

Came to S.D. 1890. Elected to represent the 76th Assembly District in 1902, and re-elected in 1904. Was not a candidate in 1906, as he took a long-cherished trip to Europe and the British Isles. IN 1912 again elected to the State Legislature and was Speaker pro tem in 1913. During this session he introduced the Water Code entitled the State Water Commission Act, which was passed. Other legislation that he was instrumental in passing were the Fertilizer Control Law, the Forestry Law, the establishment of the Davis School of Agriculture, a law providing for cooperation between state and counties in road construction.

He was appointed to the State Water Commission in 1915.

*Johnstone Park (N. of town)  
named in his honor.*