

# Supreme Court Sustains Becker

Holds That Veto of Congressional District Bill Was Within His Right. No Districts Forfeited

The Missouri Supreme Court handed down a decision sustaining Governor Caulfield in his veto of the partisan congressional district bill passed by the legislature. The opinion was rendered by Justice White and all the other members concurred. The question involved was whether or not the Governor had a right to veto the bill. J. J. Carroll, candidate for Governor in one of the St. Louis districts, had filed a petition for Congress and Secretary Becker refused to accept the filing because the district was not legally constituted. Mr. Carroll brought mandamus proceedings to compel the filing and the court sustained Mr. editor. This leaves the Congressional situation in a condition that all of the candidates will have to be voted on at large. Mr. Carroll contended that the districts were completed with the passage by the legislature and did not require the signature of the Governor. The court held that the district measure was a state law and required the signature of the Governor. Similar decisions have been held in New York and South Dakota. A summary opinion was held in Minnesota, but the circumstances were different. One of the cases will likely be carried to the U. S. Supreme Court. Mr. Carroll is quoted as saying that he will not likely call a special session of the legislature. "I do not believe that the people should be kept by the legislature in a special session of the legislature which might be futile. There must be assurance that a measure fairer than the one vetoed will be passed. The districts cannot vote as formerly constituted, because there is a loss of three Congressmen in the state."

will be cumbersome and is likely to place two or more from the same locality, and give other localities no representation. It will make a cumbersome law and will interfere much with the primary, as much of the law is based on the district vote for organizing the committee. With 18 Congressmen and 16 electors on November tickets, a good many will be scared out of the booth.

Dr. J. J. Russell Here Sold  
The home of Dr. J. J. Russell, on Oak street was sold at Sheriff's sale Tuesday to satisfy taxes. The property was bought by J. R. Moss, the administrator, for his son. The sale was made to clear the title, instead of an account of financial conditions of the estate which is usual, as it could not have been sold otherwise until 20 years after the death of Dr. Russell. The price was \$2,000.

Another property in Sandy Hook was sold for taxes also. It belonged to Dave Reidy and was bought by Judge W. F. Hoffinger.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Fulk who had been here for two weeks visiting with relatives returned to their home at Louisville the first of the week.

Mrs. Elmer Miller and children who had been visiting here returned to her home in Sedalia Tuesday.

COLLEGE STUDENTS  
RETURN AFTER HOLIDAYS

The boys and girls who are attending school at the various educational institutions returned Monday to their work. Nearly all of the schools opened Monday on account of the long vacations.

Dorothy Heidreder, Virginia Baldwin, Frances Knapp, Elizabeth Hower, Alfred Gates, Norman Gallagher, Thos. Begister, Bernard Gallagher, Maxine Bester and Kathryn Alexander to the Warrensburg Teachers College.

Lashly Allen to Westminster. Jack Hood to William Jewell. Richard Fulk to Washington University.

Mildred Kuhlmann to Lindenwood. Robert Latham to the Rolls School of Mines.

Harold Wilson to the Biago Medical School.

Kervon Latham, Bond Proctor, Harold Calhoun and Glenn Mutt to the Missouri University at Columbia.

## NEIGHBORLY NEIGHBORS HAVE NEW YEAR'S PARTY

The Neighboring Neighbors had their annual New Year's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Proctor, with their husband, J. R. Proctor. The dinner was served in the Proctor dining room, each member having a part in furnishing the menu. It was an appetizing affair served in a most gracious way. Until midnight the hosts and guests enjoyed various forms of entertainment and departed with greetings for the new year. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ennis, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McInight, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. James Howard, Mrs. W. P. Handley.

Presbyterian Services  
There will be preaching services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 10:30.

Trip to Kansas City  
W. J. Ryan made a trip to Kansas City Tuesday to visit his sister, Mrs. Lyndon. Miss Olive Eitzen had been there once before Christmas.

Returned to Hastings  
Mrs. Jack Bisco who has been a two weeks guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Fulk, and her brother Richard Fulk, returned to her home in Hastings, Nebraska, where Mr. Bisco is employed by one of the dailies.

Entertained Dinner Club  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bartram entertained the Dinner Club at their home on High street New Year's night, at an appetizing luncheon. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Meyer.

Entertained at New Year's Dinner  
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Meyer entertained with a dinner New Year's day. The following guests were present: Miss Laura and Kate Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fulk and daughter, Miss Gertrude, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fulk.

## Harry E. Morris Dies at High Point

Well Known Farmer Had Been in Felling Trees for a Time Since Arrived by Wife, a Childless

Harry E. Morris, a farmer living at High Point, died at his home Sunday evening, January 3, 1932, at the age of 55 years. He had been well for some time. He had made a trip to Colorado but did not get relief.

Harry E. Morris and Daisy E. Fether were married October 24, 1902. The wife was born in Kansas and has been a resident of High Point since their marriage. She is a teacher at one of the schools near home.

Mr. Morris was a very fine citizen and neighbor, with a high sense of honor, and had the esteem of his neighbors and all who knew him. The funeral services were held at the High Point Christian church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. L. Alexander, pastor of the Elton Christian church, who has often preached at High Point, and is a special friend of the deceased. The burial was at the Woodmen cemetery.

Teachers Return to School  
The residents of California who are teaching elsewhere returned to their school work the first of the week.

Ellis Hertz, Catherine Riner, Zane Zane, Medora to Sedalia; Ruth L. Gagan, Irene Craig and Gladys Cook to Jefferson City; Sarah and Leila Ditt to Clayton; Laura Meyer to Muskogee; Norma White to St. Louis; Faye Milburn to Kansas City; Grace Dodge to St. Joseph; Thelma Strother to Greenwood; Clarence Stark to Carroll county; Lucile Henderson to Montgomery City; Paul Smith to Jefferson City; and Ruth Elliott to Topeka, Kansas.

Entertained Fortnightly  
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ehrhardt entertained the Fortnightly Bridge Club at a seven o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at their home on Versailles Avenue.

After a splendid dinner, there were three tables of bridge. Mrs. E. R. Cole and L. F. Hertz making the high scores. Mrs. Paul Inglish was a guest.

## William Heck, Premier Business Man Tireless Civic Worker, Dies With Year

FIFTY-THREE YEARS AT  
SAME PLACE OF BUSINESS  
Held Many Places of Public Trust in the City and Pushed Worthwhile Enterprises

William Heck, pre-eminent as a California business man and enterprising citizen, died about three o'clock Thursday afternoon, January 6, 1932, from a stroke of apoplexy. He had been to the court house a few minutes before and returned to his office. He left the office and started toward home. The sons were not sure that he was well as he walked to the door and watched to see that he crossed the street. Just as he reached the northwest corner of the Herald office, they noticed that his head dropped to the side and he fell and turned on his back. They rushed to him and got him home as soon as possible but he died almost instantly, except a slight beating of the heart.

Mr. Heck was born at Hermann, Missouri, July 20, 1854. When he was young the family moved to Lincoln, in California county. He learned the harness making trade and worked at it there until he was 31 years of age and then came to California and worked with F. Markworth for five years. He was married, and after he was here about a year, he bought Mr. Markworth's interest and became sole owner. Several years ago the business was incorporated and his sons, Harry and George P. Steiner, became interested in a business way. In the earlier days the business was both wholesale and retail, but of late years it has been wholesale. A very large amount of retail selling was done mostly as an accommodation to friends. The business grew rapidly and trade was extensive. He carried state and into adjoining states, especially in Kansas. Salesmen were kept on the road and often a score or more men were employed. The business was incorporated as the William Heck Wholesale Saddlery. Later a shoe findings firm of Sedalia was bought out and the business brought to the city and was a valuable asset. The brick building on the way to the fair grounds was bought and a collar factory established, which also served an additional worth to the business.

Mr. Heck had a keen insight to business and soon found that he could compete with the large city factories. He assumed the financial department and it became necessary to make the sales more carefully as many firms in the smaller towns were handling harness as a side line, and the advent of the automobile took away most of the trade except for farm harness.

Mr. Heck was an active worker in the civic affairs of the city and held many offices of responsibility and honor. He was a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1892-94, Mayor in 1895 and 96, a member and president of the Board of Education for several years. In all of these positions he took a keen interest in the affairs of building the community for greater and better things.

He was deeply interested in affairs of a religious nature and when Men's Religious Forward movement was organized and existed for several years, twenty years ago, he had a prominent part. This was an organization that had Sunday afternoon union meetings and other meetings for the promotion of city values. A community hall was organized and finally the movement helped work out the plan for the high school building erected in 1914. He has always been a member of the several commercial clubs that were organized from time to time and took special interest in the organization and promotion of the present club. When it was decided to organize a Community Chest, Mr. Heck was put at the head of it, a drive was made and sufficient funds raised to last until the present time.

Mr. Heck and Miss Emma Wieneke were married September 21, 1871. Mrs. Heck died October 18, 1930. He is survived by five children: Will C. Heck, of Oxnard, California; Mrs. John Q. Bybee, of St. Louis; Harry P. Heck and Richard Heck, who are members of the firm, and Miss Gertrude Heck, at home. There are five grand children: Misses Frances and Elizabeth and Charles, children of W. C. Heck, and Harriet and Tommy, children of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Heck. Mr. Heck took much interest in his home. The residence on North street is one of the commodious and comfortable ones in the city, with all conveniences to make it modern in every way. The children were given the advantages of school life that make them able to cope with the affairs of the world, and the home was not broken by death until that of the mother, last year.

Mr. Heck was a member of the California Presbyterian church and was an active interest in its services. He was instrumental in having the church building erected and was a heavy contributor. He had an interest in seeing other churches succeed and when there was a need of help and whatever there was in the way of union promotion he had in hand making it a success. Mr. Heck was a favorite of the two, and the quartet those convictions were for the right. Everything that his influence touched seemed to prosper in a business, social or religious way.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Saturday, January 7, 1932. Rev. Jackson of the Jefferson City Presbyterian church, Rev. Hargrove of the California Methodist church officiated. Rev. Hargrove paid tribute to the life of Mr. Heck and Rev. Jackson preached the sermon. The casket bearers were: Mr. T. Steiner, L. F. Hertz, C. E. Tieman, L. B. Meyer, Wm. Hallman and John Dorn. Mrs. F. H. Hertz sang the same song she sang at the funeral of Mrs. Heck, which was a favorite of the two, and the quartet number was by Dr. E. G. Hull, G. E. Weaver, W. H. Gentsch and Brooks Steiner.

The flower bearers were: Mrs. L. P. Hertz, L. B. Meyer, Mrs. C. E. Tieman, Mrs. J. W. Roth, Mrs. T. E. Haysell, Mrs. S. C. Gill, Mrs. Mary B. Kieley, Mrs. Ethel Brooks, Miss Doretta Mueller, Mrs. K. W. Wilson, Miss Harriet Moore, Miss Frances Williams. There was a procession of the most beautiful flowers. The floral tributes of Mr. Heck were the family who attended from here: E. C. Beckman, who started the California Tannery with Mr. Heck, it was later moved to St. Louis and Mr. Heck sold his interest; H. A. Peterson and W. G. Simrall also of St. Louis; D. H. Wilson, of Kansas City; Mr. Heck's sisters: Mrs. Wm. Meyer and daughter of Brunswick, G. State and daughter, Irene, of Jefferson City; A. G. Potter of Clinton; Mrs. E. C. O'Brien of J. E. Wieneke and his son-in-law, Raymond Cole, of Union; H. A. Wieneke and family, of Clear; Mr. and Mrs. Turney, of Edgerton, parents of Mrs. Richard Heck and many from different parts of the county.

The burial services were at the Masonic cemetery, conducted by the order, L. P. Embury acted as master of ceremonies and gave the funeral tribute. Mr. Heck had been the Chaplain and gave the prayer for many years. This part of the ceremony was given by W. B. Flynn.

## MR. HULL CALLED BY DEATH OF HIS MOTHER

Dr. and Mrs. Hull were called to Evanston, Illinois, this morning by a message announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hull, who has been an invalid for several months. Mrs. Hull was 74 years of age and had visited with her son here a number of times. The family formerly lived at Maryville.

Tipton Friday Night  
Coach Cokerly announces a basketball game at the high school gymnasium Friday evening between the Tipton and Tipton high. The Tipton team defeated California at the tournament but the California team has been in training much since that time, and are getting ready for the Little Ten Conference. Tipton won the consolation at the tournament. Season tickets are on sale and if they are bought before the Tipton game Friday night will include ten games.

Birth of Great Grand Child  
Mrs. Anna V. Bruce received last week the announcement of the birth of her 5th great grand child, Jerome Paul Gamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Paul Gamm, of Independence, Kansas, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gamm of Kansas City.

Guests of Parents  
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kellogg of University City, were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Latham and remained until Sunday. Mr. Kellogg is employed in the office of an oil company at St. Louis.

Had Gift Party  
Miss Frances Williams entertained the Coterie at their annual gift party Monday night, to take the place of the Christmas party. The members present were Mrs. A. B. Cole, Mrs. Mrs. J. A. Bartram, Mrs. C. E. Tieman, Mrs. S. C. Gill and Mrs. W. R. Flynn. Mrs. Roy Williams was a special guest.

## United Charities Care for Many

The plan of uniting the Charity League to prevent overlapping, has brought relief to 35 families according to Mrs. W. P. Handley Secretary. The committee had some funds from Thanksgiving and other sources, and an appeal was made to the people to contribute fruit and other articles for food and clothing and shoes. There was a generous response, but not enough to supply for the remaining year's needs. Besides, the efforts of the committee has furnished 27 pairs of new shoes, 27 pair of hose and 25 sets of underwear. It was necessary to furnish shoes sent and fuel also. These new outfits were bought by the community chest and distributed by the ladies.

The Teachers Training Class of the fourth school donated a large box of canned fruit and vegetables. All of the meat, vegetables and fruits that have been contributed by the people have been given by the committee to the needy.

All additional contributions to this cause will be gladly received by the committee. If the door to headquarters is not open, leave at James Hickey's store or Hubman Walser Mercantile Co., just north of the State Bank building, where the supplies are kept in the room formerly occupied by the Roth Drug Store.

Two of the year's worst months are before us, and the people who feel that they can help, should respond as soon as possible.

Bank Reports  
The reports of the two strong banks of Monticau county are found in today's Herald. These banks are usually well equipped to stand the stress of the depression. The deposits are holding strong, which is a good indication of the confidence of the people. They are not over loaned and have a big reserve and much cash on hand. If you understand the conditions of banks these banks and their conditions are interesting to study.

Guest From Wichita  
Mrs. Raymond Dahler was here the last of the week visiting at the John Dahler and C. E. Tieman homes. She had been with home folks at Ottumwa for several days.

## Kidnappers Get Term in Prison

Young Men Who Are Now in Penitentiary Get Additional Term for Kidnapping Mrs. Strother

The Monticau County Circuit Court met in regular session Monday with Judge Sullivan presiding and the legal officers in attendance. There were several cases not disposed of Wednesday evening, and it is not known yet when the court will adjourn. Visiting attorneys of prominence include Nick Cave of Columbia, Roy Williams of Booneville, Jean Paul Bradshaw and H. T. Williams, Sedalia, W. C. Irwin and H. P. Land of Jefferson City, Walter Struble and L. O. Schaumburg, if Banville; Walter Bohling of Sedalia and Sheriff Gould of Booneville were also in attendance. The kidnappers of Mrs. Strother, who committed the act last summer, were given sentences of five and three years. They are both in the penitentiary now for other crimes and will have to serve their terms after the old terms expire. Their names are Leonard Gould and Murray Gould.

State vs. Floyd Johnson, dismissed. State vs. Earl Wilson, Elwood Cook and others were continued. State vs. Robert Johnson, common assault, plea of guilty, three months in county jail. Parole. State vs. Henry Hutchison, charges.

State vs. Len Wiser, stay of execution until next term. State vs. Walter Deitch, continued. State vs. Tom Murphy, exhibiting deadly weapons, stay until next term. State vs. Wm. Perkins, stay until next term. State vs. Raymond Potts, burglary, stay until next term.

State vs. E. A. Roshing, continued defendant not in custody. State vs. Edward Flynn, burglary and larceny, two years in the penitentiary. State vs. Hugo Hackman, continued. State vs. Roy and Doc Worthley, unlawful hunting, dismissed.

The following cases: Louis Bardwell vs. Henry Atchaff, In the matter of the assignment of Dill & Dill, In the matter of the Farmers Hardware and Lumber Co., of Zion, State ex rel C. E. Gahert vs. Mrs. M. Kiskick, P. S. Baker vs. John aker, Robert Cox vs. Paul Wegener, Damaris Summers vs. Ray O. Spencer, State vs. Robert Heman, continued.

Panhandle-Estimate Pipe Line Co. vs. Martin Bartles, verdict for defendant at last term for \$750. Motion for new trial overruled, appeal to Kansas court denied.

County of Howard vs. County of Monticau, verdict for plaintiff for \$437.60. Appealed to Kansas City Court of Appeals.

California State Bank vs. J. L. Hess judgment by default for \$447.92. Joseph R. Lamm vs. Franklin W. Hickox et al decree for plaintiff. Toy L. Kay attorney for unknown heirs.

State vs. Lee Leonard, common assault, plea of not guilty, trial by jury, acquitted. State vs. Leonard Goodnight and Murray Gould for kidnapping Mrs. Maggie Strother, sentenced to penitentiary, where they now reside, serving out other sentences. Goodnight for 5 years, Gould for 3 years.

State vs. Ralph Raines, Hadley Gensler and Bert Kidwell, burglary and larceny, jury trial, six months in county jail, parole on conditions. Mary Scott and F. D. Hickman, Adams vs. Andrew and J. R. Allen, judgment for plaintiffs for \$496.28.

There Have Been Many Hunters  
Country Clerk W. T. Latham has made out his annual report, which shows that many have taken advantage of the legal privilege of hunting. Fifty state licenses were issued from which \$175 was collected. There were 854 county licenses, bringing in \$854. The separate fishing licenses amounted to \$108, and there were 15 1/2-day non-resident licenses. This made the total collection \$1,137.00 against a total of \$1,165 last year.

Visiting at Warrensburg  
Miss Myrtle Johnson of the Latham family, went to Warrensburg to visit a few news and will also be in Sedalia for a short stay.