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Andrew Washington Mann

Andrew Washington Mann (November 16, 1833-February 27, 1910), delegate from Greenbrier County in the recalled session, took his seat February 14, 1863. He was born near Salt Sulphur Springs, Monroe County, and educated in the schools of that county, but he spent most of his life in Greenbrier County and is buried in White Oak Cemetery. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married and had four children: Nellie, Bessie, Ann, and Myrtle.

From April to July, 1861, Captain Mann was a train master in the Union army. At the end of this service he raised a company of home guards which functioned as needed. He was a delegate in the First West Virginia Legislature and again from 1867 to 1869, where he voted for the ratification of the Fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States. Beginning April 5, 1869, he was for a time Collector of Internal Revenue for the Third West Virginia District. In 1870 he was appointed a regent for the State School for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind at Romney.

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