



OSCAR DePRIEST,

who was born March 9, 1871, went to Chicago in 1889 from his hometown in Alabama, and conducted a paint and decorating business until 1904.

He served as county commissioner in Cook County from 1894 to 1904 and served in the Chicago City Council from 1916 to 1917; served as commissioner under Mayor W. H. Thompson from 1912-22 and as alderman. He was a delegate to three Republican National Conventions and was a committeeman from Chicago's Third Ward.

In 1928, he was elected to Congress and served until 1934.

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**JOSEPH H. RAINEY
(1832-1887)**

Born in Georgetown, S. C., June 21, 1832; received a limited education; member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1868; member of the State Sen-



ate in 1870, but resigned to fill unexpired term of B. F. Whitmore, white, U. S. Congressman. Served as a regular Republican member of Congress from South Carolina from December 12, 1870, to March 3, 1879, the longest term of any of the Reconstruction Congressmen.

He died in Georgetown, August 1, 1887.



ARTHUR W. MITCHELL

who was born December 22, 1883, present Representative from Chicago's First Illinois District, is the first Democrat of his race to be elected to Congress.

He taught school for many years in rural Alabama, founded Armstrong Agricultural School in West Butler, Ala., studied at Tuskegee, Columbia and Harvard and was admitted to the D. C. bar and practiced there ten years before moving to Chicago where he practiced from 1929 to 1934.

He was elected to Congress in 1935 and only last week announced that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself.

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CHARLES E. NASH

Born in Opelousa, La., attended school in New Orleans. A bricklayer by trade, he fought as a private with the 83rd



Regiment, U. S. Chasseurs d'Afrique. In 1863, he was promoted to sergeant-major. He lost a leg at the storming of Fort Blakely. Elected as a Republican to the Forty-fourth Congress and served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1877.