

W.A. "DOC" RANKIN PIONEER OF IDAHO DEAD AT AGE OF 81

Well Known Freighter,
Stockman and Farmer An-
swers the Last Summons
After an Active Life.

William A. Rankin, more familiarly known as "Doc" Rankin, died of heart disease this morning at a Boise hospital. He was 81 years of age and was one of the rugged pioneers of the west, who for more than half a century had lived in the western section of the United States and helped to make its history. Mr. Rankin is survived by one son, Tom, who is now enroute to Boise from Arizona. The body is at the Schreiber & Sidentaden morgue and funeral arrangements will not be made until the arrival of his son.

Mr. Rankin was born at Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 24, 1836. His early life was spent in Iowa, where he followed farming and stock raising until 26 years of age. In 1853 with five other men he started west for Washoe, Nev. The trip was made in prairie schooners, the men doing their own cooking, washing and fighting Indians on the hard journey. After a year in Nevada and California, Mr. Rankin engaged in the freighting business and spent 12 years in driving his outfits across the deserts of the west and pretty nearly all the trails which led from one center of population to another.

KNOW THE WEST WELL.
During his freighting period he had with him from two to six outfits and often used as high as 26 head of oxen in one team, drawing four wagons in tandem. It was as a freighter that Mr. Rankin became so well known among all the prominent westerners of early history and he was often consulted concerning the conditions of roads and trails by the most prominent men of several states.

In 1881 he came to Boise and for several years followed various occupations, but finally answered the call of "back to the farm," and in 1889 took up 160 acres of land two miles southwest of Boise, which proved a valuable property in later years with the settlement of the country and the growth of Boise.

"Doc" Rankin was a master Mason and also a prominent member of the Odd Fellows lodge. He joined both orders early in life and kept up his fraternal associations as long as his health permitted.

ACTIVE IN POLITICS.
He was a Democrat of the old Jeffersonian school and in Idaho always took an active part in politics, al-

VANDERBILT'S SON IS ARMY CHAUFFEUR



Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., at Spartanburg.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., son of Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt of the Twenty-second engineers, is army chauffeur at headquarters, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. His father is already in France.

though never a seeker for office. He was a delegate to several state conventions and he participated in most of the county conventions in Ada county for many years.

He was an earnest advocate of compulsory education and gave his assistance to having compulsory education laws passed in Nevada and Idaho.

Always ready to do a favor or lend a helping hand to one in need, "Doc" Rankin counted his friends by the score and his death takes from the list of remaining pioneers another whose work will stand in the history of the upbuilding of the great northwest.

BOISE OVERLAND REPRESENTATIVES AWARDED WATCHES

Eighteen representatives of the Boise Overland company, dealers, sub-agents and salesmen, enjoyed a Hooverized dinner Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Owyhee hotel. The event marked the closing of the six weeks' sales contest of the company. Three gold watches were given to winners as follows: A. O. Walling, Payette, watch for winner of sub-dealers' contest; C. F. Turner, of King Hill, watch for associate dealers' sales; F. F. Thomason,

of Boise, watch for retail salesman. The district in which the prizes are given extends from Weiser to King Hill.

R. M. Ash presided as toastmaster. Short talks were made by most of the representatives present. Contracts for the coming year were signed and most of the dealers signed for double the number of cars ordered for 1917.

Those present were W. G. Ash, manager of the Boise Overland company; R. M. Ash, sales manager; E. A. Farmer, L. W. Thrallkill, F. F. Thomason, G. Brigger, J. R. Evans, all of Boise; A. H. Christenson and J. T. Christenson of Kuna; J. S. Spencer, of Nampa; Will Monk, Roy King and Mr. Marmon of Caldwell; O. A. Walling, Payette; W. T. Pratt, Weiser; William Warr and John Warr, of Sweet; C. F. Turner, Jr., King Hill; J. M. Cowen, Mountain Home.

SECOND MEATLESS DAY FOR THE WEEK

Friday marked the first observance of the second meatless day of the week in the restaurants and hotels of Boise, under the program of the state food administrator. Two meatless days are now to be observed weekly, Tuesday and Friday. Similar days are to be ob-

served in private homes. A further request of the administration is that one wheelless meal be served daily, that the public abstain from bacon for breakfast and reduce the use of sugar as much as possible.

It is pointed out that these slight sacrifices must be made by the people at home if the boys who are to fight the battles of the nation are properly fed. In the name of patriotism the public is urged to observe the regulations strictly.

Inquiry made at some of the restaurants today showed that no complaint was being heard from patrons because meat was dropped from the menu.

JAPANESE ACTIVE IN THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR PREPAREDNESS

Tokio, Nov. 10.—(By mail.)—Led by Admiral Baron Saito, for many years Minister of Marine and largely responsible for the modern Japanese navy, a campaign has been opened by preparedness preachers here to give Japan greater strength on the sea.

But before such a plan can be realized, the men who vote the millions must lend their approval. So Admiral Saito recently addressed the members of the strongest political party in the Diet.

If Japan is to maintain her rank among the sea powers of the world, he insisted, it is urgent that she take immediate steps for centering her naval strength around 12 super-dreadnoughts and the same number of battle-cruisers. Because of war construction by other powers, he said, his own country was in danger of being out-distanced.

Admiral Saito's speech is regarded as expressing the sentiments of the Teruchi administration and has caused no small amount of discussion for less than a year ago Japan aimed at the acquisition of eight battleships and eight battle cruisers as the main strength of her fleet.

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OPEN HEARTH MUST GO DURING THE WAR

Washington, Dec. 14.—The open-grate coal fire stands indicated today. It gives cheer and companionship as well as heat, the fuel administration admits, but it is "inefficient," and wasteful. That is sufficient reason for the administration's stigma. And lovers of ease taken before the romantic flames in an open hearth are asked to use wood or a more practical coal "jumbo" heater. The fuel administration said:

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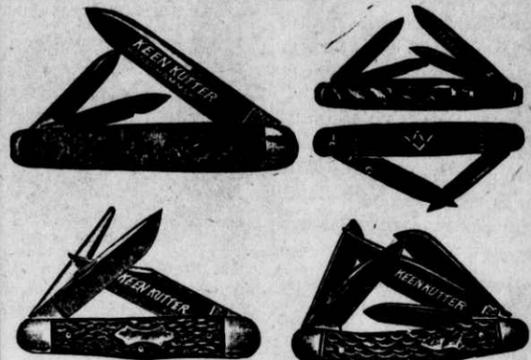
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