FARMERS DOMINATE IOWA LEGISLATURE

24 Of 50 Senators Listed As Tillers Of Soil; 65 House Members Out of 108 Are From Rural Districts.

Special to The Gazette.

DES MOINES, Dec 24.—There is a larger percentage of farmers in the Iowa legislature this year than in any of the recent sessions.

The legislative directory just issued by the secretary of state shows the occupations of the members as well as listing other information. There are twenty-four members out of a total of fifty of the senate whose sole occupation is farming, while there are seven more who list farming as one of their lines of work. Last year there were sixteen senators listed as farmers and eight who gave farming as one of their callings.

In the house, there are sixty-five representatives out of the membership of 108 who give farming as their sole occupations and three others who list farming as one of their lines. Last year, there were sixty-six farmers and two others whose occupation was given as farming along with some other line

The house with its 108 members has only eleven lawyers. The senate with its fifty members has eight lawyers but three of these also list other lines This is an unusually small number of lawyers.

There are six in the house interested in banking but only two of the six list banking as their sole occupation One is a physician and banker, another a banker and farmer, a third a land owner and banker, and a fourth a merchant, farmer, banker.

There are six in the senate naming banking as one of their lines with one of the six listing banking alone.

The senate has five manufacturers but there are no house members listing manufacturing as their profession.

The senate has one minister, one high school principal, one college professor, one insurance man one veterinarian, one editor and publisher and one former county treasurer. There is one merchant and one grain dealer and farmer

The house has two editors, three merchants, one implement and auto dealer, one druggist, five real estate dealers, two auctioneers, one former clerk of the district court, three listing insurance as one of their lines, one abstracter, and three physicians.

The youngest man in the senate is 32 and the oldest 76. The youngest representative is 28 and the oldest is 75.

PEOPLES FORUM

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 23, 1924.
To the Editor Evening Gazette.

Dear Sir: In regards to the article, "Bumps and Murder," under Current Comments, in Monday's issue, I ask you this question: Is there any living person who is absolutely sane in all his senses and on all subjects? The most brilliant men the world has ever known have had eccentricities of some kind A perfectly balanced mind is yet to be found.

If this be true is it not reasonable to say that we all are in-sane along certain lines or on certain subjects? There are centers within the brain which control the special and general senses. The development of different portions of the brain varies with the environment and racial tendencies of the individual.

An interference with the growth, development, or function of one or more of these centers may be brought about in various ways. A disease in any part of the body producing toxic poisoning which settles in the brain tissue. A tumorous growth or abcess within the cranial cavity producing pressure on the brain. A fracture of the skull with a splinter of bone pressing on the brain. A misalignment of cervical vertebrae due to accident or fall and producing pressure on the spinal cord or nerves.

Criminal tendencies do not run in the well balanced mind. It is only those who become temporarily unbalanced due to anger, use of drugs, excessive worry, or some other abnormal condition, or those who possess eccentric or undeveloped minds who commit crime.

A man may be able to talk intelligently, have the appearance of a gentleman, and make a decidedly favorable impression on those he meets, and still have that in-sane desire to get his itching fingers on someone's bankroll.

This is an unnatural condition and in the generations to come science will find a way to overcome this disease of the mind In trumping up these insanity pleas the attorneys are unconsciously touching on the truth So the thing to do is to turn the criminal convictions over to the American Medical association so that they may experiment to their heart's content in making the world safer for lesser insane mortals to live in Kindest regards,

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BEDTIME STORIES

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UNCLE WIGGILY'S CHRISTMAS

'Twas the day before Christmas, and all through the bungalow floated the perfume of Uncle Wiggily's cocoalo.

At least that's what the old rabbit gentleman called the hot chocolate drink Nurse Jane was getting ready for him

"Is my cocoalo ready?" he called to his muskrat lady housekeeper. "I must soon hop out and see if everything is ready for Christmas. The hot cocoalo will keep me warm."

"Here it is," said Miss Fuzzy Wuzzy, coming in the dining room with a steaming cup. "But I wish you wouldn't call it cocoalo. It's just cocoa!"

"Well, cocoa or cocoalo, it is very good!" laughed the rabbit. Then, having sipped it, he twinkled his pink nose and hopped out to look for the last adventure he would have before Christmas.

As the rabbit uncle skipped along he came to the edge of a hill, and

"This is queer," said Uncle Wiggily.

just below the edge, he saw a little house with a chimney sticking up through the roof, as all chimneys stick.

"But that is a very black and dirty chimney," said Uncle Wiggily to himself For standing on the edge of the hill he could look down on the roof of the little house and directly into the chimney. "It is very black indeed and dirty with soot. It hasn't been cleaned out for Christmas. Santa Claus can never climb down that chimney. I had better clean it out I can easily jump down on that roof and jump back here again on this hill."

So taking with him a fluffy branch from a pine tree, which branch was like a big brush, Uncle Wiggily leaped to the roof of the house with the sooty chimney.

"I guess some one lives here who has forgotten all about Santa Claus and Christmas," thought the bunny, as he thrust the pine branch into the chimney. "They didn't clean the flue out so St Nicholas could climb down. But I'll do it for them."

Now, though Uncle Wiggily didn't know it, this house was one into which the Fox had just moved for the winter. And the Fox was inside, sitting by his fire, and wishing he had Uncle Wiggily's ears to nibble. And when the Fox heard some one up on the roof and heard a scraping inside his chimney the Fox growled:

"I wonder who that is. I'll go outside and look. "If it's boys playing Hallowe'en tricks on me I'll bite them!" You see the Fox never gave any thought to anything so jolly as Christmas—no indeed!

Slipping out of his back door the Fox hid behind some bushes and looked up to his roof. There, to his great surprise, he saw Uncle Wiggily cleaning out the chimney with the pine brush

"Well, of all the good luck!" laughed the Fox. "I'll go up on the hill, jump to my roof, as that rabbit must have done, and then I'll nibble his ears! At last I have caught him! Ha! Ha!"

But just as the Fox was going to leap from the hill to the roof Uncle Wiggily leaned over too far and down the chimney he fell, right inside the house of the Fox. So quickly did the bunny fall that he bounced out of the fire on the hearth without getting burned a bit.

"This is queer," said Uncle Wiggily to himself, as he stood up. "Nobody home. I guess no one lives here. Well, anyhow, I cleaned out the chimney for Santa Claus Now I'll go back home and get ready for Christmas!" And out of the door ran the bunny, and the Fox could not catch the rabbit, because the Fox was up on his own roof, and didn't jump down in time.

"Fooled again!" howled the bad chap, as the bunny ran safely home. And the next day was the grandest time of all the year.

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas, Nurse Jane!" cried the bunny as he looked at the presents under the Christmas tree.

"Merry Christmas!" answered the muskrat lady. And then Uncle Wiggily called to all the boys and girls:

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!"

And I suppose you wish him the same. And if the paint brush doesn't put red ink on the loaf of bread to make it look like a strawberry shortcake, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily and Sammie's candy.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of Linn County, Iowa, January Term, 1925

Ed. J. Dunn, Plaintiff, vs. Ruth Dunn, Defendant.

To said Defendant:

You are hereby notified there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the District Court of Linn County, Iowa, the petition of the above named plaintiff asking that he be divorced from you on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment, and asking for general relief in equity.

For other, further and different particulars see the petition filed as aforesaid, copy of which has been filed for your particular use and benefit.

Now unless you appear thereto ond day of the next regular January, 1925, term of the District Court of Linn County, Iowa, which will begin on the 5th day of January, 1925, and be held at the Court House in Marion, Linn county, Iowa, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered and entered as prayed.

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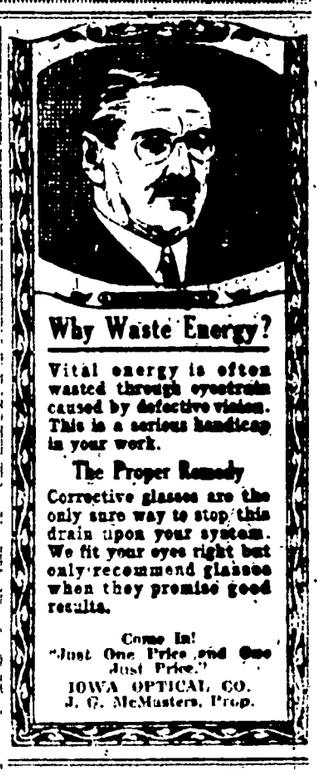

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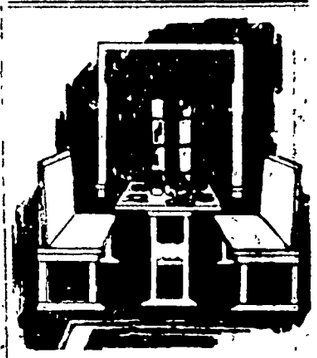

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