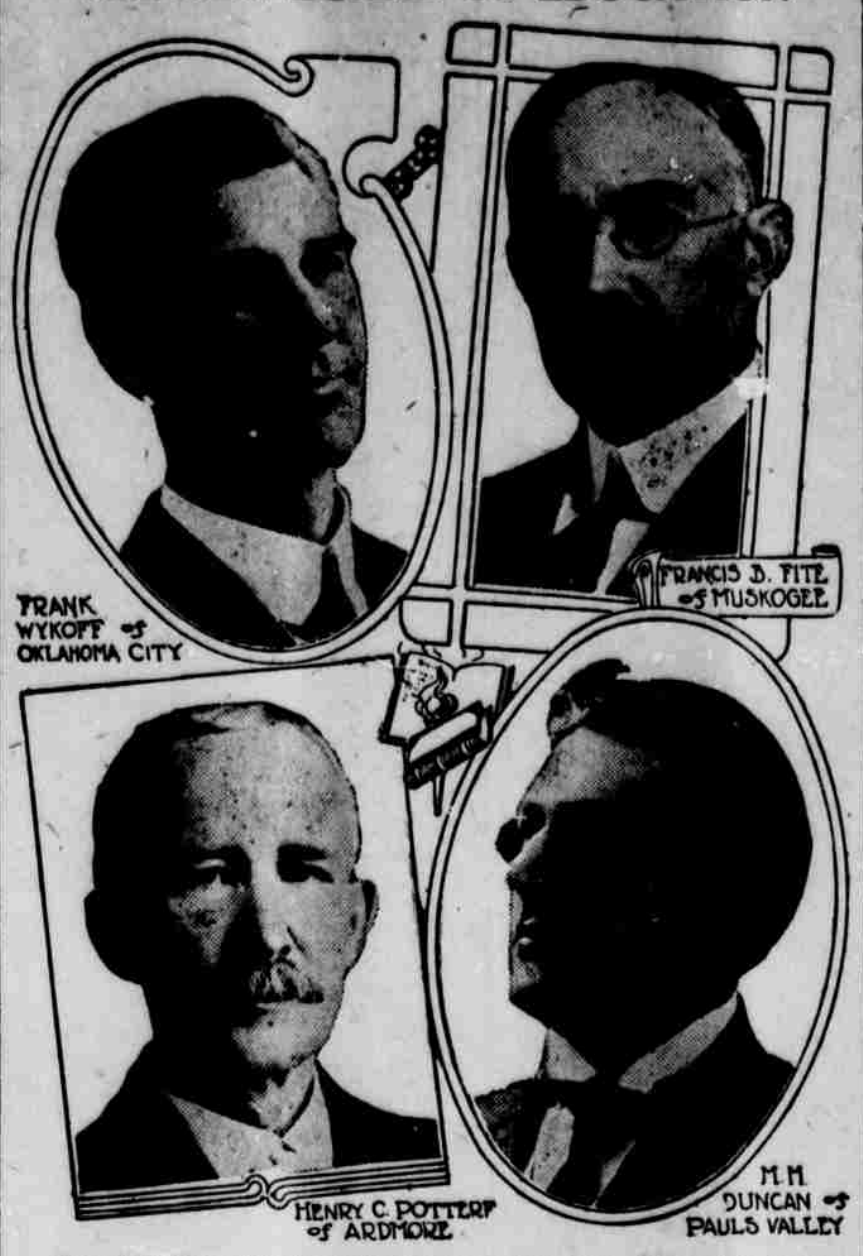
THE NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION



Gov. Cruce has recently named four new members of the state board of education. They are Frank Wykoff, of the Tradesman's Bank, Oklahoma City; Francis B. Fite, an attorney, of Muskogee; Henry C. Potterf, also an attorney, of Ardmore, and M. H. Duncan, of Pauls Valley. There are two more members still to be appointed by the governor.

Woman Named In Formal Articles.

The formal articles of impeachment against State Insurance Commissioner Perry A. Ballard, which were transmitted to the senate, after adoption by the house, specifically name Miss Nannie Gwinn, license clerk in the insurance department, as the "woman in the case" with whom the commissioner is alleged to have maintained improper relations.

Her name is mentioned in two of the three counts against the insurance commissioner. The second article charges collusion between the commissioner and Miss Gwinn relative to state printing, at a time the young woman was operating a small printing plant. The third article is as follows:

"That the said Perry A. Ballard, while insurance commissioner of the state of Oklahoma, was guilty of an offense involving moral turpitude to the extent of debauching public morals and in violation of the public decency in that during the year 1912 he employed and placed in his office one Nannie Gwinn with whom he had been and was maintaining improper relations and with whom he continued to maintain such relations during the time of her employment in his office."

Capital Question Settled

The McMechan resolution authorizing the legislature to accept the 650 acres of land and $100,000 in cash given by the people of Oklahoma City for the location and erection of a state capitol building in fulfillment of its promise to the state was passed finally by the senate by a vote of 23 to 15.

The senators who voted for the adoption of the resolution are: Austin, Aycock, Barefoot, Blassingame, Carpenter, Curran, Dutton, Echols, Fields, Franklin, Graham, Harlin, Horton Kendrick, McClintic, McMechan, Shaw Sutherlin, Thomas, Tucker, Warner Watrous and Waters.

Those voting against the resolution were: Anderson, Board, Burford, Edmonson, Garrett, Jones, McAlester McCully, Memminger, Roddie, Russell Sorrells, Thompson, Vandeventer and Wilson.

W. M. Erwin, New State Printer.

W. M. Erwin, editor of the Pauls Valley Enterpries, who has been appointed state printer to succeed Giles W. Farris, formally took charge of

the office. Mr. Erwin has appointed E. L. Williamson, now of Pauls Valley, as his assistant. The latter formerly worked in the printing offices of Oklahoma City, and is a member of the local typographical union.

Eight Democrats In Congress.

After hours of strenuous work in committee and in caucus, the senate passed finally the house congressional redistricting bill after it had been amended so as to provide eight safe democratic districts. The bill as it passed the house provided for seven democratic districts and one republican district and it was only after a hard fight that it was amended to eliminate the republican district.

The districts, as outlined in the amended bill, are as follows:

District No. 1—Ottawa, Craig, Nowata, Washington, Osage, Pawnee, Tulsa, Rogers, Mayes, Delaware and Cherokee.

District No. 2—Adair, Sequoyah, Haskell, LeFlore, Muskogee, McIntosh, Wagoner and Okmulgee.

District No. 3—Pittsburg, Latimer, Pushmataha, McCurtain, Choctaw, Atoka, Coal, Bryan, Marshall, Love and Carter.

District No. 4—Creek, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes, Pontotoc and Johnston.

District No. 5—Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Logan, east half of Oklahoma county divided by the Santa Fe railroad and excluding Oklahoma City as incorporated; Cleveland, McClain, Garvin and Murray.

District No. 6—Jefferson, Stephens, Grady, Canadian, Kingfisher, Garfield, Grant; west half of Oklahoma county divided by the Santa Fe railroad and including all of Oklahoma City as incorporated.

District No. 7—Major, Blaine, Custer, Washita, Kiowa, Caddo, Comanche, Cotton and Tillman.

District No. 8—Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Alfalfa, Woodward Ellis, Dewey, Roger Mills, Beckham and Greer, Harmon and Jackson.

The bill now goes back to the house where, it is believed by many, that the senate amendments will be concurred in.

District No. 6, which includes Oklahoma City, as can be seen, is the largest district, with the largest population. This district extends clear across the state from Texas on the south to Kansas on the north.

This bill particularly is to the liking of Congressman-elect Joe B. Thompson since it eliminates Oklahoma City from his district. Owing to the stand he has taken in the capitol matter, it is said that Senator Thompson preferred not to be placed in a district that would include Oklahoma City. This places Senator Thompson in the Fifth district, which includes only one half of Oklahoma county.

The second district is distinctly a Muskogee district.