

Alexander (record attached) would be a third choice if Foster and Heimann are out. He is a Republican and that would make it possible to have a Democrat as the "dirt farmer" and agricultural man on the Board.

To scrap the impersonal reason of age on the question of non-reappointment and to name Miller would be a terrible blow to Mr. Hamlin in particular. Both were appointed to the original Board more than 20 years ago—Hamlin as the first Governor—he has been faithful, co-operative, a hard worker, of real ability and courage, he is admired and loved by every one on the staff. ~~Miller has never been co-operative~~. He has been loyal to the Administration and a true supporter of its principles. Miller has never co-operated, he has never carried a real share of the work, he is cordially disliked throughout the staff and the banks. He would have scuttled the Banking Act of 1935 had he had his way—he is wholly out of sympathy with the New Deal and its policies as he made bold to say in his testimony and in private conversations before the Senate bill provided for reorganization of the Board. To throw overboard the faithful beloved Hamlin, ~~and~~ who is a poor man incidentally, and to rename the disliked and hostile Dr. Miller would be an injustice which Mr. Hamlin would never get over—nor ~~would~~ would those of the Staff and the System generally be able to look upon it as other than a rank injustice.