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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.

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

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

Adonis (Lady Slipper)—The variety we offer is the superb Camellia Flowered.

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Candystuff—Perfectly hardy. A mixture of varieties including White Rocket, Dark Crimson and New Carnation.

Cassius, or **Indian Shot**—All varieties, mixed.

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

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

Marvel-of-Peru (Mirabilis)—The Marvel-of-Peru, or Four o'clock. We offer a dwarf variety, a great novelty, called The New Tom Thumb. Mixed colors.

Nigella—The seed should be scattered liberally in sunny situations. Many fine new varieties, mixed.

Nigella (Forget-Me-Not)—These charming little favorites succeed best in damp, sandy situations, but will thrive well in almost any soil.

Onions—Dish cloth and all other ornamental varieties mixed.

Ipomoea—Rapid-growing, tender annuals, climbers.

Marigolds—Are among our most popular plants. Our packets contain a mixture of all colors of the superb Tom Thumb varieties.

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

Petunias—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.

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

Zinnia—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 Chantancy. We offer but one sort because it is the best.

Cauliflower—The Early Paris. One of the easiest 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.

Charter's Mammoth Head. Fine quality.

Mangel—Golden Giant, a great prize taker. The newest and best. Has weighed 34 1/2 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.

Parley—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 sort—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.

Butterbean—Yellow Purple Top. The best yellow variety.

White Sweet German. For table use.

Spinach—New Long Standing. None better.

Swiss Chard—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 in 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 16 rows on ear. Of this corn Mr. Barnard writes: on ear.

WASPI, 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 on 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 came 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. O. BARNARD, Waspi, Mich.

Crimson Clover—Best.

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

Peas—We confine our distribution this year to the new Rapidale Prolific.

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

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

STATE POLITICS.

LUDLOW WRITES OF HIS OBSERVATIONS IN THE CAPITAL.

Senators' Withdrawal From the Senate.—The Senate of the United States has been on its feet during the past week, and on this, the eve of the battle royal, the Senate has not cleared away sufficiently to enable anyone to tell with certainty who has won. It may be that the victory has not been won as yet, although the friends of Fairbanks profess to believe that he is the champion of one of the hardest fought political contests in the history of the state. During the past week the Republican hotel quarters have been alive with politicians and the contests for the minor places have been practically sidetracked for the all absorbing fight for the senatorship.

The Creation of the week was the withdrawal of Hiram Brownlee from the senatorial race. The first intimation of this came out when Al Wishard and other of Fairbanks' lieutenants began to peddle the information about the lobby, coupling this with the assertion that Brownlee's withdrawal meant six or eight more votes for Fairbanks. Up in McKee's headquarters, on the second floor, the rumor was steadily denied until the next day, when a corroborated by Brownlee himself caused them to buckle to the facts. The facility with which the Fairbanks managers learned of Brownlee's withdrawal and the claims that his strength passed over to Fairbanks led at once to talk of a deal and speculation as to what kind of a plan the astute lawyer-statesman of Marion will get in case of Fairbanks' success. The McKee men tried hard to offset the effect of the withdrawal and the claims of the Fairbanks lieutenants by asserting that Representative Shideler of Marion is the only one of Brownlee's men who is known to be for Fairbanks.

Strained down, the fight now seems to be a clear cut struggle between Fairbanks, McKee and Wallace, the latter figuring in the role of a compromise possibility. The most conspicuous of the "dark horses" are Frank Posey, lawyer and ex-gubernatorial aspirant, who is said to carry around the promise of Senators Boneman and Collett; Federal Judge Baker, who is recognized to possess in dignity, learning and statesmanship the best qualifications of all, and Judge E. S. Taylor of Fort Wayne who, while not an active candidate, has many friends. The Wallace headquarters were opened in full blast last week with John C. Wingate of Wingate, John Bonnell, county chairman of Montgomery county, Representative E. T. McKee and Charles Williams of Chatterville in charge. These men are all politicians of wide acquaintance and understand the science of managing a political campaign. The author of "Ben Hur" arrived fresh for the fray on last Friday, and has lost no time since. Mr. McKee arrived on Monday and has extended the "good hand" in his political headquarters ever since. Accompanying McKee all of last week was a "push" from Terre Haute composed of such well known politicians as Senators Early, Representatives Berry and Morgan, George M. Allen, Nicholas Filback, George O. Dickerson, Robert H. Catlin and William Dorey of Terre Haute; Frank Griffin and Scott Carpenter of Brazil and ex-Congressman George Eads. They all professed great confidence in the outlook and indented the interpretation placed on the situation by "Bob" Catlin, the experienced politician who said: "Riley knows how to manage a railroad pretty well and I guess he has managed his senatorial boom all right."

It has cost McKee a good deal of time and money to carry on his boom, and his candidacy will at least have the beneficial effect of having placed some of the media in circulation. Fairbanks has not opened any regular headquarters and the McKee people insist on his action in that regard to a "wingman." Mr. Fairbanks has not even been seen in the lobby of the hotel for some time until Saturday night, but his lieutenants, among them Senator Wishard, Newton Harding, Joe Keeling and Senator New of this city, have been hard at work in his behalf. The last named is a son of General John C. New, ex-commodore to London, who is an ardent McKee man. While General New's influence is great the Fairbanks men find gratification in the fact that the son has the vote.

Al Wishard, who is Fairbanks' Mark Hanna, was asked by the writer this week to review the situation. "During the last 10 days we have been making steady gains," he said, "while the McKee people have been steadily losing. The withdrawal of Mr. Brownlee means eight votes or more. Let me show you the names of a few of the members of the assembly who are not only going to vote for Mr. Fairbanks but work for him, and then tell me whether you think he can be beaten."

The list of names which Mr. Wishard exhibited as comprising the prominent Fairbanks workers contained the following: Senators Watson, Newby, Goss, Hawkins, New, Hagg, Sed, Mill, Leach, Shively and Shideler; Representatives Randolph, Geddes, Root, Anderson, Hunt, Harris, Miller, Spencer, Halliday, Miller, Smith, etc.

One of the responsible managers of McKee was asked the same question relative to the situation, and he said: "If you want to form an impression of McKee's strength let me give you an idea as to the kind of men who are working for him. Some of these have not been able to come to this city, but they have been a moral strength in the communities where they reside."

And with this the boomer began running over a list of names, giving post-office addresses at the same time, at too rapid a clip for me to endeavor to transcribe them. They were readily recognized as men of great "strength" in the communities where they reside, as he had asserted, and would make a formidable army in the cause of any man. I have noticed, however, but a small portion of these friends on the scene thus far, and if it is possible that they are all so enthusiastically for McKee it is essential to his success that they buckle on their armor right away. After naming a hundred or more men of influence the boomer closed with the remark that "these are only a small fraction of our friends."

It is something singular if the corporation attorney, Fairbanks, has the sense that his workers and friends claim for him that they should be urging an early caucus. Their stock argument is that if the caucus is held early the members of the legislature will then be relieved of the strain put upon them by the friends of other candidates, just as though Fairbanks' friends were not giving them any trouble.

But the crowd behind "Long Charlie" must not forget that Mr. McKee was at one time in a position to grant a half dozen favors to farmers and laboring men to one of Mr. Fairbanks. McKee undoubtedly has the railroad men with him because he was always kind to those in his employ and has settled many labor troubles. It is said, for the miners in this state, thereby making many friends. A railroad man said the other day that for 20 years, while McKee was president of the Vandavia, it was a standing order to all conductors to pass any man holding a card from a labor union. The railroad people are circulating this fact among the trades unions of the state, and that, with kind words of the miners, is making him friends in quarters that the corporation attorney cannot touch. And then there are some members of the general assembly now counted in the Fairbanks column who will not be there when they hear from their labor constituents, and they will hear from them.

History will be made rapidly in Indianapolis during the coming week. The legislature meets tomorrow and the caucus for principal officers of each house will probably be held tonight. Pettit of Wabash will be elected speaker, although Nicholson (of Nicholson hill fame) still claims to be in the race. The indications are that the officers of the house will take hold after tomorrow, when the usual appropriations bill will be introduced and both houses will adjourn until Monday. On Monday Governor Matthews will call at the Benson House for Governor-elect Mount and the two will be driven in a carriage to the statehouse, where the inauguration ceremonies will take place in the corridors under festoons of bunting. Simple ceremonies will be observed, the oath being administered in the presence of members of the house and senate by Chief Justice Jordan. Governor Matthews' message will probably be read on Friday and the presiding officer of each house will announce his committees on Monday.

Next week Governor Matthews and his family will bid farewell for a time to Indiana and take up their residence in sunny California. The rental for a pretty cottage not far from Los Angeles has been secured and there the family will reside until the governor can get possession of his Clinton county farm on May 1. It is now under lease, and the lessee is occupying the family mansion. It is expected that the trip to California will be of great benefit in restoring the health of Mrs. Matthews. Upon his return the governor will again take up stock farming on an extensive scale.

"The trouble with all farming," said the governor yesterday, "is that it has struck hard pan, and very hard pan at that." This condition is greatly deplored by the governor, not because he is personally in need of the revenues to be derived from farming, but because in his exalted political station he has still kept deep in his heart an abiding sympathy for the farmer.

There is still a little talk that the minority of the assembly may endorse Mr. Matthews for senator, but he is doing all in his power to discourage it. "While the honor is one to be appreciated," he said, "it would have no meaning other than as a token of regard if thrown to me. On the other hand, the complimentary vote, if given to Senator Voorhees at this time, would mean a complete endorsement of his 20 long years of valuable official life."

One of the meritorious measures that will come before the legislature will be a bill to prevent extravagant and fraudulent expenditures by township trustees in the purchase of school supplies. In some instances trustees have been known to pay as high as \$100 for a fountain pen and a similar amount for an ordinary barrel filled with water, the return being made under the guise of "school supplies." The fraud is apparently one against not only the public but the legitimate dealers in school furnishings and should be rectified.

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Stetson, Morris, Shideler, Gibson, Lambert, Krats and Pecknough.

"There are a good many others," said the senator. "I have not, for instance, mentioned any candidate for speaker, as I did not wish to embarrass them. Do you think it possible to beat such men as those?" he added, with a chuckle of exultation.

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