A. J. BAKER, IOWA PIONEER, IS DEAD

Man Who Has Been Attorney General of Two States, Died Yesterday at Centerville.

ILL FOR MANY MONTHS

Took Prominent Part in Making Early History of State and in Work of Reconstruction in Missouri.

Gen. Andrew Jackson Baker, pioneer Iowa law maker and law enforcer of two states, died at his home in Centerville after an illness of many months. He was 79 years of age at the time of his death.

For years General Baker was a central figure in the political life, not only of Iowa, but also of Missouri, having had the distinction of serving terms as attorney general of both states. With his death passes one of the great men who aided in the making of history of the state in the early days, and the building up of Missouri in the stormy days of the reconstruction period which followed the civil war.

The life story of General Baker is similar in many respects to that of many men whose records are now enrolled in the "Who's Who" of Iowa. His early life was a struggle with poverty and the hardships of the wild days of the state, seemingly with but one thought in view, that of gaining an education. Through the years of his young manhood this idea seemed to predominate.

Born in Virginia.

General Baker was born in Ohio county, Virginia, near Moundsville, now in Marshall county, W. Va. He received his early education in the schools of Butler county, O., where his father removed soon after General Baker's birth, and afterward at Furman's academy. When he was only in his teens, and the country was still young, the family removed to Des Moines county.

At the age of 16 young Baker went to work in a store at Burlington with a view of obtaining an education. He was there but a short time when he was compelled to return to the farm to aid his father. However, he did not surrender the idea of better fitting himself for life in educational lines, and in 1849 he entered the first class at Wesleyan seminary, which is now Iowa Wesleyan college, at Mount Pleasant.

Here he remained but a short time, as in 1850 and 1851 he taught school in Des Moines and Henry counties, still continuing his studies, however, and reciting to Professor Gunnison of the Burlington Collegiate institute. This he continued for some time, but in 1853 he began reading law with C. B. Darwin at Burlington, continuing in this work until 1855, when he was admitted to the bar.

Opens Land Office.

With but 50 cents in his pocket he opened a law office at Winterset in partnership with Hon. J. B. Cummins, then congressman from the Seventh district. From that time on his advance was rapid.

When the civil war began in 1861 he organized a company of the Seventeenth Iowa infantry and until 1863 served in the company as first lieutenant. Immediately following his leaving the army he located at Lancaster, Mo., and in 1867 he was elected county attorney of Scotland county, and the next year was chosen representative in the Missouri legislature. In the republican split which occurred in 1870 he joined the B. Gratz Brown wing of the party and was elected attorney general by 40,000 majority.

Following the close of his term as attorney general he removed to Centerville, Ia., where he afterward made his home and where he was a partner of the late General Drake in the law business.

Iowa's Attorney General.

In 1884 he was elected attorney general of Iowa and served two terms. He was author of the liquor injunction and abatement laws and also was author of "Baker's Annotated Constitution of the United States," issued in 1891. While attorney general he formed the law firm of Baker, Bishop & Haskins in Des Moines, which continued for two years.

General Baker was active in the Odd Fellow order and held many of the highest offices.

Banker Has Disappeared.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., April 24.—Foreign depositors in the banks conducted by M. F. Korlath, at Scalp Level and at Windber, Cambria county, are disturbed over the absence of the banker, who left Scalp Level last Monday, and has not been heard from since. Both banks are closed and it is reported the deposits are $40,000.

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Many families in this community have found a wonderful blessing in the shape of home-made laxative cough syrup which is the most effective cough and cold cure obtainable anywhere at any price. A whole pint can be made for less than eighty cents—so that is 8 or 10 times cheaper than labeled mixtures. Buy of the druggist 2½ ozs. Essence Mentho-axene and empty it into a pint bottle. Pour over a pint of granulated sugar a half-pint of boiling water, stir cool, and then fill up the pint bottle with syrup. Full directions accompany the package for usage of children and adults. Nothing breaks up a cold so quickly and a cough is immediately relieved.

SPANISH WAR VETS AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Fifth Annual Encampment Will Be Held There June 1 and 2—Letter From Commander.

The fifth annual encampment of the Department of Iowa, Spanish-American War veterans will be held at Cedar Rapids on the first and second of June this year.

The commander of the Iowa department has forwarded the following letter to E. F. Renaud of this city:

Dear Sir and Comrade:

It has been decided to hold the fifth annual encampment of the Department of Iowa at Cedar Rapids, Ia., June 1st and 2nd, 1911.

It is desired to make this a grand reunion of all Spanish war veterans in the state, whether affiliated with the organization or not. To be properly represented by a vote at the meeting, you should have a camp at your place. The department commander therefore especially urges you to get the comrades together and perfect an organization at once. It takes fifteen to organize, and the charter fee is $10. I have sent you application blanks, if you want more, write for them.

The department commander is very anxious to add a few more camps in Iowa before his term of office expires at the June meeting, and he looks to you to help boost, by organizing in your city. Anything that you may do in this line will be more than appreciated.

May I hear from you within the next few days? Please do not put this off any longer.

I am fraternally,
E. C. JOHNSON,
Commander.

TWO CENT FARE LAW IN IOWA

Will be Attacked by Railroads Who See Victory in Recent Court Decision.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 24.—Plans for a general onslaught against 2-cent fare throughout the United States, which railroad officials have fostered quietly for several months, have been given a great stimulus by the decision of Circuit Judge Sanborn of the federal court at St. Paul, declaring the Minnesota 2-cent fare law and maximum rate laws unconstitutional and void. Railroad men are hailing the decision as one of the most important from their standpoint in recent years and the filing of suits attacking the 2-cent fare laws as confiscatory in many other states is expected at an early date. They declare it is but a question of the time required to prepare the necessary statistics and evidence before all of the state laws on this subject shall have been brought under attack.

The Iowa law is likely to be the next to be brought under court scrutiny. That of Illinois has been considered but on account of the much higher rate of passenger density in this state, as compared with that of other states, and the increases in passenger traffic which have taken place since the passage of the 2-cent law in 1907, it is admitted the roads would have a much more difficult fight on their hands in this case, so Illinois probably will be left until the outcome of the fight in other states is known.

Made Clark Stare.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Speaker Champ Clark, stared aghast at a bill placed in the basket with his name attached. It provided for a $25,000 investigation of the results of war, and was marked "by request." "I don't know anything about it," declared Clark. After some search he finally discovered that his secretary had introduced the bill a year ago and thought it ought to go in again.

Restored to Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Orders were issued by Secretary of the Navy Meyer declaring the restoration to duty of Captain Austin M Knight, who it was announced, has been honorably acquitted of guilt after trial by court martial in connection with the sinking of the Monitor Puritan.

K. H. S. 1911 HAS FORTY-FOUR

Large Number of Possible Graduates in Senior Class Who Take Commencement in June.

PLANNING LAST WEEK

Unofficial List of Those to Receive Diplomas—School is Unusually Active Now.

Candidates for graduation in the 1911 senior class of the Keokuk high school number 44. This class of possible "grads" will be one of the largest in the school in several years and will exceed the number receiving diplomas a year ago at commencement by ten.

The present senior class is composed of 26 girls and 18 boys. The probable dates for graduation week given out today are: Tuesday, June 6, class day; Thursday, June 8, commencement exercises at the opera house and presentation of diplomas; June 9, junior class banquet for the senior class members.

The class picnic of the seniors will be held Saturday, June 10.

Who May Graduate.

Following is the unofficial list of graduates, or "possibilities" as they may be termed at this time, who are seniors and will make their debut into retiring circles from high school life at the close of the present semester:

Misses Minnie M. Hartley, Marion Bradford, Dorothy Williams, Florence Talbott, Dorothy Worthen, Hazel Messenger, Verna Larson, Lelia Haggot, Hazel Johnson, Florence Megchelsen, Elizabeth Neil, Elizabeth Warwick, Elizabeth Fanning, Helen Hodge, Helen Owens, Martha Phelp, Ethel Russell, Florence Wedler, Minnie Raber, Beulah Meinhardt, Bertha Bode, Nellie Carlson, Lola McCain, Helen Slonaker, Aurelia Bland, Myrtle Blanu.

Messers. T. Earl Carpenter, Guy C. Fulton, Norman Ringstrom, John Kiedaisch, Leland McArthur, Homer Williams, Raymond Walker, Adrian Meinhardt, Merton Morris, Ralph McGrath, LeRoy Akerson, Roy Strickler, Helmuth Pease, Henry Leinhardt, Leslie Worthen, Harry Peterson, Edgar Smyser, Barker Davis.

Back to Prison.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 24.—Thomas E. Stripling, slayer of W. J. Cornett, who escaped from th penitentiary thirteen years ago and who was rearrested while serving under another name as chief of police of Danville, Va., will spend the rest of his life in prison. Governor Brown declared that the murder was premeditated and cold blooded. Stripling in applying for a pardon based his plea on the "unwritten law." Governor Brown, in reviewing the case, scores this code. When tried 14 years ago, Stripling attempted to show that the man he killed was a home wrecker and deserved his fate.

Society is Buzzing.

PARIS, April 24.—Society is buzzing with all manner of gossip regarding the reported engagement of Alfred Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. McKim of New York. Vanderbilt arrived here from London where he made vigorous efforts to evade the reporters who besieged him. He refused to discuss the rumor of his engagement. Mrs. McKim has just arrived in Paris from New York and it is said has seen little of anybody excepting Vanderbilt.

Killed by Sheriff.

SUPERIOR, Colo., April 24.—Grover Mills, a non-union miner employed at the Industrial coal mine, was shot and killed by Deputy Sheriff Edward Hockeday in a revolver battle on the street here. Hockeday was himself shot twice and seriously wounded. He killed Mills as he lay on the ground. Friends who were with Mills at the time of the shooting, declare he mistook the deputy for a holdup man and began firing when the latter suddenly appeared.

PROOF OF WILL.

State of Iowa, Lee County, ss. In district court.

To All Whom it May Concern:

Notice is Hereby Given, That on the 24th day of April, A. D., 1911, a paper was opened and read by the Clerk of the District Court of Lee County, Iowa purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary Garthoff, late of Lee County, in the State of Iowa, deceased; and that proof of the genuineness of said instrument will be heard in the District Court of said County at Keokuk, on the 22nd day of May A. D., 1911, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, being the first day of the May term, 1911 of said court, when all persons interested in said Will are required to be present and make their objections to the same, if any they have.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 24th day of April, 1911.

C. B. LAKE,
Clerk of the District Court.

IF THIS MAN SPEAKS THE TRUTH

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ster fund would be raised for their defense.

When James W. McNamara and McManigal were arrested in Detroit on April 12 on a charge of safe blowing and brought back to Chicago, labor leaders say the arrest was illegal. In Chicago the case assumed a phase which smacked of Russian police measures, labor men declare. The men were taken to a detective's home and given the third degree. McManigal is said to have done much work in a shop at the rear of his house and it is here he is said to have made the clockwork used in exploding the bombs. One clock has been seized and will be taken to the coast and used in the trial.

The police are making a determined effort to locate a woman who was seen often in McNamara's company when he was seen with McManigal and Mrs. McManigal. The men have been under police surveillance for two months. It is said that the two men were actually seen exploding bombs and if they cannot be convicted for the Times explosion, they will be brought back here to stand trial for bomb outrages they were actually seen to take part in by the Burns detectives.

Breach Is Predicted.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Headed by Samuel Gompers, labor leaders the country over are rushing into print with long articles denouncing the Burns detective agency for kidnaping J. J. McNamara, now on his way to Los Angeles.

A serious breach between labor and capital is predicted.

Labor leaders are strongly charging a conspiracy of the detectives to get the reward.

Grand Jury Busy.

INDIANAPOLIS Ind., April 24.—The Marion county grand jury commenced an investigation of the finding of dynamite in the basement of the building in which McNamara had offices.

A Speedy Trial.

LOS ANGELES, April 24.—John J. McNamara, James McNamara and Ortie McManigal will be given a speedy trial for the Times outrage when they arrive here for the state law says any man brought into the state from another state must be tried within 60 days.

Labor men are holding meetings and preparing a defense. The first action will be habeas corpus proceedings on the grounds that McNamara was kidnaped.

In Future Cases.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—Following the storm of protest against his action in issuing requisition papers for the taking of McNamara back to California, Governor Marshall assured F. M. Ryan, president of the International Structural Iron Workers that if any more requisitions come here from California for persons alleged to be implicated in dynamiting plots, he will see that they have hearing here.

Confederate Gave Them Away.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Captain Wood says that J. W. McNamara is nothing more than an anarchist. Shortly after the blowing up of the Times in Los Angeles, a reward of $10,000 was offered for the capture of the ones guilty. A man close to the conspirators gave the information and received the reward. For four months this confederate has been working with the detectives on the case.

Kaplin May be in Custody.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—It is reported here that Harry Kaplin is already under arrest some place on the Pacific coast and will be brought to Los Angeles as soon as the McNamaras are brought there.

Is All Bosh.

OMAHA, Nebr. April 24.—Labor leaders in Omaha scoff at the idea that John J. McNamara is guilty of complicity in the Los Angeles Times explosion of last fall.

F. K. Painter, president of the Omaha branch of the iron workers, who is personally acquainted with McNamara, declared him to be opposed to violence, and declared the idea that he was connected with the Times explosion to be all "bosh." He said:

"I consider the manner of Mr. McNamara's arrest an outrage. If they have so clear a case against him, why didn't they give him a fair chance?"

He scouted the suggestion that the union was implicated in the Omaha dynamiting.

Will Be Hanged.

LOS ANGLES, April 24.—The Times says: "McNamara and the others who are alleged to have blown up the Times plant will be brought here for trial. If convicted they will be hanged."

Mother is Faithful.

CINCINNATI, O. April 24.—Mrs. Mary McNamara, mother of the two McNamaras today declared she has absolute faith in the innocence of her two boys.

Will Take Its Time.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 24.—Prosecutor Baker says there is one thing the grand jury is going to be sure of and that is that everybody will get a square deal. There is no need to hurry, but a thorough, searching investigation will be made regarding the dynamite found in the building in which McNamara had his office. Two theories will be worked on; one that McNamara placed the explosives there and the other that it was planted by the detectives to fasten the suspicion of guilt.

Fund at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 24.—A fund for the defense of John J. McNamara and others will be raised in St. Louis according to local union men.

On the Way.

TOPEKA, Kas., April 24.—James W. McNamara and Ortie McManigal passed through here at 11 o'clock this morning on a Santa Fe train going west. They were shadowed to two detectives of the Burns agency and locked in a compartment in the sleeping car.

Artist Fenn Dead.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., April 24.—After an illness of three months, Harry Fenn, dean of American water color artist, died at his home here, aged 73. Fenn was a native of Surrey, England, and came to this country when 19 years old. He was a prominent member of the American water color society.

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