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Our collection of Flower Seeds is especially designed for the farmers' flower garden. We have selected only such varieties as are easily grown.

Alyssum—This old favorite should be largely used in every garden. A novelty Little Gem. Very dwarf.

Asters—We have selected the best variety that can be found. Large and beautiful flowers.

Balsam (Lady Slipper)—The variety we offer is the superb Canella Flowered.

Calliopis—Very handsome and showy plants.

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Cannas, or Indian Shot—All varieties, mixed.

Celastia (Cockscomb)—One of the most brilliant of annuals. Superb dwarf varieties mixed.

Chrysanthemum—Showy, garden favorites; splendid mixed double.

Cypress Vine—One of the most elegant climbers. Mixed varieties.

Dianthus—Chius and Japan pinks. Many distinct and most beautifully marked varieties. They are the best.

Miniature Sunflower (Helianthus cucurbitifolius)—A novelty of great merit. Three feet high. Small flowers.

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Gourds—Dish cloth and all other ornamental varieties mixed.

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Pansies—Our packet contains a mixture of all colors and shades of superb large flowering varieties.

Petunia—Most valuable plants. Our packets contain a mixture of superfine varieties of all different colors.

Phlox Drummondii—The improved Grandiflora varieties are exceptionally beautiful. Our packet contains all colors of the grandiflora or large flowering strain.

Sweet Peas—Finest mixed varieties; new large flowering.

Verbenas—Flower very quickly from the seed and thrive much better than from cuttings. Our packet contains a fine collection of all shades of color.

Zinnias—Superb double, mixed.

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

The seeds we offer are select, fresh and warranted, to be grown from select stock.

None better to be had, either as to quality or variety.

Beans—Black Lima. Best variety.

Burpee's Bush Lima. Large beans; an immense yield.

Pole or Climbers. Golden Cluster Wax. A prolific bearer.

Golden-Eyed Wax. Hardy, prolific, rust-proof.

Beets—Early Eclipse. None better; universal favorite.

Lane's Imperial Sugar. The richest.

Cabbage—Brill's None such. The best of the new varieties.

True Jersey Wakefield. The old reliable.

Henderson's Succession. An all season cabbage.

Stonemason. The old reliable late cabbage; very large.

Carrots—The New Chantanev. We offer but one sort because it is the best.

Cauliflower—The Early Paris. One of the earliest to grow.

Celery—Kalamazoo Market or Broad Ribbed. Large, crisp.

Cucumber—We offer one variety of cucumbers only this year; it is called Thorburn's Ever Bearing; it will produce the entire season.

Cress—Fine Curled. Crisp and choice.

Egg Plant—New Jersey Improved Large Purple. The best beyond question.

Leek—The New Giant. Unsurpassed.

Lettuce—Old reliable Black Seed Simpson. Fine quality.

Chartier's Mammoth Head. Fine quality.

Manget—Golden Giant, a great prize taker. The newest and best. Has weighed 3 1/4 lbs.

Muskmelon—New Superior. A Cantelope of extra fine quality.

Little Gem. Popular in Chicago market.

Onions—Yellow Globe Danvers. Standard crop.

The Prize Taker. This is American grown seed; immense size.

Extra Early Barletta, or English radish.

Parley—New Moss Curled. The finest.

Parship—Improved Guernsey. The best.

Peas—The Strategem. This is, perhaps, the most prolific pea in existence.

American Wonder. The earliest and best crinkled dwarf varieties.

Early Prize. A fine new sort. Extra choice.

Pepper—Mixture of the very best sorts—the Ruby King, Red Etna and New Celestial.

Pumpkin—Quaker Pie. It is early and keeps late.

Dunkard Winter. It will keep good nearly all winter.

Radish—White Tipped Scarlet Ball. Extra early.

Improved Chartier. Best market radish.

Rutabaga—Yellow Purple Top. The best yellow variety.

White Sweet German. For table use.

Spinach—New Long Standing. None better.

Squash—Giant Crookneck. A great improvement on the old variety.

Pike's Peak or Sibley Hard Shell. Just as good a keeper as the Hubbard.

Mammoth White Bush Scallop. Best early summer squash.

Pure Hubbard. Standard winter.

Tomato—Dwarf Upright Champion. Undoubtedly best.

Golden Sunrise—Yellow variety. Unsurpassed.

Turnip—Purple Top. Strap Leaf. Best garden turnip for either early or late.

Watermelon—A luscious new variety called The White Gem.

Jordan's Gray Monarch—A large sort; deep red color and of very fine quality.

FIELD SEEDS.

Alfalfa—Abundant fodder crop.

Corn—The Robinson Yellow Dent—Large ears, extra early, light yellow, 12 to 14 rows on ear. Of this corn Mr. Barnard writes:

WASSET, Mich., Sept. 22, 1896.

J. W. WILSON:

I have just come in from my two corn fields, where the men are finishing cutting up corn.

The field of that sort marked Robinson's Seedling, in package sent you to-day, is a very superior corn. You see the dates on the cards, showing time of growth—and the King on new ground is No. 1; not as early as the Robinson or older ground. The first three hills of the latter which I stepped up to test had three stalks in each hill, and there were nine ears on the three hills, every ear as fine as the two sent you (10 inches long). I come near sending the nine ears, but decided to get two of the King that you might examine and compare. The Robinson has been raised on my place now for four years and will be the only kind planted next year. Of course as we have not begun husking I can only estimate relative amounts, but it seems to promise at least 25 per cent more yield than the King. If you wish to use on seed list, let me know, as I can select choice seed and dry it well.

King of the Earlies, one of the best and most prolific of the earliest Yellow Dent varieties of corn.

The Famous Climax. A later variety of Yellow Dent. Undoubtedly the very best all around corn for middle latitude. It will materially increase your corn crop to plant this variety.

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For your own clubbing renewal and one new subscriber to each paper we will send a quart of either variety of the above corn by mail, prepaid, or a peck by express at your expense. For further information about this splendid corn address K. C. BARNARD, Waspet, Mich.

Crimson Clover—Best.

Kaffir Corn—A non-saccharine sorghum. Has the quality of resisting drought; early.

Popcorn—We confine our distribution this year to the new Mapledale Prolific.

Sweet Corn—We confine our distribution to one unsurpassed new variety, the new Country Gentleman.

Mammoth Prolific—A splendid late variety. The largest grown.

CABINET BOOM

INDIANA MAN HAS ASPIRATIONS.

Address G. Mount Suggested For Attorney-General—Story of Life Suggested to Governor Mount by Governor Harrison's Visit to the Capitol—Editorial Letter.

Special Correspondence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—Interest in the small fry political contests for place in the state legislature body has been temporarily diverted by the public announcement that Indiana is hustling for a place in President McKinley's cabinet and that the friends of Addison C. Mount have picked him out as the person to adorn the place. Mr. Mount is a well known attorney of this city, and the position which he is willing to accept is the attorney generalship. While he ranks high in the profession, he certainly cannot be pointed to as a man of remarkable popularity. The people once elected him as state senator, but the next time he appeared for the favor of public suffrage he was badly defeated for congress by William D. Bryant, now the leader of the gold standard Democratic party. Mr. McKinley, it is asserted, is a warm personal friend of Mr. Mount and looks with favor upon his candidacy.

A touch of life was imparted to the political situation during the past week by the presence in the city of Governor-elect and Mrs. Mount. Their visit was altogether of a domestic character, having for its object the selection of a home to live in during the four years of Mr. Mount's incumbency as governor. In accordance with all traditional customs in making such family arrangements, Mrs. Mount was a person to be consulted in the selection of the new home. During the stay of the Mounts they occupied quarters at the Denison hotel and a great many of the prominent society people embraced the opportunity to make the acquaintance of the "first lady." They found Mrs. Mount a courteous and agreeable woman, who seems a true companion to her husband. In personal appearance she is taller and a degree fierier than the present mistress of the executive mansion. Mr. and Mrs. Mount found the task of selecting a home a very difficult one, and it is safe to assume that they were more than once lured for the old ante-bellum custom when the governor's home was provided by the state, and, whether agreeable or not, all that the governor-elect and his family could do was to move into it.

It begins to look as if the governor-elect never made a bigger mistake than when he gave out his much talked of interview declaring that there will be no inaugural ball, with elaborate fireworks and costly military accompaniments to tax the people when he goes into office. The fact is, there has never been a military display on an inaugural occasion since the war, and every cent of the expense of the usual inaugural reception has to be paid by the governor-elect. If cost Governor Matthews goes to give his inaugural reception. Everybody was invited to the function, police being stationed merely to keep out improper characters. Instead of the affair being a public hardship, it is always a benefit to the people, as it places money to the amount of the expense in circulation. Mr. Mount seemed to realize these facts before he left, as he arranged for ceremonies of an even more elaborate character than those given by Governor Matthews. The incoming governor was twitted a good deal about this interview when he was here, and also on account of the fact that in his search for a boarding place he had almost concluded arrangements to board at a place on North Illinois street, where meal tickets are in vogue and where meals cost 16 cents apiece. Whether true or not, it is said that his reasons for not doing so are based on the fact that the poorly paid messenger of the present governor boards there and has found the place so cheap that he is thinking of changing to a better one. It is customary for the governor to live in a more dignified style than he would possibly do were it not for his official station. Governor Matthews has not entered social life to a great extent, however, and the precedent may come to be changed. Mr. Mount finally decided on a comfortable brick house on College avenue, about a mile and a half from the capitol. Governor Matthews lives about three squares from the capitol, on Illinois street. It is within easy walking distance, but he usually rides to and fro in the family carriage.

During the governor-elect's stay here he was besieged at all hours by hungry office-seekers. They lived with him by day and invaded the privacy of his rooms at night. One of the most aggressive of these seekers after gubernatorial pudding was St. Dunlap, a veteran of this city who has his eye fixed on the custodianship of the statehouse. He was a trifle more shrewd than the other office-seekers and made himself useful as well as ornamental by securing a carriage and driving the governor-elect to various houses in the city that might prove suitable abodes. By that means he secured an audience with Mr. Mount that none of the others could obtain. When Farmer Hamrick of Danville, who is perhaps the most aggressive seeker of all after the same place, was told how Dunlap was "getting the edge" on him he said:

"If Mr. Mount will come down to Danville to live I will do better than that. I will let him have the best house in Danville free of charge and see that his railroad fare to and from the city is paid."

It was not known whether this proposition was submitted to the governor—at least it had no effect and the friends of Dunlap are gleefully confident.

Governor Mount will have quite a number of appointments to make before

he proceeds long in his official life. One of the most important is a member of the state board of tax commissioners to succeed Captain D. F. Allen, Democrat of Frankfort, whose term expires on May 1. Ex-Assessor Lockridge of Miami county is about the only person whose name has been mentioned for the place. A trustee for the woman's reformatory will be appointed in March to succeed Miss Laura Ream, two at the feeble minded school in Fort Wayne to succeed H. A. K. Hackett, Democrat, and Mrs. Laura H. Bass, Republican; a Republican to succeed Dr. J. M. Bogart at the soldiers' orphan's home; a Democrat to succeed Captain Dudley J. Hilligoss at the boys' reform school, in March, and an adjutant general, quartermaster general and statehouse custodian. It is anticipated that most if not all of the trustees for the institutions will be reappointed, partisanship having been removed from such selections. For the position of adjutant and quartermaster the candidates are too numerous to mention. Some of those most prominently spoken of for adjutant are Colonel Gere, Elkhart; N. R. Ruckie, T. M. Defrees, Charles Kahlo and Colonel J. M. Ross of this city, and J. M. Travis of Montgomery county.

The work on Governor Matthews' message to the legislature has been interrupted by the long continued and serious sickness of Mrs. Matthews. The governor is able to spend only a few hours each forenoon in his office and is frequently called home by alarming reports as to her condition. His message this year, according to his secretary, will not be long and as yet only the basis of his recommendations has been mapped out. He will refer with pride to the Democratic tax law, which, by making the rich pay their full share of the taxes, has succeeded in paying off \$1,500,000 of the state debt. Under the old law loans had to be made continually to pay the interest on the debt. No small share of the credit of paying off this large portion of the debt is due to the strict espionage that Governor Matthews has exerted to see that the law is enforced. The governor will also point to the Democratic laws of the years past and will show that every great reform is due to Democratic legislation.

The fight over the senatorship is growing every day more interesting. As promised last week, the managers of the McKean boom have given for use in these columns an estimate of the strength which their candidate will poll. That estimate is as follows:

McKean, 87 votes; doubtful, 81 votes. Of the doubtful McKean has good reason to expect more than half.

This claim is widely at variance with the claims made by the Fairbanks people, who assert that there is only one possible way in which their candidate can be beaten, and that is by a combination of all of the other candidates, which contemplates the ability of McKean to throw his support solidly for any candidate that he desires. It is asserted by them that he does not have this strength.

If the Republicans of northern Indiana had a full appreciation of their just dues, neither Fairbanks nor McKean would be elected senator this year. During all the senatorial years that have elapsed since the admission of the state but four senators have been selected from north of this city. They were John Pettit of Lafayette, who served six years; General John Tipton of Logansport, who served eight years; Daniel D. Pratt of Logansport, who served six years, and Graham N. Fitch of Logansport, who also served six years. Of the senatorial years which have rightfully belonged to the Republicans the party in the northern half of Indiana has had but one senator (Mr. Pratt of Logansport), and this despite the fact that three-fourths of the Republican vote of the state lies in that section. They have had but three state librarians, and as a general thing the members of the hospital and penal boards for the northern institutions are selected from south of the Indianapolis line. Of the three directors of the northern prison now in office two live in the southern part of the state. W. H. Calkins was the only Republican candidate for governor selected in many years from the northern half of Indiana and, in brief, in all of the distributions of office the Republicans of northern Indiana have uniformly been left out in the cold. There are two receptive candidates for senator in the northern part of the state, Judge John H. Baker and R. S. Taylor of Fort Wayne, and the feeling of discontent among northern Indiana Republicans is growing so great that one or the other of these men may create a surprise in the role of a dark horse.

It is conceded that Harry Pettit of Wabash has developed into the strongest aspirant for speaker during the past week. Pettit made a record in the last house which is redounding to his benefit. B. M. Willoughby is perhaps his chief competitor as the situation now stands. Mr. Linck of Madison is a strong friend of General Harrison's and his followers are looking for help from that source. He was made internal revenue collector by President Harrison and he possesses an inherent ability that may make him a factor in the race before it ends.

Lieutenant Governor Haggard has practically made up the list of senate committees. It is conceded that the chairmanship of the judiciary committee, which is the most important of all, will fall to one of three senators—Shively of Richmond, Newby of Knightstown or LaFollette of Portland. This committee handles more business than all the other committees combined, and there will be an effort this year to increase the number of members from 7 to 11. The chairman of the education committee will probably be H. C. Duncan of Bloomington.

L. L. LUDLOW.