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KELLEY, **John Edward**, a Representative from South Dakota; born near Portage City, Columbia County, Wis., March 27, 1853; attended the public schools; moved to Moody County, Dak. (now South Dakota), in 1878 and engaged in agricultural pursuits; engaged in the newspaper business at Flandreau; member of the State house of representatives in 1890 and 1891; unsuccessful candidate of the People's Party for election to the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth Congresses; elected as the candidate of the Democratic Party and the People's Party to the Fifty-fifth Congress (March 4, 1897-March 3, 1899); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1898; resumed agricultural pursuits near Coleman, S. Dak.; delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in 1912; register of the United States land office at Pierre 1915-1918; moved to St. Paul, Minn., and became editor of the Cooperative Herald; died in Minneapolis, Minn., August 5, 1941; interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

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