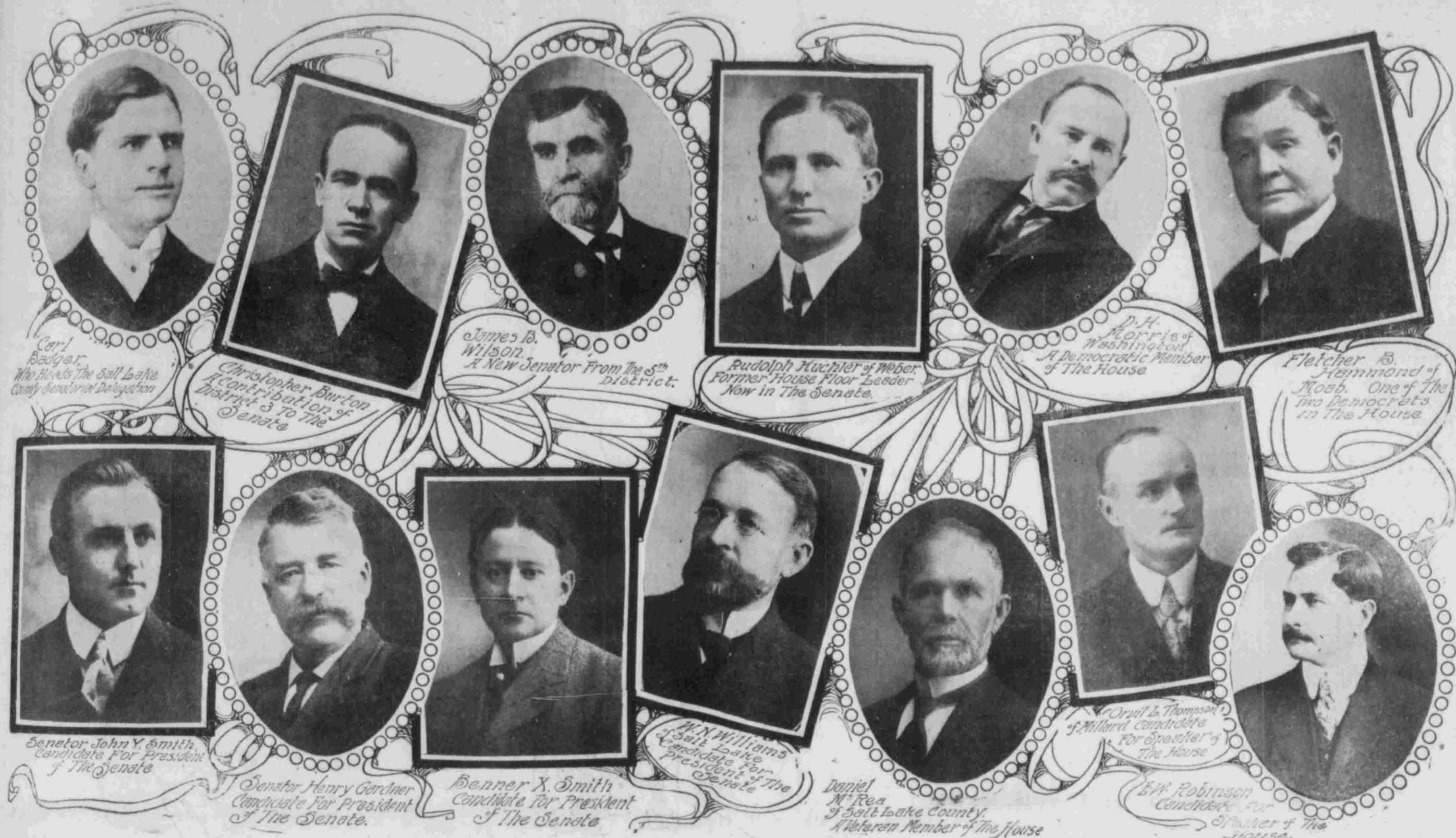


Law Makers Who Assemble for Duty on Monday Next



X MONDAY next for the eighth time since statehood, a Utah legislature will assemble to listen to a message from the state's sole executive on the commonwealth's needs. This message will differ from those that have gone before it in that it will have brighter hopes to hold out in pluming the certain rewards of industry, and will have more definite problems to state in settling forth the needs of development for each section of the community.

More than that, the legislators who then will come more ripened to their tasks than ever before. Time was when the lawmakers of Virginia first met the lawmakers of Massachusetts in a common assembly, that each knew only his community, and there was no national statesman. The growth of problems covering the whole State of Utah, together with the returning to the legislature of men of long experience, in that body, indicates that in this session, legislators will represent more than the district which sent them there, and there will develop a character for that the whole state will be glad to claim as its own. On such a matter as the building of a main state highway, or a state capital, opportunity for the states that has long been absent will exist and bring the men of general

viewpoint forward.

MANY VETERANS.

Of this legislature one-third of the men in the house have had previous legislative experience, and nearly all the members of the senate. Of the nine new senators, Kuehler of Weber, Wilson of Summit, and Stookey and Marks of Salt Lake, have graduated into the senate from the house. Badger, Hyde, Seelye and Burton come new to their work, but have served in public capacities. Hyde, for instance, was in the constitutional convention.

In the more populous branch, Hansen of Boxelder, Henry of Garfield, Barrette of Juab, Thompson of Millard, McRea, Clegg and McMillan of Salt Lake, Dyrend of Sanpete, Jensen of Sevier, Davis of Uintah, Bower of Utah, and Fuller of Weber, served through the last session. Others have served in sessions of more remote date.

FROM CARSON TO CALIFORNIA.

Two legislators, both members of the senate, recall the old days of settlements which spread out in vain from Salt Lake to Carson valley in Nevada and San Bernardino in California. During the few years that these colonies thrived Senator James B. Wilson was born at Carson valley, and Senator Hyde at San Bernardino. While Wilson was a baby in Carson valley, Orson

Hyde was sitting in the Utah legislature as delegate from Carson county, Utah.

Of the 31 members of the legislature who have forwarded replies to the "News" letters of inquiry, one is a contractor, one a nurseryman, two are sheepmen, six merchants, five lawyers, seven cattlemen, and eight farmers.

SOME OF THE SENATORS.

Senator J. A. Hyde of Nephi comes new to this legislature, but is not unfamiliar with its problems. He was a member of the constitutional convention which considered seriously many of the questions that have lived on down through the periods following. In the meanwhile he has served as mayor of Nephi city, and has kept up a lively interest in the state. Born at San Bernardino May 6, 1853, he recalls in his personal life the day when "Utah" spread out territorially to include almost the whole west. He came into Utah with the settlers of San Bernardino when the colony was abandoned in 1858, and since that time has been closely identified with the country's business life. He is now manager of the Nephi Plaster and Manufacturing company.

Senator C. Burton, Jr., of Davis succeeds Senator Walton, the veteran member of the upper house. Senator Burton is a merchant, and was born in Kaysville Aug. 20, 1865.

Senator Wilson, who graduated from the house, graduated also from the University of Utah in 1876. He wants the roads and bridges of the former Uintah reservation overhauled and built up, and will work for temperance legislation. He was born at Carson City, Nev. Aug. 22, 1856, but moved to Salt Lake at the age of 2 years.

ROBINSON IN THE HOUSE.

E. W. Robinson, who comes down from Cache county, comes also near to being a citizen of the whole state. Given to thinking along lines of general development he has formulated many plans for upbuilding community life in general, of the small towns, wherever they are located, in particular. He has not been in the legislature before but he has served in the American Fork city council, in the Logan city council of which he was president for two years, has been mayor of Logan for four years, and president of the State League of Municipalities for three years. In business life he is a member of the firm of Dunbar, Robinson & Co. of Logan, and is manager of the Cache valley Orchard company. He was born at American Fork, July 10, 1866.

CHANGE IN BRANCH NORMAL.

John G. Webster from Cedar City represents an agricultural community, and if he brings to his work a hobby with him it is that a course in agriculture should be added to the subjects matter considered at the Branch Normal school. Webster was born in the district he represents, and is now 47 years of age. His business has been that of the community—farming and stock raising. Of state legislation he favors a prohibition bill rather than one for legal option.

William Clegg was born at Heber City, Dec. 20, 1876, and secured admission to the bar in Utah after reading law for two years in the offices of Day & Stephens of Salt Lake. He gained a general education in the B. Y. Academy, and at the L. D. S. university. In politics he has been active for a number of years having served in the last legislature, and in 1900, was candidate for county attorney of Wasatch county. He intends to busy himself in this session working especially for legislation that will give cheaper coal, prevent unjust discrimination in railroad rates, compel cheaper electric light and telephone service, close Sunday theaters, and fortify the people in general against corporation abuses.

A HOUSE VETERAN.

Daniel McRea of Salt Lake county comes from the smoke belt of the smelter zone. He doesn't love the smelters as a consequence, and sympathizes with the contest the people of the valley look up against them. He wants a law passed compelling the smelters to protect the farmers even more fully than they do now, and he may introduce it. This is his third appearance in the lower house. Born April 12, 1846, in Illinois, he has been since coming to Utah, a contractor and builder and a farmer.

Down in Garfield county they think a fish hatchery would be just the proper thing, also a railroad, and a high school. All of these things J. N. Henry, who comes from Panguitch for his second legislative term, is working for. Henry is a sheep grower and merchant, and was born at Panguitch, Sept. 10, 1876.

ONE OF THE DEMOCRATS.

F. B. Hammond, Democrat, from Grand county, wants the state to take charge of lumbering and to have the sole right to market saw logs. This he thinks is necessary to protect the trees from the devastation of private companies. He was county chairman of his county, and is a rancher and stock raiser by profession. He was born in the Sandwich Islands, March 31, 1856.

Legislators from mining districts are usually enthusiastic about laws for the protection of mine workers. Jos. Holt of Salt Lake county, wants protection for both mine and smelter workers. He is a business man and has served as justice of the peace twice. He attended the B. Y. academy for two years, and the University of Utah for one year, and was born at Salt Lake, January 26, 1872.

WOULD TAX FLOCKS.

Stock passing along hillside roads roll a great deal of cobble rock down on to the roads. Joseph Hodges of Rich county wants stricken stock assessed as a means of recovering damages, and after that he wants good roads made and kept up. He is a sheep owner and farmer, attended school at the B. Y. College in Logan, and was born at Lakewood, Utah, March 21, 1874.

E. C. Ashton of Salt Lake is one of the group of young lawyers who will serve in the legislature. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and was born at Salt Lake Feb. 16, 1890.

John H. Wootten of Utah county wants the irrigation laws and juvenile court laws repaired so that there will be more advantages from these laws for small towns. Wootten is a farmer, a graduate of the University of Utah, and a native son who was born Dec. 5, 1865 at American Fork.

THOMPSON OF MILLARD.

Orvil Thompson of Millard, candidate for speaker of the house, is a business man, senior member of the firm of Thompson & Petersen of Millard, and is a graduate of the B. Y. Academy at Provo. He has served as superintendent of the county schools of Millard, and has spent three terms in the legislature.

H. A. NELSON OF EMERY.

H. A. Nelson of Emery wants public attention directed towards the state's weed crop, which he thinks a public nuisance when tolerated along ditch banks. Good roads is also an issue of importance with him. He was born at Mantua, Dec. 28, 1869, and is a cattle man.

Towards problems of education drifts the mind of D. H. Morris of St. George. Morris was born in Williamsburg, New York, April, 1858, graduated from the Brigham Young Academy, and has been admitted to the bar. He wants the high schools developed, and the courses controlled to supplement the problems of the county in which they are located.

C. L. Funk of Richmond is holding his first office this winter. He is a farmer from Utah's "granary county," and is most interested in the temperance question. He was born April 22, 1872, at Richmond.

FOR FARMERS' INSURANCE.

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HELP WANTED IN BEAVER.

J. M. Murdock of Beaver is a veteran Republican, aged 67, who is convinced that Beaver county has homes for thousands of people just as soon as the state will help to build a reservoir, and will sink artesian wells to demonstrate that the dry land of the county is available for arid farming, with water enough for culinary purposes. Representative Murdock is a cattle man, and was born at Lehi, Sept. 11, 1832.

The school curriculum needs improving, according to the view of Joseph Porter of Morgan, a school teacher, farmer, and stock raiser, who will sit in the next legislature. Mr. Porter served in the lower house in territorial days, has lived most of his life in Utah. He was born March 29, 1844, in Iowa.

Better high schools and horticultural laws are what A. L. Hayes of Utah county would like to see. He is a business man of Pleasant Grove, and this is his first experience in politics. He graduated from the B. Y. university at Provo, and was born at Lehi Jan. 15, 1866.

E. H. Bower, a nurseryman of Pro-

vo, who served through the last session, is particularly interested in juvenile court laws, and temperance. He was for three years a member of the state board of horticulture.

To William Archibald of Park City the thing of chief interest in law making is a law to assess owners of sheep who drive them through a county and hurt its roads. After that he wants good roads and cash poll tax collections.

GOOD ROADS FOR KANE.

Kane county needs good roads more than anything else, according to the view of C. John Smith, of Glendale, who comes up to serve his first term in the house. He is a sheepman, and was born at Glendale Feb. 12, 1873.

R. M. Pope of Theodore, Wasatch county, comes from a town that has been on the map only a few years. He is a mining engineer who has engaged also in the live stock industry. Irrigation laws and temperance laws are what interest him chiefly. He is a young man, having been born at Fish Haven, Idaho, May 29, 1877.

To keep the ditches clean from weeds is a proper matter for state legislation according to Martin Jensen of Sevier. Representative Jensen is a farmer and cattleman, and was born

at Gunnison, Sanpete county, Jan. 1, 1866. This is his first experience in politics.

George A. Fuller of Eden represented Weber county in the last session, and has accumulated his business experience through buying Mexican rubber stock, mining stock and owning farm property.

L. L. Baker of Tooele has been county attorney of that county. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan law department, and was born at Greeley, Iowa, Nov. 19, 1871.

FLYING VS MOTORING.

The development of the aeroplane appears likely to rival it if it does not exceed, in rapidity of the motor car. Even at this early stage of its career, says the Army and Navy Gazette, comes from a town that has been on the map only a few years. He is a mining engineer who has engaged also in the live stock industry. Irrigation laws and temperance laws are so impressed have been the officers, who were delegated to watch Wilbur Wright's recent performances. Joseph Palmer, member of the army commission of the chamber of deputies, is reported to have declared, after having personally witnessed Wright's record flight of 60 minutes with a passenger, that the Wright aeroplane was already sufficiently practical to be of great value for military scouting purposes.—Philadelphia Record.



HEADS INAUGURAL COMMITTEE.

E. J. Stellwagen, of Washington, D. C., has been selected as chairman of the inaugural committee, which is already formulating plans for the ceremony attending the induction of President Taft into office. Mr. Stellwagen is a successful business man of the nation's capital and this is not his first experience in handling inauguration day pageants, as he was in charge of the Roosevelt inaugural.



TO HEAD THE TAFT CABINET.

For the second time Phineas C. Knox, United States senator from Pennsylvania, will fill a cabinet office. Senator Knox has been tendered the portmanteau, and this he has accepted. With years of training along legal channels, rising to the pinnacle of his profession as attorney-general of the United States, Mr. Knox is, perhaps, better fitted to succeed Sargent, Root than any other man in this country.