

## 'LAC QUI PARLE WAR HORSE' ILL

Madison, Minn., April 16.—The "Lac qui Parle war horse," 89-year-old Jacob F. Jacobson, pioneer-day legislator and once a candidate for governor, was reported in critical condition at his home here Saturday.

Retired from active politics since his defeat by John A. Johnson in the 1908 gubernatorial campaign, but until the last few years a still commanding figure in progressive Republican politics, Mr. Jacobson was said to be fast falling before the infirmities of age.

### Born in Norway.

Born in Norway in the year gold first lured American adventurers to California, Mr. Jacobson came to Lac qui Parle county in his youth and entered the farm implement business. Sixty-six years ago he helped organize the Lac qui Parle County Fair association and ever since then he has been associated closely with the annual exposition.

His political career began in 1889 when he was elected to the state legislature. He served 10 years, fathering such significant legislation as the "open market" elevator law, the railroad rate and gross earnings tax laws, the state lands timber law and the creation of the state board of control.

### A Man of the People.

His defeat by Governor Johnson was laid by many to a figure of speech made by his nominator, Frank Eddy. Seeking to emphasize that Mr. Jacobson was a man of the people, Eddy declared that Mr. Jacobson "might eat his pie with his knife, but he is a better man than his critics for all that." The war horse himself, however, never felt that the remark played any part in his defeat.

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