

A Candidate That Is Liable to no one of the Surprises in Politics.

The sensation in politics this year is the canvass of Clinton B. Fisk as the Prohibition candidate for governor of New Jersey. At first it seemed ridiculous to think of a temperance governor in a state that is noted for its Jersey lightning, but it is now thought that the Republicans will also nominate Gen. Fisk. He has had a wonderful career, which is interesting at this time.



GEN. CLINTON B. FISK.

Gen. Clinton B. Fisk was born in York, Livingston county, state of New York. The family emigrated to the west in his infancy in 1830. He had all the advantages incident to a home in the wilderness in Lenawee county, Mich. Fatherless at 4 years of age, apprenticed to a farmer at 9, graduated in the country schoolhouse after three months' schooling each year for four years; worked his way into Albion seminary, Mich., where he prepared for Michigan university, but, failing in health, abandoned study for commercial pursuits; became a merchant, miller and banker, at Coldwater, Mich.; removal to St. Louis, Mo., in 1850; was early in the war for the Union; became colonel of the Thirty-third Missouri Infantry volunteers; served upon the staff of Maj. Gen. Custer; promoted to brigadier general, volunteers, in 1862; commanded the Thirtieth division of the Thirtieth army corps in the army of Tennessee; was in the Yazoo Pass expedition against Fort Pemberton, in the siege of Vicksburg; ordered to Missouri in 1861, where he commanded successively the districts of south-east Missouri, St. Louis and north Missouri; was in command of the forces at Jefferson City, Mo., when Price was successfully resisted in his attempt to seize the capital of the state; promoted to brevet major general of volunteers, 1865. At the close of the war was ordered to Nashville, Tenn., as assistant commissioner under Gen. Howard in the work of the Freedmen's Bureau in Kentucky and Tennessee, and in command of the District of Tennessee, under Gen. Thomas, was remarkably successful in the work of reconstruction and restoration of industry and good order, using his authority only as supplementary to that of the civil law. More than 2,000,000 freed men were aided by him in getting established in their new relations. Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., conducted under the auspices of the American Missionary association, ranks among the best of the institutions of learning of this class. Gen. Fisk has been a generous promoter of education, is president of the board of trustees of Fisk university, is a trustee of Dickinson college, Pennsylvania; Drew Theological seminary, New Jersey; Pennington seminary, New Jersey, and Albion college, Michigan. He is also a trustee in the American Missionary association and a manager in the Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church and member of the book committee. In Methodism north and south he has been among the foremost in establishing fraternal relations between the separated branches of the church; was a member of the celebrated Cape May commission; is one of the vice-presidents of the Evangelical Alliance; was appointed by Gen. Grant a member of the board of Indian commissioners in 1873; is now and has been for many years chairman of the board. Gen. Fisk, as a forcible and eloquent advocate, has been heard on many platforms in behalf of Christian missions, Sunday schools, education and temperance.

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THE LATE JUDGE DAVID DAVIS.

Judge David Davis was born in Coel county, Maryland, March 9, 1815. By the exercise of extreme and oftentimes pinching economy, young David Davis succeeded in passing the collegiate course at Kenyon college, Ohio. He then studied law in the Massachusetts academy of law. Thus equipped Mr. Davis in 1834 came west and located in Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois. He was then very poor, and wishing to change his location walked from Pekin to Bloomington, in the same state, a distance of forty miles. Arriving in Bloomington in 1835 he at once began the practice of law, acquiring a practice that was constantly increasing up to the time of his elevation to the bench. He was the colleague of Abraham Lincoln, Judge Logan, Gen. Geldiey, O. B. Fielden and other legal giants of that period whose lives are a portion of the history of the country. In 1841 Mr. Davis was elected to the popular branch of the assembly, where he acquired his first experience in legislative work. He was first called to the bench in 1848. At once his friends recognized that Davis had found the part in life for which nature and education had so well fitted him.

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