

THE ARDMOREITE  
DOES THE BEST  
JOB PRINTING

# The Daily Ardmoreite.

The Best Advertising  
Medium in the New  
State  
The Ardmoreite

VOLUME XIV

ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 30, 1907

NUMBER 185

## AGENT IS MURDERED

ROBBERS KILL AGENT AND FIRE  
THE BUILDING.

## HOPED TO COVER CRIME

Believed That Robbers Secured Large  
Sum of Money—Railroad Offi-  
cials Refuse to Talk  
of the Crime.

By Associated Press.

Clairington, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Edward Hutchinson, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad agent here, was robbed and murdered early today and the station burned over his head.

While the railroad officials will not talk, it is believed that the robbers got away with a large sum of money. They bound and gagged Hutchinson, after taking his watch and money. They then ransacked the station. It is believed the burglars were recognized by the agent and that they decided to burn him to death as he lay bound in order to conceal their identity.

## EARTHQUAKE IS RECORDED.

Station Reports it of Two Hours' Duration.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—A very heavy earthquake was recorded on the instruments at the Coast and Geodetic Survey observatory at Chellampam, N. D., this morning.

It began at thirty-two minutes and thirty seconds past midnight and lasted for two hours.

## BLUE LAWS ARE UPHELD.

In Test Case County Court Upholds Constitutionality.

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 30.—The county district court today upheld the Omaha "blue laws" as being entirely constitutional. In the future the Sunday closing law will be enforced strictly.

The case came to the district court on an appeal from the city courts which imposed a fine on a barber. As it is a test case, the case will be taken to the supreme court. In the meantime complaints have been filed against more than five hundred individuals for working on Sunday. These warrants will be served at once.

## GREETINGS.

We take this opportunity of extending to the public the season's greetings, and, particularly to our patrons. We are especially anxious for the ladies to visit our exchange and inspect our creating department, so we cordially invite you to come and see us, at which time we will conduct you through the different departments, and will present you with one of our beautiful New Year calendars. Wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous New Year, we remain,

Yours very truly,  
CHICKASAW TELEPHONE COMPANY.

27-2

We have some  
**EXTRA CHOICE FARMS AT  
"PANIC PRICES"**  
Want to sell your  
lands to homeseekers?  
List them with us  
JOHNSON & KINKADE, Farms Only

## SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY

ELMER HOYLE RECEIVED SERIOUS WOUNDS FROM G. A. WHITE, A BLACKSMITH.

Ardmoreite Special.

Mill Creek, Okla., Dec. 29.—Elmer Hoyle was shot and seriously wounded in the arm here today by G. A. White, a blacksmith of this place. White fired two shots, the first missing Hoyle, the second taking effect as above stated.

Both parties live here. The trouble is said to have originated from an alleged disturbance of the peace by Hoyle on Christmas night, to which White was supposed to have made affidavit.

## ARKANSAS TRAGEDY

YOUNG MARRIED MAN SLAIN BY BOY BROTHER-IN-LAW—FATHER DROPS DEAD.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 29.—A special to the Gazette from Conway, Ark., says:

Near Vilonia, in the eastern part of Faulkner county, today at noon, Oscar McCord, aged 26, was shot and instantly killed by Henry Bryant, a boy of fifteen years. Bryant used a shotgun, the entire load passing through McCord's head.

John Bryant, father of the boy who did the shooting, died on the spot of heart trouble.

McCord was married Christmas day to Bryant's daughter, and they had come to Bryant's house for dinner. McCord and Bryant's wife were not on good terms and got into a row. McCord hit the old lady with his fist and the old man jumped for the gun, but was stopped from shooting and the gun was put down. Young Bryant got the gun and fired before anyone knew he was in the room. Young Bryant says he killed McCord because he hit his mother and called her a liar. Sheriff Brady went to the scene of the tragedy at once.

## Eloping Pastor Located.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 30.—Rev. Jere Knode Cook formerly pastor of a church at Hempstead, who it is claimed left his wife eight months ago eloping with the seventeen-year-old heiress Lotta Whatley, has been located. It is said in a flat in this city. A child has been born to them during the interval, the pastor working for a house painter doing the hardest kind of manual labor.

Inquiry this morning at the flat revealed the fact that the couple had fled with their child.

## Taft Speaks at Boston.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—Secretary of War Taft is here today and made his first public utterances since his world circling tour.

## ATTEMPT TO SUICIDE

CLELIE CRIM, A TELEPHONE OPERATOR TAKES SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE.

Clelie Crim a young man about twenty years of age, residing at 429 Carter Ave., S. E., attempted to commit suicide this afternoon about 1 o'clock in the Telephone Exchange building by swallowing a ten-cent vial of spirits of turpentine. Medical attention was given the young man within a few moments after he administered the dose to himself, by Dr. Hardy and the poison pumped out of his stomach.

The cause assigned for the deed is supposed to be that of a love affair although the latter could not be verified. Young Crim has been in the employ of the telephone company for the past six or seven years and has always been considered one of the best men in the employ of the company.

When a man loses his enthusiasm his opportunities begin to shrink.

## FIND BONES IN COFFIN

DRUCE WAS BURIED IN LONDON CEMETERY.

## A SENSATIONAL STORY

Parties Recently Swore that Coffin, Supposed to Contain Body, was Filled With Lead—Many Constables Were Present.

By Associated Press.

London, Eng., Dec. 30.—The coffin of T. C. Druce was exhumed at Highgate Cemetery today and when open was found to contain human bones, thus discrediting the evidence given at a recent trial that the coffin contained only lead.

The finding of the remains exploded the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell, who was recently arrested in New York for perjury, and others, who swore during a recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that the coffin contained lead.

The official statement given out by a representative of the Home Office not only disposes of the lead myth, but seems effectively to prove that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce.

The authorized statement follows: "The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged bearded man. The plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce."

The scene at the Highgate Cemetery, when the vault was opened, was remarkable. Constables were present on all sides. All entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police.

George Solamby Druce, who claims he is the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and its vast estate, attempted to enter the cemetery, but was met by a refusal. The charge of perjury against Herbert Druce is effectively disposed of by the finding of the body.

## Teachers Association.

Ardmoreite Special.

Okmulgee, Okla., Dec. 30.—A teachers association has been organized in this county, with the following officers: Prof. Scott, this city, president; Miss Welch, Natura, secretary; executive committee E. B. Shotwell, Prof. Campbell of Beggs, and Prof. Barney of Henryetta.

Another meeting is to be held soon at which time the permanent organization will be effected.

## Billups Booze Bill

Ardmoreite Special.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 30.—The defeat of the prohibition enforcement measure, known as the "Billups Booze Bill" is practically admitted in the capital today. The bill will be passed ultimately, but in a much different form from what it now presents.

## CHICKASAW LEGISLATURE

GOVERNOR JOHNSTON ANNOUNCES THAT IT WILL RECONVENE AFTER HOLIDAYS.

Ardmoreite Special.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 30.—In a letter made public today Governor D. H. Johnston of the Chickasaws, from his home announced that the Chickasaw legislature would be convened again soon after the holidays. This confirms the rumors of some weeks that such a call would be made. The only action that can be taken by the legislature will be of an advisory character. Memorials will be sent both to congress and the state legislature relative to the disposition of the tribes affairs. Particular stress will be laid on the removal of restrictions. Congress will be asked to not remove them on the land of minors.

A splendid way to get engaged to a girl is to have her set out to catch you.

## RAILROAD IN A RACE

MEN WORKING NIGHT AND DAY TO COMPLETE ROAD BY TOMORROW NIGHT.

Ardmoreite Special.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 30.—A race that is being watched with much interest all over the state and nation, is the attempt of the Orient railroad now under course of construction, to complete its line west to Dill, Okla., on the western border of the state, by midnight, December 31. The prize is the sale of \$200,000 of the company's bonds. Men have been working night and day for weeks and it is thought the record in distance railroad building will have been broken, if the company completes the line by New Years.

## MURDOCK NEAR DEATH

KANSAS PIONEER AND NEWS-PAPER EDITOR DANGEROUSLY ILL WITH HEMORRHAGE.

By Associated Press.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 30.—Colonel Marshall Murdock, an old pioneer of Kansas and editor of the Wichita Daily Eagle, suffered a severe hemorrhage last night and death is not unexpected.

His condition shows improvement today over that of last night, but the physicians give little hopes of his recovery.

## Caught in Belting.

Thalia, Texas, Dec. 30.—O. H. Mattison, a prosperous farmer, was killed in the Thalia gin Saturday morning about 10:30 o'clock.

The gin is a two-story building, with the line-shaft extending through the lower story. Mr. Mattison had brought the last bale of his large crop to the gin and went below to help adjust the belt, when he was caught on the line-shaft on an unprotected set-screw and lashed to death, only gasping two or three times after being released.

## SCHOOL STATISTICS

PARTIAL REPORT OF JOHN D. BENEDICT SUPERINTENDENT OF INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Ardmoreite Special.

Muskogee, Dec. 30.—In a recent report to his department, the following interesting statistics were shown with reference to Superintendent Benedict's work, including the Indian boarding schools:

In all 7,100 pupils attend these schools, divided in color as follows: 45,000 whites; 13,500 Indians; 8,600 blacks. One thousand school houses have been built by public subscription. Thirty-four cities in the east side of the state support their own public schools, totaling 18,350 pupils. Of the 13,500 Indian pupils, 10,000 attend exclusive Indian schools, leaving only 3,500, who attend the schools with 45,000 white children attending largely at the expense of the government.

The greater part of the land in the Indian Territory side is not yet taxable and not capable of supporting schools and it is Benedict's contention that if the government can be induced to continue the operation of these rural schools, it would be much better for the state and the large number of pupils would be insured of school facilities.

## Kansas Postoffice Burglarized.

By Associated Press.

Solomon, Kans., Dec. 30.—Robbers last night blew open the safe in the postoffice here with dynamite and escaped with four hundred dollars.

## McAlester Wide Open.

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 29.—The lid was taken off in McAlester today. Three men who kept their places open last Sunday were arrested under the Oklahoma law. Yesterday they were tried and acquitted. Today everything was wide open, including a vaudeville theater, which has never been open on Sunday.

## TROOPS STAY AT GOLDFIELD

GOVERNOR SPARKS WILL CONVENE SPECIAL SESSION.

## AS ROOSEVELT REQUESTED

Proclamation Issued Today and Legislature Will Convene in About Two Weeks, in the Meantime Troops Will Predominate.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 29.—A special session of the Nevada legislature will be called tomorrow by Gov. Sparks. The governor said tonight that he will issue the proclamation in the morning and that the date of convening will be in about two weeks.

The call will be made at the request of President Roosevelt, who has notified Nevada's governor that such action must be taken or the troops now stationed at Goldfield will be removed.

In the event of such action being taken, the president stated that the troops would be allowed to remain three weeks longer.

Notification of the decision to assemble the legislature has been transmitted, Gov. Sparks says, to Washington.

County Commissioner Rosenthal of Goldfield, whose resignation has been requested by Gov. Sparks, has refused to vacate his office.

## WILL ISSUE PROCLAMATION

GOVERNOR SPARKS OF NEVADA WIRES PRESIDENT OF HIS INTENTIONS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks of Nevada today wired President Roosevelt that he is now preparing a proclamation calling the legislature of Nevada into extra session, according to the president's last communication to the governor.

The troops will now be ordered to remain at Goldfield for a period of three weeks.

## INSANITY THE DEFENCE

OF DR. HARRY, CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER AT CRUSHER SEVERAL DAYS AGO.

Dr. G. H. Harry has been bound over to await the action of the grand jury of Murray county on the charge of manslaughter in the first degree, and is at present in the federal jail in this city in default of bond in the sum of \$2,500. The justice of the peace as well as the coroner's jury wanted the charge to be murder but under the law it could not be.

The defense of the prisoner will be insanity, so stated his attorney, John Cadell, today. Dr. Harry has been a confirmed habitual user of narcotics in the shape of cocaine and morphine, as well as having been addicted to the use of whiskey as well, and was at one time placed in the federal jail, prior to statehood charged with being a coke fiend when the others were arrested.

Judge G. W. Harry, the father of the young man, has wired to Mr. Cadell to protect his son and do all that is within his power to do for him and protect him when the trial comes off.

The case will excite much interest at Sulphur when it is called for trial at the next term of the court.

## Two Negro Divorce Suits.

Two negro divorce suits were filed for record this morning in the district clerk's office. One of the cases is Mary Toles vs. Bud Toles, and the other is Rosa McDade vs. John McDade. Desertion is the grounds alleged in both cases, and in one case cruelty is an allegation.

## MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Some Special Bargains in

## Ready-to-Wear Garments

One \$50.00 Tan Chiffon Broadcloth Tailored Suit, lined with Taffeta Silk, beautifully trimmed with silk and buttons, skirt made with the newest effect—Certainly a beautiful suit, size 36. Will go Monday and Tuesday for..... **\$25.00**

One \$45.00 Navy Blue Chiffon Wool Taffeta Suit, full length coat, satin lined and nicely trimmed, size 38. Our Monday and Tuesday price..... **\$22.50**

One \$40.00 Navy Blue Herringbone Cheviot Suit, size 36, tight fitting long coat, strictly a man tailored garment. Our Monday and Tuesday price..... **\$20.00**

One \$35.00 Light Tan Coat, semi-fitting, elegant satin lining throughout, nicely trimmed, a very becoming style. Monday and Tuesday price..... **\$17.50**

## Big Cut in all Coats and Suits

We propose to make a CLEAN SWEEP of everything. The biggest bargains in BLANKETS ever given in Ardmore.

Before you buy anything to wear, it will pay you to price here.

**The Ditzler Dry Goods Co.**  
THE LADIES STORE

Phone 825.

The yellow wagon will bring it.

## Canal Plans Changed.

Washington, Dec. 29.—For strategic reasons, and to prevent bombardment and destruction by a hostile fleet, the Isthmian Canal commission has determined to change the location of the dams and locks which it was originally intended to construct at La Boca, and instead they will be built at Miraflores, four miles inland, and within the zone of safety. President Roosevelt has approved the plans.

It is said that aside from the strategic reasons advanced for the change of plans, the question of cost, saving in time in the completion of the canal, and the fact that a more satisfactory foundation could be secured at Miraflores also influenced the decision. It is estimated the saving in cost will be considerable.

## Must Serve Prison Sentence.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Judge Landis in the United States district court today denied the application of George S. McReynolds, formerly a grain broker of this city, for writ of habeas corpus. McReynolds was recently sentenced to the penitentiary on a charge of having sold grain covered by warehouse receipts. He will now be compelled to serve his sentence.

## Davis New Years' Gift.

By Southwestern Press.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Despite the denials of the parties interested, Washington society is confidently awaiting the announcement of the marriage of ex-Senator Henry Cassaway Davis and Miss Maud Ashford, which is expected to take place within the next few days, probably on New Year's day. The relations between the 84-year-old West Virginia millionaire and his daughters have been badly strained, on account of the proposed marriage, but it is said a reconciliation has been effected. Mrs. Lee, one of the daughters of the aged statesman, has been a close friend of the bride-to-be since girlhood. Miss Ashford was her social secretary throughout last season and it was then, it is alleged, that the love affair between the pretty young woman and the old millionaire developed.

## An Oklahoma Crop.

Ardmoreite Special.

Arapahoe, Okla., Dec. 30.—J. C. Hatchett, a farmer of this vicinity, planted 225 acres in corn this year and has already marketed 7,000 bushels at 50 cents per bushel, receiving \$3,500 for it. This is only about half the crop as it averaged near 60 bushels per acre.

## Best Wishes

For 1908

As we enter upon the new year we wish to express our appreciation of the trade and confidence accorded us by the people of this community during the past twelve months.

Our business has not only been wholly satisfactory, but we have had many evidences of unusual loyalty and good will on the part of our customers.

We endeavor to please those we serve and to promote their interest in every way, and it is a satisfaction to find this effort brings adequate responses.

In the coming year we shall maintain the highest standards of pharmacy and business dealings and we know we shall retain your friendship and trade.

We extend to all our kindest regards and our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

**F. J. RAMSEY, DRUGGIST**