

4 MEN OF THE HOUR.

"Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."—SHAKESPEARE.

HON. JOHN A. KASSON.
IOWA JOHN A. KASSON was born at Burlington, Va., January 14, 1822. He accepted the elements of his education in the public school of his neighborhood, and when 20 years of age was graduated from the University of Vermont. Upon leaving this institution he determined to study law, and after being admitted to practice, removed to Iowa, where he engaged in his profession until 1857, when he settled in Des Moines, Ia. In the fall of '57 he was elected State Director of the State Bank of Iowa, and in the next year was State Commissioner to investigate and report on the condition of the Executive Department of Iowa. About this time he was elected Chairman of the Republican State Convention, and in 1860 he was both a delegate to the National Convention, and Representative of Iowa on the Platform Committee. Upon the inauguration of President Lincoln, Mr. Kasson was appointed First Assistant Postmaster General, a position he occupied until the fall of 1862. In 1863 he was appointed United States Commissioner of the Lateral and Postal Congress held in Paris. On his return he was elected a member of the Thirty-third Congress, and at the close of that session he was re-elected to the Thirty-fourth. In 1867 he visited Europe as Commissioner on the part of the United States to examine the postal system. From 1868 to 1873 he served as a member of the General Assembly of Iowa, and was elected to the Iowa State Legislature in 1874. He was elected to the Iowa State Legislature in 1874. He was elected to the Iowa State Legislature in 1874.

COMMERCIAL.
San Francisco Produce Market.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 25th.—P. M.
Flour.—The jobbing trade is lively. Best City Flour, 46 1/2; 48 1/2; 50; 52; 54; 56; 58; 60; 62; 64; 66; 68; 70; 72; 74; 76; 78; 80; 82; 84; 86; 88; 90; 92; 94; 96; 98; 100; 102; 104; 106; 108; 110; 112; 114; 116; 118; 120; 122; 124; 126; 128; 130; 132; 134; 136; 138; 140; 142; 144; 146; 148; 150; 152; 154; 156; 158; 160; 162; 164; 166; 168; 170; 172; 174; 176; 178; 180; 182; 184; 186; 188; 190; 192; 194; 196; 198; 200; 202; 204; 206; 208; 210; 212; 214; 216; 218; 220; 222; 224; 226; 228; 230; 232; 234; 236; 238; 240; 242; 244; 246; 248; 250; 252; 254; 256; 258; 260; 262; 264; 266; 268; 270; 272; 274; 276; 278; 280; 282; 284; 286; 288; 290; 292; 294; 296; 298; 300; 302; 304; 306; 308; 310; 312; 314; 316; 318; 320; 322; 324; 326; 328; 330; 332; 334; 336; 338; 340; 342; 344; 346; 348; 350; 352; 354; 356; 358; 360; 362; 364; 366; 368; 370; 372; 374; 376; 378; 380; 382; 384; 386; 388; 390; 392; 394; 396; 398; 400; 402; 404; 406; 408; 410; 412; 414; 416; 418; 420; 422; 424; 426; 428; 430; 432; 434; 436; 438; 440; 442; 444; 446; 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