

**FARMERS IN LEAD IN STATE LEGISLATURE**

**Fifty-three Ruralists and 48 Lawyers Make Up Chief Membership.**

Fifty-three farmers and 48 lawyers will form the principal part of the members of the Fifty-second general assembly which meets January 3, according to the official roster published today by Secretary of State Charles U. Becker.

The farmers would have little trouble forming a farmers' bloc in the house of representatives because the roster shows there are an even 50 following that vocation in that branch of the legislature. Three state senators have given their vocation as farming.

There will be 30 lawyers in the house of representatives while the law profession will have 18 of the 34 members of the state senate.

In compiling the roster of the members the secretary of state found there were 28 different professions, vocations and occupations represented in the membership of the house, varying from lawyers to butchers.

Twelve different professions or occupations are represented in the state senate.

The following will be the make-up of the house of representatives: Farmers, 50; lawyers, 30; merchants, 12; physicians, 6; teachers, 5; bankers, 5; insurance, 4; real estate, 4; ministers, 3; printers, 3; editors, 3 business secretaries, 3; clerks, 2; retired farmers, 2; abstractor, 1; butcher, 1; salesman, 1; civil engineer, 1; manufacturer, 1; machinist, 1; contractor, 1; plumber, 1; coal dealer, 1; mine operator, 1; horsehoer, 1; optometrist, 1; theatre manager, 1; restaurateur, 1; retired, 1; vocation not given, 3.

The occupations of the members of the state senate follow: Lawyers, 18; farmers, 3; contractors, 2; editors, 2; merchant, 1; lawyer-farmer, 1; retired merchant, 1; physician, druggist and minister, 1; auto tire manufacturer, 1; pharmacist, 1; mine superintendent, 1; realtor, 1; banker, 1.

In the senate there will be 19 Democrats and 15 Republicans while in the house of representatives the Democrats will have 83 members and the Republicans 67.

**EMMET VINSON RECOVERING FROM INJURIES**

Emmet Vinson, a Frisco fireman of Monett, who was severely injured last Saturday morning, while on duty is recovering. He was able to return home the first of the week.

The drive rods on his engine came loose and in trying to get out of their way Mr. Vinson was injured about the head and face. His injuries were dressed at the Carthage hospital.

Vincent Wilson, of St. Louis, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Miss Mildred Keithly spent Christmas at the home of Dr. Newman at Cassville.

J. M. Ezell, Frisco caller, is back to work after being off duty on account of an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stewart and children, of Joplin, visited Sunday and Monday with W. W. Hartman and family.

Will Watson returned to Springfield Monday night, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boucher of Purdy, visited their daughters, Mrs. Percy Johnson and Mrs. Fulton Smith and families, Christmas.

W. P. McCampbell's barber shop, 215 Broadway, which was destroyed by fire, will be open for business again January 1st.

Mrs. J. B. Fink and daughter, Miss Carrie, returned to their home at Purdy Tuesday evening, after a visit with Monett relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. F. Goodnight and son Elbert have gone to Preston, Mo., to be with Rev. Goodnight, who is conducting a revival meeting at that place.

Ross Woods, 17 years old, was operated upon Christmas night by Dr. Wm. West at the West hospital for locked bowels.

Mrs. T. S. Waddell, Mrs. Pauline McDonough, Miss Anna Buehner, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boston and Francis Boston, of Peirce City, were shopping in Monett Tuesday.

Dr. D. E. Miller reports that Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pilketon, northeast of town, are the parents of a baby girl, Mary Margaret, born Tuesday December 26.

Mrs. Ross Walton, the young woman on Marshall Hill, who drank a small amount of carbolic acid Monday, is getting along nicely and will recover.

Monett citizens spent Christmas very quietly. No cases were in police court the day after on account of unwise celebration, which is in much contrast to other years when the open saloon was permitted.

**WHY GROW CONCORD GRAPES?**

Some parties are promoting other varieties. Two reasons: First they have roots to sell, or they hope to sell the product because the Juice Factory won't buy the other varieties.

We quote the following authorities who advise planting Concord: The Frisco Railroad Company are spending a great deal of money to promote the grape industry. This past fall they sent two representatives into New York to investigate grapes. These parties consulted the directors of Experiment Stations in New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Canada. Information secured at all these points was to the effect that only one variety should be considered in the Ozarks at this time, and that should be Concord. The Experiment Stations are working on another variety—The Sheridan, but have not yet fully proved it. They do not advise anything but Concord, until we have placed Concord on a commercial basis. In all the Commercial Belts mentioned, nothing is grown for market but Concord.

The Welch Grape Juice Co., sent experts in to Ozarks and examined our grapes and soils. They are pioneers in this business. They say Concord. The Missouri Experiment Station in their bulletin on grapes, advise Concord for the Ozarks. The Arkansas Experiment Station advise Concord. What other authorities do we need? Surely not some private individual.

Concord produce according to records, and admitted by all authorities, even the promoters of other varieties, about one third more fruit. They are more thrifty and produce more canes to continue your vineyards.

The most important feature, however, is the market. Factories stabilize the market on grapes, as they do on all products. Grape Juice Factories will buy Concord Grapes. They will buy no other kind. The Table Market in the east knows no other kind. The Concord commands two markets.

Some time Southwest Missouri wants a factory. The reason Neosho didn't secure Welch Factory was the fact they had the wrong variety of grapes. They had acreage, but the wrong kind. When a factory locates in Missouri, they will locate where Concord grapes are grown. Grow them in Barry County. Don't allow any one to mislead you on other varieties.

John P. Davis.

**NEW CLUB IS ORGANIZED**

A very enjoyable time was had on Tuesday evening when a party of ladies was invited to the Martin hotel by Mrs. L. H. Gabriel, to an elaborate three course dinner. After dinner toasts were given by the ladies.

They then went to the parlor where a new club was organized, which will be for the purpose of sociability and mutual helpfulness. Mrs. Gabriel was elected president and Mrs. Hulda Reeves, secretary. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing cards and in a general good time. Mrs. W. T. Dailey was presented with a box of candy, which she passed among the ladies.

Club members present were Mrs. W. T. Dailey, Mrs. T. R. Price, Mrs. Alice Gerhart, Mrs. Lulu Tutt, Mrs. Mary Wightman, Mrs. Ida Adams, Mrs. W. J. Fleming, Mrs. Hulda Reeves, Mrs. Elizabeth Kersey and the hostess.

Mrs. R. T. Keithly went to Rogers, Ark., to spend Christmas with her husband.

Mrs. C. E. Ash has returned from Joplin, where she was called by the death of her father, Mr. Thacker.

Miss Anna Cunningham visited her sister Mrs. Logan at Peirce City the first of the week.

Mrs. S. J. Woolsey remains critically ill. Her son, Claud Woolsey arrived from Fayetteville, Ark., Tuesday night.

Mrs. John Stow and daughters, Amber and Emmaniel, went to Aurora Wednesday morning, to visit a few days with relatives.

Miss Jean Wells, of Aurora, who has been a missionary in Persia for several years, returned home last week. Her mother, Mrs. J. G. Wells, met her at New York City.

Miss Lora Reese, of Cassville, came Tuesday evening, to spend the remainder of the week with her aunt, Miss Bertha Jeffries, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carlin, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carlin and son Trueman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robinson, of Purdy, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Willis Christmas day.

Mrs. M. Millikan, of Springdale, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Millikan, of Columbus, Ohio, visited Monday and Tuesday with R. A. Millikan and family, 608 Central avenue. They left Tuesday morning for Columbus, Ohio, where Mrs. M. Millikan will remain during the winter.

**FOUR ARE HURT WHEN AUTO FALLS 20 FEET**

Bentonville, Ark., Dec. 26.—Mrs. A. H. Hooper is expected to die and three others were slightly injured as the result of a motor car in which they were riding going over a twenty-foot embankment on the Bella Vista and Caverna highway last night.

Mrs. Hooper's brother Marion Ivy, of Fayetteville, sustained a fractured arm and Mrs. Ivy was slightly hurt, as was Miss Rosie Hooper.

A. H. Hooper, who was driving the motor car, and a small son of the Hoopers escaped injury.

Mrs. Hooper sustained a fractured skull. Her recovery is doubtful. She has not regained consciousness since the accident.

The accident occurred along a high bluff bordering Sugar creek. It was said to have been caused when the motor car struck a loose rock, causing the steering gear to break.

Mr. Hooper is owner of the Hopper grocery stores at Bentonville and Caverna. The party was enroute to Caverna to visit relatives.

**WOLF ITEMS**

The clover huller is in our neighborhood.

We have some new neighbors by the name of Henson who have moved on Joe Hensons place.

The Loyal Ladies Club met with Mrs. Esther Caldwell Wednesday evening Dec. 20th. There were thirteen members present and a visitor Mrs. Ford. After the regular meeting was held the evening was spent in tacking carpet rags for Mrs. Baiffay sixteen pounds of rags was tacked. Refreshments was served by Miss Jessie Wilks. Those present were Mrs. Effie Wilks and son Ralph and daughter Jessie, Mrs. Veith, Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mrs. Vina Pruitt, Mrs. Esther Engledorf, Mrs. Kate Vinney, Mrs. Pitzner, Mrs. Al Johnson, Mrs. Nina McCormick, Mrs. Mollie Baiffay. The club will meet in two weeks with Mrs. Esther Engledorf. Everybody welcome to come and join the club and help boost the farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pruitt were shopping in Monett Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Pruitt called on Herman Wilks Wednesday and found him very much improved.

Misses Jewel and Agnes Wilks and Fern Bandy visited the Nathan Pruitt home Thursday.

Mrs. Georgia Caldwell called on Mrs. Mary J. Pruitt Wednesday.

The Wheeler Farm Club met at the Wolfe school house Thursday night and elected eleven delegates to go to Mt. Vernon January 2nd to attend the Lawrence County Convention.

A very interesting program was rendered by the teacher and pupils of the Wolfe school Friday Dec. 22nd which was much enjoyed by the patrons of the district. The school room was beautifully decorated and the tree was loaded with gifts and a treat for the teacher and pupils and Santa Claus came and distributed them to all. The teacher and pupils deserve much praise for the fine program.

Nathan Pruitt was in Verona on business Saturday.

Sid Pruitt of Hoberg is spending Christmas with his mother Mrs. Mary Pruitt.

Miss Alma Ash, Sid Pruitt, Dee Shipman and Fletcher Pruitt visited at the Nathan Pruitt home Sunday.

Mrs. Vina Pruitt called on Mrs. Cora Ash Saturday evening.

Ambert Williams, of Tulsa, Okla., spent Christmas at Monett.

Thos. Inman, of Wheaton, visited friends at Monett Christmas Day.

Mrs. Lena Hobbs-Perry and son William spent Christmas with relatives at Cassville.

Dr. and Mrs. Newman, George Newman and Miss Grace Newman, of Cassville, were dinner guests of Mrs. R. T. Keithly Tuesday.

Earl Hobbs, student at Missouri University came home from Columbia to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hobbs.

The Order of Railway Conductors held a meeting Tuesday to finish up the year's business and to act on important matters.

Allen Holmes, of Wapato, Wash., who was called here by the fatal illness of his father, J. D. Holmes, expects to leave for his home this week.

Miss Lotta Reese, of Springfield, passed through Monett Tuesday night on her way to Springfield, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Reese, at Cassville.

Mrs. Alice Short, of Peirce City, and E. B. Short, of Denver, Colo., who have been visiting Mrs. J. E. Sater and family, returned to Peirce City Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Mattie Watson, of McAlester, Ok., and daughter, Miss Joethel Watson, of Oklahoma City, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bryant and little daughter, Joethel Marie, of Fayetteville, Ark., spent Tuesday with W. A. Watson and family.

**ROBBERS SET FIRE TO FRISCO MOTOR TRAIN**

Weleetka, Okla., Dec. 26.—Five masked men made an unsuccessful attempt to blow the St. Louis-San Francisco railroad station safe here last night after imprisoning two ticket agents in a box car. The safe withstood the blast from a charge of dynamite and the robbers fled after setting fire to a motor train on the track which operates between Tulsa and Okmulgee. The train was slightly damaged.

Arthur Sulzy, who approached the station while the intruders were at work, was knocked senseless with the butt of a revolver as he crossed the street and was later taken to a hospital. His condition is not serious.

Operation of the entire Frisco system, including all trains, shops, stations and offices, came to a complete standstill for one minute at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon out of respect to the memory of Senior Vice President Alexander Hilton, who died Monday at the company hospital in St. Louis and whose funeral was held this afternoon.

**AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER GETS RIDE IN AMBULANCE**

E. M. Price, secretary of the Tuttt & Osborn Clothing Company, and commander of the local American Legion post, was given a ride in Callaway's ambulance Wednesday morning.

Mr. Price lives in the suburbs of Monett, and not relishing the idea of walking to work in the rain, he telephoned another employe at the store to ask him if his car was available, if so, he wanted to get a ride to town.

The other employe conceived the idea of giving Mr. Price a ride in a comfortable conveyance and secured Callaway's ambulance for the purpose.

Mr. Price was willing to ride with the driver, but was kindly, but firmly, persuaded that the place for him was inside. To prolong the comfortable ride, the ambulance driver went up and down Broadway several times, before letting the young man out at his place of business.

**ROCKY COMFORT**

Dr. J. C. Kimbrough and family of Lexington, Mo., are visiting R. G. Kimbrough and family here this week.

J. S. Granger has moved to Rocky Comfort and will take charge of the lumber yard first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Gerster of Stella visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Davidson were Joplin visitors Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Davidson died Tuesday night, December 19, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. G. Goostree, in Wheaton. She had been in poor health for several months. Deceased was 72 years, 7 months and 7 days old. She leaves ten children, five boys and five girls, and a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. The children are as follows: Roscoe Davidson, Mrs. J. T. Sampson, Mrs. J. A. Hendon and Mrs. C. C. Hill of Rocky Comfort and T. O. Davidson, Oscar Davidson, Mon Davidson, Lon Davidson, Mrs. P. E. Daniels and Mrs. H. G. Goostree of Wheaton. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Rocky Comfort Wednesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. E. C. Tichenor. Interment was made in the Rocky Comfort cemetery.

**WEST PRAIRIE ITEMS**

We, the citizens of West Prairie, regret very much to lose another esteemed friend and neighbor, Mrs. Joe McCormick. She was one who loved the church and Sunday school, one who gave assistance to the sick, yet our hearts are made glad to know by her last expressions before leaving this world, she has gone to be with Jesus. We join the bereaved husband and two children, Frances and Luther, with the deepest sympathy. Among those who attended Mrs. McCormick's funeral were her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Long, of Rocky Comfort, one sister, of Houston, Tex., one sister, of Verona, Mr. and Mrs. Reams McCormick, of Washburn.

Our school entertained the patrons of the district with a Christmas tree and program. Miss Julia Monnet is teacher.

Mrs. E. D. Parker is able to be out after several days' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl McCormick and Mrs. Olaf Clement spent Christmas at R. R. McCormick's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wallen spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Meador.

Mrs. E. D. Parker and son Alvin visited with Joe McCormick and children Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins visited Mrs. Lizzie Bolden Christmas day.

Miss Lester Cox has been quite ill for several days.

Miss Ruth Myers, of Joplin, came Tuesday night, to visit her brother Wm. E. Myers, and family.

J. Merritt Hammond, of The Times job department, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Suttles and daughter Avilla visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkisson at Peirce City Christmas.

Mrs. J. A. McIntosh, of Joplin, came to Monett Wednesday morning. She was joined here by Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Wilmes and they went to Bourbon, to visit relatives.

**SHOP AND RAILROAD NEWS**

The Frisco expects to replace its old frame depot at Springdale, Ark., with a brick structure to be 196 feet long. The new depot will contain a waiting room, ticket office, freight office, baggage room, express room and freight room.

Two cars attached to Frisco freight train No. 36, eastbound, were derailed at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon west of Lebanon where a coupler on one of the cars fell to the track. No one was injured. Trains Nos. 4, 3 and 11 were delayed approximately two hours.

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**NORTHEAST PURDY**

There will be a pie supper at the Ozark school house Saturday night Dec. 30th. Everybody come and bring someone with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaase and Miss Freda of Monett visited with Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Kloppinberg and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Brice Etchison and sons were Purdy visitors Saturday afternoon.

Those who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joim Jacques Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jacques and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis and family, Mrs. Ora Keeton and children and Hubert Walton.

Howard and Ellen Davis visited Herman Opalka and Helen Kloppinberg Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Henderson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Brattin Wormington Monday.

**EBENEZER**

J. T. Sanders and wife visited Levi Calton at Aurora Sunday evening and Monday, returning home Monday evening.

Ed Crossland's father is visiting his sons. He attended Sunday school at Ebenezer Sunday.

Elder Ed Brown filled his regular appointment at Flat Creek and made a talk Saturday for the entertainment on Christmas.

Elbert Cox is still hauling gravel for the road near Freistatt. They will soon have it finished but may get one more mile to gravel.

Ebenezer church gave a Christmas treat to old and young on Sunday.

Mr. Flowers and his son have again gone to Texas. They are interested in the oil fields and got a telegram that they had struck a gusher and have been made a good offer for their stock.

Landon Cox, who is working at Kansas City, visited home folks Sunday and Monday.

**MT. PLEASANT**

The Christmas program at the Pleasant Valley school house Friday Dec. 22nd was well rendered by the pupils and parents form the tree were distributed to quite a number and all enjoyed the afternoon.

Bryan Higgs and family visited at the home of Will Higgs Sunday.

Miss Ersie Brattin is spending a few days with Miss Neva Higgs.

Lester Vineyard entertained a number of young people from this place at Christmas dinner.

Miss Pearl Long went to Miami, Okla., Friday evening where she will spend the holidays with her mother.

A revival meeting began at Mt. Pleasant Sunday night conducted by Rev. Ollie Ennis.

John Higgs and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yarnall at Exeter.

J. M. McCracken and family spent Christmas with Andy Howerton and family.

John Rogers is confined to his bed with a severe cold.

Russell Cole, of Tulsa, Okla., came home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cole.

Miss Blanche and May Williams, of Stark City, are visiting their uncle, B. E. Williams, and family this week.

Miss Mildred Callaway, teacher in the Nevada schools, is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Callaway.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Woehl have taken light housekeeping rooms at Miss Sarah Clark's residence, 305 Fifth street.

**STRIKE THREATENED BY TELEGRAPHERS**

**Walkout Expected Unless Labor Board Acts Favorably On Petition For Re-Hearing of Wage Cut.**

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Prediction of a telegraphers' strike on some western railroads unless the railroad labor board acts favorably by next January 1 on a petition for a re-hearing of the decision of the board which recently reduced the wages of 11,000 operators about \$1,500,000 a year, was made here tonight by Edward J. Manion, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

Manion said he had appealed to President Harding to intercede in behalf of the telegraphers on the ground that the labor board had been repudiated and that the president himself had suggested its abolition.

"Undoubtedly there will be strike votes taken on some roads," declared Manion. He asserted that any of the telegraphers' grievance committee of the eleven railroads affected by the wage cut, who ask for permission to walk out, "will get authority to strike from me."

The roads affected by the wage reduction are the Chicago & North-western; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha; Great Northern; Illinois Central; Minneapolis & St. Louis; Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie; Northern Pacific, and the Southern Pacific.

**AURORA C. OF C. ELECTS**

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce has elected officers as follows: president, J. S. Flautt; secretary, Col. Loy and treasurer, M. T. Easley. E. R. Adams was elected first vice president; M. B. Gardner, second vice president and head of the horticultural department and Jared Woodfill, third vice president. Other department heads are Gurley, Mathes, Grammer, Galloway, Easley, Burchard and Brunk.

**BAPTISED IN GRANDFATHER'S BAPTISMAL ROBE**

Edith Ophelia, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Mermoud, was baptised at the Waldensian church Sunday. The child wore the baptismal robe worn by her grandfather, J. F. Mermoud, when he was baptised as an infant, 51 years ago. The robe was the handwork of J. F. Mermoud's mother.

**HOBERG ITEMS**

Miss Viva Adams who teaches school at Rolla is spending Christmas vacation with home folks.

Sid Pruitt visited his mother near Verona Sunday.

Mrs. Bertha Adams and family, Raymond Pharris and George Fowler attended the oyster dinner at A. Youngs Monday.

G. L. Dameron and family visited in Arkansas Sunday and Monday.

Little Alberta Baugh is very sick. Misses Georgia, and Lola Pruitt, Mary Adams and Nolan Pruitt attended the Christmas exercises at Hoberg Saturday night.

Miss Gladys Tate went to Aurora Tuesday morning to visit her aunt, Mrs. Walter Hale.

Mrs. W. W. Turner, of Aurora, spent Christmas with Mrs. Bertalot at the Broadway Hotel.

Mrs. Lela Parrish, of St. Louis, passed through Monett Tuesday evening, on her way home after a visit with relatives in Cassville.

Don and Ennet Williams, of Tulsa Okla., spent Christmas with their families, returning by motor Monday afternoon.

**KEEP THE KIDNEYS WELL**

**Health is Worth Saving, and Some Monett People Know How to Save It.**

Many people take their lives in their hands by neglecting the kidneys when they know these organs need help. Weak kidneys are responsible for a vast amount of suffering and ill health—the slightest delay is dangerous. Use Doan's Kidney Pills—a remedy that has helped thousands of kidney sufferers. Here is a Monett citizen's recommendation.

Mrs. Fred Cooper, 1103 Bond street says: "I had a heavy, steady ache in my back and when I stooped or turned sharp pains would shoot through me. I felt all tired out and had terrible aches and pains in my head and became nervous. Often my eyes were affected when black spots came before me. My kidneys acted irregularly, but I got Doan's Kidney Pills at McKee's Drug Store and used them. They gave me complete relief." (Statement given April 5, 1916.)

On January 28, 1920, Mrs. Cooper said: "I haven't had need of a kidney remedy since giving my former statement and give the credit to Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Cooper had. Foster-Milburn Co. Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.