloo; farmer and dairyman. Born in St. Louis Feb. 5, 1832, and educated at McKendree College. Moved with his parents to Monroe county when three years old; was provost marshal of Monroe county during the war. Was sheriff from '66 to '74, excepting two years; has held several school offices, is married and owns 645 acres.

Committees: Congressional apportionment, world's fair, horticulture, fees and salaries, penal and reformatory, live stock.

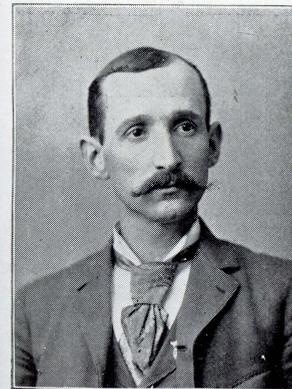
* **Duncan, John H.,** (rep.), Marion; teacher. Born in Marshall Co., Ky., June 27, 1858, and moved with his parents to Williamson county in '65. Educated at Shurtleff College; taught school 3 years; elected county superintendent of schools in '82 and '86; elected to the house in '90 and '92; married.

Committees: Mines and mining, revenue, labor, license, senatorial apportionment.

* **Dyer, John,** (rep.), Fulton; shoemaker. Born in Jefferson Co., N. Y., March 6, 1824. Enlisted in Co. F. 52d Ill. and Co. F. 93d Ill. Inf. Received a meager education; is married and has been justice of the peace and on the county board 16 years.

Committees: State institutions, public buildings, soldiers' home.

Edmiston, John D., (rep.), Olney; merchant and farmer. Born in Richland county June 13, 1861, and was educated in the Olney high school, after which he learned the painter's trade and then went into the mercantile business with his father. This he sold out and is now running a fruit farm of apples and peaches. Is married. Has been an alderman and has held other minor offices. He is an Odd Fellow, a Modern Woodman and an A. O. U. W. He didn't seek the nomination last year for his present office, nevertheless was chosen by acclamation and ran 500 ahead of his ticket; has been in politics and a delegate to state conventions ever since he voted.

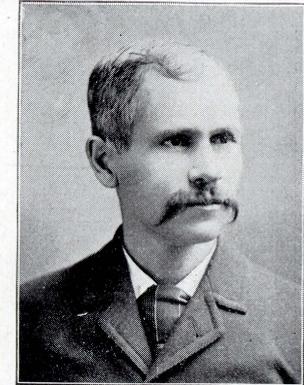


JOHN D. EDMISTON.

Mr. Edmiston is constant in attendance and informs himself on the merits of every measure that comes up.

Committees: Railroads, state institutions, manufactures, sanitary affairs, enrolled and engrossed bills, horticulture.

Ellsworth, Urbin S., (rep.), Deer Park, LaSalle Co.; farmer. Born in South Ottawa, April 19, 1851, and five years later his parents moved to Deer Park township. He completed his education at Jennings Seminary, Aurora, graduating in the classical course in '74. Two years afterwards



URBIN S. ELLSWORTH.

he married. Has represented his township three times on the board of supervisors. Is a member of the Farmers Alliance, and is a loyal republican. He received his political education from his grandfather, John Clark, who was dismissed from church in '39 because of his abolition views. Was elected to the house in '90 and '92. In the session of '91 he strongly advocated a bill for an insane hospital northwest of the Illinois river, in order to relieve the county poor houses of their insane charges. He is interested especially in legislation that affects the Illinois river valley.

Committees: Corporations, education, revenue, agriculture, sanitary affairs, insurance.

Erickson, Samuel E., (rep.), Chicago; deputy sheriff. Born in Lindkoping, Sweden, March 4, 1860; parents emigrated to Chicago when he was four years old, and five years later the father died leaving a widow and several small children without means of support. The son left school and worked in a chair factory to help support the family; then he engaged with Allen, Mack & Co., and advanced from errand boy to a more responsible place, when the firm failed. He began as messenger boy for the Western Union and worked up to the operating room, where he remained until he re-

signed to accept a place in the abstract department of the county, and during his six years' service he held almost every position in the recorder's office. Elected to the general assembly in '90



SAMUEL E. ERICKSON.

he energetically worked in the interests of his constituents. He is now a deputy under Sheriff Gilbert, who considers him one of the brightest and most trustworthy of his men. He has shown marked ability as a dramatic reader. Is not married. Ten years ago he traveled extensively in Europe. In '92 was urged for congress; named for temporary speaker but declined.

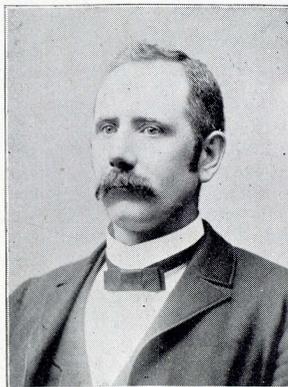
Committees: Judicial department, municipal corporations, live stock and dairying, military, printing, drainage, world's fair.



THOMAS F. FERNS.

Ferns, Thomas F., (dem.), Jerseyville; lawyer. Born in Jerseyville July 27, 1862. Graduated from the Jerseyville high school in '82, and

from the St. Louis Law School in June, '85, having been admitted to the bar March 20 previous. Mr. Ferns' success as a practitioner was pronounced from the start. He was city attorney of Jerseyville for three consecutive terms from '85 to '91, and was elected to the legislature in '90, and has a record that justifies his constituents' wisdom in sending him here. During the session of '91 he introduced and pushed to enactment a stringent law forbidding the organization of trusts and combinations to control markets and prevent open and fair competition. Although young he is one of the leaders in the house and has quite a reputation for ability and oratory. In past campaigns in western Illinois he has taken conspicuous part. He is already being urged for congress next year, and his record in the past justifies the opinion that he will get there.



JAMES P. FLETCHER.

Committees: Railroads (chairman), judiciary, judicial department, senatorial apportionment, education, finance, federal relations, steering committee.

Fletcher, James P., (rep.), Ridge Farm, Vermilion Co.; farmer. Born Feb. 14, 1855, almost on the spot where his house now stands. He was educated at Vermilion Academy and at Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Is married and has farmed all his life. He owns a fine herd of Chester White hogs, of which he is an extensive breeder. Is a Royal Arch Mason and has been worshipful master of his lodge for five terms; is also a Modern Woodman; is business manager of his lodge and was a delegate to the last state convention at Peoria. He is interested in any legislation that will benefit the farm-

ers, particularly permanent roads. He has never held office before, and is in constant attendance.

Committees: Canal-river improvement and commerce, manufactures, public buildings, visit educational institutions, farm drainage, to investigate the Wann disaster.

Farrell, James H., (dem.), Chicago; real estate. Born in the Isle of Jersey, Nov. 19, 1842; his father was born in the Isle of Guernsey, Victor Hugo's birthplace, and his mother in Dublin. All the schooling he had was obtained before he was 10 years old. He arrived in New York in '51, and began life as a clerk. When 19 he enlisted in Co. H of the famous 5th N. Y. Inf., Col. Judson Kilpatrick, commanding, and beginning with the battle of Big Bethel he was in nearly every important battle and skirmish of the Army of the Potomac during the war. When he was mustered out he entered the largest wall paper manufacturing concern in the union as clerk, and remained there until '68 when he moved to Chicago, continuing in the same line for two years. He has been in the real estate business for the past ten years. He has always taken great interest in politics, and is now serving his fourth consecutive term in the house. He organized and commanded the Cook County Democratic Marching club, the best drilled and most famous political marching organiza-

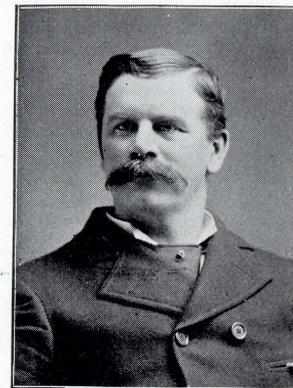


JAMES H. FARRELL.

tion in the country. He is also grand marshal of the democratic marching clubs for Illinois, having been elected in '84. He has been a leader in the house since his first election, and has served on all the most important committees, and while he does not push

himself forward is regarded as a man of ability and influence. He is married and in independent circumstances.

Committees: World's fair (chairman—also chairman in the last legislature), judicial department, penal and reformatory, finance, municipal corporations, revenue, military, senatorial apportionment, steering committee

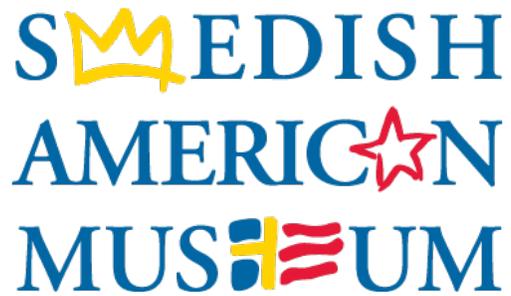


DAVID FORSYTHE.

Forsythe, David, (dem.), Elwood, Will Co.; farmer. Born in County Antrim, Ireland, April 25, 1850, and in his eleventh year the family emigrated to America—an elder son and brother—the late John Forsythe, of Chicago, having preceded them by several years. David Forsythe resided with his brother in Chicago until he had completed his education in Chicago schools. He moved to Will county in '65 and has since been engaged in farming and shipping live stock, in which he has been very successful. He is married and owns 960 acres of land, gathered by his own industry and shrewdness. He has been supervisor of his township for three years, and has held minor offices. He was elected to the house in '90, re-elected in '92 and has served on important committees and taken an active interest in legislation each session.

Committees: Live stock and dairying (chairman), corporations, canal-river improvement and commerce, mines and mining, agriculture, sanitary affairs, retrenchment, miscellaneous subjects.

Fowler, H. Robert, (dem.), Elizabethtown; lawyer, was born in Pope county about 35 years ago, and was educated in the common schools, finishing at the Northern Normal, graduating in '78. He taught school eight years; has been principal of the schools at Elizabethtown and Cave-in-Rock, and was very successful, raising the



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