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REPUBLICAN TICKET.
 National.
 For President..... William McKinley
 For Vice-President..... Theodore Roosevelt
 State.
 For Governor..... Richard Yates
 For Lieutenant Governor..... W. A. Northcott
 For Secretary of State..... James A. Rose
 For Auditor..... James S. McCullough
 For Treasurer..... M. O. Williamson
 For Attorney General..... H. J. Hamilton
 For State University..... Mrs. Carrie T. Alexander, Samuel A. Bullard, Alexander McLean
 Congressional.
 For Member Congress 8th dist. A. J. Hopkins
 For Member Board Equalization T. S. Rogers
 Legislative.
 For Senator..... Henry H. Evans
 For Representative..... Gay L. Bush 1 1/2 votes
 For Representative..... Chas. E. Backus 1 1/2 votes
 County.
 For Circuit Clerk..... Thos. M. Hall
 For State Attorney..... Mazzini Slosser
 For Coroner..... Newton E. Matter
 For Surveyor..... Geo. W. Wilson

ABLE STATE TICKET.
 Brief Sketches of Illinois Republican Candidates.

Class Records Possessed by Judge Richard Yates and His Colleagues—Party Leaders Who Have Earned Their Honors—Will Be Triumphant Elected in November.

RICHARD YATES,
 Candidate for Governor.
 Richard Yates, the Republican candidate for governor of the State of Illinois, was born at Jacksonville, Ill., Dec. 12, 1800, less than one month after his illustrious father, Richard Yates, sr., had received a majority of the votes of the people of Illinois, and less than one month prior to his inauguration to the position which he so ably filled and won for him the title of "The Great War Governor." His parents were Kentuckians by birth, while his grand parents were natives of Virginia. He was married in 1828 to Helen Wadsworth, who was born in Jacksonville in 1805. Her parents were born in Ohio; her grandfather, General John Wadsworth, participated in the war of 1812, and her great grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution. They have two daughters, Catherine, aged eight, and Dorothy, four years of age.

Richard Yates entered Whipple academy, the preparatory department of Illinois college, in 1817, the year of his father's death, and entered Illinois college proper in 1817, graduating in 1820 as class orator. In 1824 he graduated from the law department of Michigan university at Ann Arbor, and the same year was admitted to the bar in Michigan and Illinois and soon after to practice in the United States circuit and supreme courts.

From the time he came of age, in 1821, he was active in the public life of the community. He has been a Mason, Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, for five years was a member of Company I in the First regiment of the Illinois National Guard, and for two years was city editor of the Jacksonville Daily Journal. At the age of thirteen he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a delegate to the last general conference, held recently in Chicago. He has always been interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and in 1855 was vice president of the Jacksonville association, at which time William Jennings Bryan was president of the same.

As early as 1831 Mr. Yates delivered his first Fourth of July oration and his first memorial address, and every subsequent year he has spoken on each of the anniversaries at some point in Illinois, and has, during the intervening nineteen years, been one of the speakers at a great many reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic. In all of the state and national campaigns since 1851, Mr. Yates has been one of the speakers regularly at the command of the Republican state central committee, and in 1890 was sent by the national committee into Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio and Kentucky. It is, however, as an organizer, rather than an orator, that his friends claim he excels, as was manifested by the preliminary campaign which resulted in his nomination as a candidate for governor at Peoria.

Mr. Yates was city attorney at Jacksonville from 1835 to 1841. In 1842 he was the Republican candidate for congressman-at-large, but in the Democratic hand-off of that year was defeated, although he received a larger vote in Illinois than President Harrison. In 1844 he was elected to the office of county judge of Morgan county, and in 1847 resigned to take the position of United States collector of internal revenue under appointment of President McKinley.

REPUBLICAN NOMINEES FOR ILLINOIS STATE OFFICES

Richard Yates was so intimately associated with the events of the war of the rebellion and reconstruction, that so far as actual acquaintance with American politics is concerned, he is the equivalent of a man of at least fifty. He saw the agony of the war time from the home side. He remembers the return of the regiments in 1865, visits to Washington and Richmond in 1866, to Fort Monroe in 1867, when Jefferson Davis was in confinement there. A boy of eight he witnessed every day the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson in 1868, and from that date to this he has been a close student and active participant in politics. His effort has been to thoroughly acquaint himself with all political conditions, and his life-work a preparation for political activity and public service.

WILLIAM A. NORTHCOTT,
 Candidate for Lieutenant Governor.
 William A. Northcott, lieutenant governor and president of the senate, was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn. When the war between the states commenced, his father, General R. R. Northcott, was forced to leave his home on account of his Union sympathies. He went to West Virginia, where he accepted a commission as colonel and served throughout the war, nine months of the time as an inmate of Libby prison.

William A. Northcott received his education in the public schools, and at the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. He taught school, meantime reading law, and was admitted to practice his profession in 1877 continuing practice after his removal to Greenville, Bond county, Ill., in 1879. The next year President Hayes appointed him supervisor of the census for the Seventh Illinois district. In 1882 he was elected state's attorney for Bond county by a majority of 252; was re-elected in 1884 by a majority of 383, and was for the third consecutive time re-elected in 1888 by a majority of 518. In 1890 President Harrison appointed him a member of the board of visitors to the United States Naval academy, and he delivered the oration to the graduates.

In November, 1890, Governor Northcott was elected head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal insurance society, which has a membership of over 500,000—over 100,000 of that number being in Illinois. Two years ago the record stood at 230,000 and 70,000. The figures indicate a wonderful increase, attributable to an intelligent and energetic management of the society. Governor Northcott has been elected three times in succession to the office of head consul, and now fills that office.

which denied the minority their common rights have been disregarded, and his decisions have been equally just to political friend and foe.

JAMES A. ROSE,
 Candidate for Secretary of State.
 James A. Rose, the incumbent of the office of secretary of state of Illinois, was born Oct. 13, 1850, and has spent his entire life in Illinois, having been raised in Golconda, the county seat of Pope county, his present home. Opportunities for education in the higher branches were not many to the youth of southern Illinois, and Mr. Rose was forced to content himself with a common school education in Pope county, followed by one term in the State Normal university. Early thrown upon his own resources, he began teaching at the age of 17 in a country school in his own county. Four years thereafter, when he had barely attained his majority, he was elected principal of the graded schools of his home town, Golconda.

The next year, when he was 22, he was chosen superintendent of schools for Pope county, as a Republican, and was re-elected at the end of his term, serving eight years. In the meantime he studied for the bar and before the close of his term he was admitted to practice, and before the close of his term as superintendent of schools he was petitioned to become a candidate for state's attorney of Pope county, which he did, resigning his office as superintendent, and being elected state's attorney without opposition. To this office he was renominated and re-elected, and at the close of his second term declined to be a candidate for re-election.

In 1889 Governor Fifer appointed Mr. Rose one of the trustees of the Pontiac Reformatory for Boys, serving not quite one year, when he was complimented with an advance, being appointed commissioner for the southern Illinois penitentiary at Chester, which he retained until the advent of the Democrats in 1893.

MOSES O. WILLIAMSON,
 Candidate for State Treasurer.
 Moses O. Williamson, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, was born on the Atlantic ocean, July 14, 1850, and is the son of William and Margaret Williamson, natives of Sweden. It was during their ocean voyage to America that he was born. They came directly to Illinois and settled in Sparta township, Knox county.

His father died in 1854, and his mother in 1860. Of their family of six children, all grew to manhood and womanhood.

Until 12 years of age Moses remained on the farm, and then for two years worked on a neighbor's farm. He next engaged himself to Olson & Gray, Wataga, to learn the harness trade. At the end of four years he bought out Mr. Gray, and in 1879 bought out Mr. Olson. He thus made his way from mere boyhood.

A Republican in political belief, he early manifested an interest in politics and in 1884 was so prominent and influential that he was chosen secretary of the Republican county central committee. He was elected county treasurer in 1886 and county clerk in 1890-1894-1898. He never shirked a political duty. It is an interesting fact that he was town clerk of his town for eighteen years, and that he served his village as clerk, a member of the board of trustees, and justice of the peace. In every office he has held from town to county clerk his career has been honorable and irreproachable.

Mr. Williamson was secretary of the county Republican committee from 1894 to 1892 and was elected chairman of the Republican county central committee in 1892. In this capacity he has since served. He was one of the organizers of the Swedish-American Republican League of Illinois and was its president in 1897. In the campaign of 1896, he was one of a committee of five, associated with the Republican state central committee, having charge of the Swedish part of that campaign in this state.

In his religious belief Mr. Williamson is a Congregationalist. His private life is exemplary. His personality is congenial. To efficiency in the discharge of his official duties, he adds a courtesy that wins warm friendships. Married Oct. 18, 1871, to Miss Mary Driggs, he has two children, Ada and Nellie, the former just graduated from Knox college. In his home city, Galesburg, where he is best known, no man stands higher or is more deservedly popular.

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