

## OFFICES OF PROBATE JUDGE MAY BE FILLED BY GOVERNOR

### PLANS BEING MADE TO SUPPLY JURISTS UNTIL FALL

### MENTION SUCCESSORS

NAMES OF POSSIBLE TIMBER ARE  
BEING SUGGESTED—ELECTION  
WOULD COST COUNTY IN THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$10,000.

With the death of Judge Lardin leaving a vacancy in one of La Salle county's most important offices, members of the board of supervisors, the Bar Association and Governor Frank O. Lowden are confronted with the problem of choosing a man capable of filling his place for the unexpired term.

Consensus of opinion among county leaders, the saloons, and members of the Bar Association is that the office will be operated under the "supply" plan until the time arrives within the year limit and then Governor Lowden will be called upon to appoint a successor to Judge Lardin.

There remains of the late Judge's term a total of twenty months, he having been elected for the period beginning Dec. 1, 1914, and continuing to Dec. 1, 1918. By adopting the supply plan, thru which judges from surrounding counties will be called in to help dispose of the great amount of business passing thru the probate court from day to day, the taxpayers will be saved \$10,000 that would necessarily have to be spent in an election.

The names of several prominent attorneys are being suggested as possible probate judge timber. They are Elmer Roberts, George P. Hills, Robt. Carr, Charles Woodward, of Ottawa, while in Streator friends of Lloyd Painter are starting an agitation for his ascension to the bench.

All of the candidates suggested to day are capable of rendering the county good and suitable service, and it is possible that the selection, when it is made by Governor Lowden, may come from among their ranks.

Judge Mayo is well acquainted with probate court work and is willing to do his share toward conducting the business of his dead colleague's office.

## GUN CLUB TO AID IN MILITARY TRAINING

Members of the Starved Rock Gun Club are anxious to do their bit in the preparedness movement which is sweeping over the country.

They took their first active steps when they offered the service of their grounds and of their members to aid in the instruction of beginners in the use of firearms.

The grounds east of La Salle are available at any time, the only condition that C. J. Patz, as president of the club, be consulted so that a committee can be named to assist the beginners.

"There are plenty of guns for the beginners can use," said one of the leaders in the move today, "and we will be glad to give our services in teaching the novices at how to handle them."

This is an unusual opportunity and one that prospective soldiers should avail themselves of.

## DISTRICT SUPT. DELIVERS SERMON

Sunday morning a large congregation gathered at the Presbyterian church to hear Rev. Gerrit Verkuyl, the district superintendent of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work. The Superintendent had spent the week in holding efficiency conferences in the Ottawa Presbytery, visiting live groups of churches: Owego, Earlville, Rochelle, Ottawa and Morris. Two sessions were held in each place, the first being devoted to the unification of the church forces, and the second to family worship.

Dr. Verkuyl preached on the parents' desire and responsibility for the children. He reminded us that no matter how far short we may come we always want our children to be better than we are; and he emphasized the truth that God has placed upon the parents the responsibility for the highest welfare of the children; that it is for them to see to it that the children are brought to God that they may be able to attain to their highest development.

In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. Voncks, spoke on "The Triumph of Christ" and showed that the world progress is the evidence that there is a living triumphant Christ; the change in the trend of history and the great improvement that has been made and the wonderful way in which all of the foreign countries have become deeply interested in Christianity are but the footprints of the triumphant march.

## FINE TRIBUTES ARE PAID TO MEMORY OF JUDGE A. T. LARDIN

### MEN PROMINENT IN PUBLIC LIFE DEPLORE PASSING OF PROBATE JURIST—EULOGIES ARE ALL OF SINCERE PRAISE AND RESPECT.

The passing of Judge Albert T. Lardin has caused such general regret that the Free Trader-Journal, in an effort to show the regard in which the late jurist is held by men in public life has secured from several the following statements:

**Judge Eldredge.**  
Judge Lardin had but one thought in life—to do what was right. Untiring and conscientious in the discharge of his official duties, he earned a respect of the people which few in official life obtain. He honored and dignified the office which he held and set a standard which will be had for his successors to maintain. We who were his personal friends and knew him best bow in sorrow at our loss and great as this is, his loss to the community is far greater. His influence in life both privately and officially was all for good. He was indeed a man among men. I can say no more.

**EDGAR ELDREDGE.**

**Rev. Dean Quinn.**  
In the death of Judge Lardin Ottawa has lost one of its noblest citizens. His motto was "Let Justice Reign Tho' The Heavens Fall." He was a brother-man and always the friend of the weak and unfortunate. His example was more eloquent than his voice.

Such men are rare and their loss to the community appalling. With all Ottawa I mourn at the loss of this great citizen and eminent jurist.

**Sheriff E. M. Davis.**

I had known Judge A. T. Lardin for a number of years. I had a profound regard for him. In a public council he will be greatly missed. He was not influenced by any impure motive, but in all his public acts as I have observed he had a single eye directed and a warm and devoted heart dedicated to what in my judgment was conducive to true interest and honor of all the citizen's interests he was called upon to consider. In his bereavement, the city, the county and union have lost an able and worthy citizen.

As Probate clerk of the county of La Salle, I deeply feel the great loss which the county and its people in general have suffered in the death of Judge A. T. Lardin.

We have lost a man whose place it will almost be impossible to fill.

Without a doubt, he was as able a judge as presided over a probate court in the state of Illinois.

Judge Lardin was a man of spotless character. It seems as though his entire "make-up" particularly fitted him for his office. His watchword was "protection of the widows and orphans." A man of the highest honor, integrity and fairness, and a citizen who, with much self-sacrifice, was ever striving for the upbuilding and welfare of the community and its people. His death has shocked the whole county who have grown to love and honor him, and for whom they shall ever mourn.

**Judge Mayo.**

In the death of Judge Albert T. Lardin, La Salle county has lost one of its most valuable citizens. In his position as judge of the probate court for over twenty years he has discharged the duties of his office with marked ability. Holding an office thru which annually passed millions of dollars, subject to his supervision and inspection, he has so faithfully watched over the estates of widows, orphans and minor children, controlled by executors, administrators, guardians and conservators, that not a dollar has been wasted, mispent or frittered away by reason of want of attention on the part of the court, nor was he ever swerved from a strict performance of his duties by reason of friendship or other means. Such a man is a serious loss in any community. His sterling qualities of honesty and fair dealing had its influence upon all who came in contact with him. No man could deviate him from a strict discharge of his duty as he saw it. Cut off in the prime of life and usefulness a most valuable citizen has been lost to the county. Nor was it alone that he stood forth as a man of strict integrity, but he was big enough of heart and mind to feel keenly the want and need

**Fire Under Water.**

Fire under water may be produced by placing some small pieces of phosphorus in a conical shaped tumbler and then covering them with the crystals of chlorate of potash. Next fill the glass with water and then add a few drops of sulphuric acid, the acid is applied directly to the phosphorus and potash crystals by means of a long tube. If the experiment is proper, carried out tongues of bright red flame can be seen flashing up through the water, the intense chemical heat produced by the action of the sulphuric acid on the potash and phosphorus being sufficient to inflame the latter, although entirely covered with water.

## SALOONS CONFORM WITH "BLIND" RULE

### ORDERS TO REMOVE SCREENS AND BLINDS GIVING POLICE CLEAR VISION OF BAR HAVE BEEN OBEYED.

There was no fooling Sunday, April 1, on the "screen ordinance," according to Chief of Police Eulich and Commissioner Palmer. Every saloon man has complied with the edict, commanding that stained glass or curtains be removed in order that the police might be given full view of the bar room.

There were one or two instances, however, where slight infractions were made and agreements were reached yesterday afternoon whereby all obstructions over windows would be removed.

The infractions in not complying with the screen ordinance did not directly cause any violations of the law as no attempt was made to open the place of business; it is just simply a question of complying with the orders from Commissioner Palmer. "No exceptions to the rule will be allowed from any one."

## OTTAWA NAVY LEAGUE WILL HOLD MEETING

The Ottawa branch of the Navy League will hold a meeting Friday night at the armory, to which the general public is invited.

At this time of impending peril, when the safety and future of the United States depends upon the individual units which in their entirety comprise the naval and military forces of the United States, it is necessary that these units be given every care possible; it is necessary that more of them be obtained to enter the service; it is necessary to provide for those left at home, in order that American patriots may rally to the defense of the Republic.

No charity is asked of the people of the United States at this juncture, but a visible, material patriotism is demanded.

The people of Ottawa have always done more than their share when called upon and the call now comes again.

Good speakers for this meeting will be furnished by the League Headquarters, part of the speaking being illustrated with moving pictures.

## GRIFFITH'S SHOW IS GORGEOUS SPECTACLE

D. W. Griffith, maker of movie masterpieces, gave Ottawa theatre goers an insight into his wonderful producing powers at the Gayety last night, when "Intolerance" his second big spectacle was exhibited before a good sized house. Accompanying the film was a chorus of male and female voices and an orchestra of twenty pieces. The musical scores were exceptionally pleasing while the screen story was gorgeously compiled as one of the world's most elaborate shows.

The play in well woven together, notwithstanding that it covers four periods in human history. The scenes about Babylon, together with its destruction were examples of Mr. Griffith's skill to astound and at the same time please his audiences.

The film will be shown again tonight and will conclude the local run with the evening performance Wednesday evening.

## AUTO HITS CAR; THOMAS WALSH IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

Thomas Walsh, agent for the DeLuxe Ford, escaped with minor injuries yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when a west bound local car collided with Mr. Walsh's auto as he was backing out of the standard garage on Main street. The car was dragged a distance of several feet and quite badly demolished. Mr. Walsh was bruised about the knees and will be confined to his home for several days.

## World's Oldest Investment.

The oldest investment security on earth is the real estate mortgage. We know that money was loaned on mortgages in ancient Babylon in the time of King Hammurabi, 4,000 years ago and that some 2,500 years ago the great Babylonian banking house of the Ezel family invested large sums in mortgages on both city and farm property. The mortgages being recorded on bricks which have been preserved in the safe deposit vaults of those times—great earthenware jars buried in the earth, preserved until the archaeologists in our own day and age dug them up to show us when, where and how mortgage originated.

Trained athletes have cleared twenty-four feet and a few inches in a running broad jump contest, but ordinary human beings do not, as a rule, rank well as jumpers.

## LAST SAD RITES ARE SAID OVER JUDGE ALBERT T. LARDIN

### REV. C. A. BRIGGS PAYS FITTING TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF DIS- TINGUISHED JURIST—BODY TAKEN TO MENDOTA.

Burial services over the late Albert T. Lardin were held this afternoon at the family home on Pearl street, where a large concourse of mourning friends gathered to pay their last respects to the deceased jurist. The home and lawn were thronged with friends who had gathered at the bier to pay their last respects to a valued friend who had gone beyond.

Members of the La Salle County Bar association were present in a body, but theirs was the only organization taking formal part in the burial ceremonies. Rev. Charles A. Briggs, Jr., presided and delivered a beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased. Marked simplicity prevailed and as soon as Rev. Briggs had said his final prayer, the solemn cortege started its journey to Mendota, where the remains will be laid to rest along side those of the parents of Judge Lardin, in Restland cemetery.

In his tribute, Rev. Briggs said:

Our friend, Albert T. Lardin, had gone, and his untimely taking reminds me of these words:

"Death take us unawares  
"And stays our hurrying feet,  
"The great design unfinished lies,  
"Our lives are incomplete."

Judge Lardin's chief virtue was in his moral influence and Christian manhood. His life each day was an exhibition of the truthfulness of his profession. No one doubted him. He was a forceful exemplar of right living. His words and acts brought no reflection on Christianity. Think as we may about religion, discard the Bible if it is thought best and class it with profane history, belittle the work of the church and discourage individual devotion to the tenets of Christianity, but when the coffin shall hold the body, the funeral dirge shall be sung, and mother earth receive back its own, the greatest consolation that can come to the survivors is the hope of the resurrection and eternal union of loved ones where separation never takes place and tears are never known.

What a beautiful monument he has left. A structure of his own hand, the heritage of a pure and upright life. The marble shaft erected over the grave by family and friends may crumble to the earth and be forgotten, but the influence of his good deeds will continue like the waves of the mighty ocean, rolling on until they break upon the further shore. His influence will tend to strengthen and encourage long after the body has turned to dust and the marks of recognition shall be effaced.

Judge Lardin was a quiet man of princely dignity. He was not effusive in his utterances on any subject, or even to his most intimate friends. In fact he was regarded as a man of but few intimate friends. Everybody was his friend, and they found him forever impartial and loyal.

Once he became your friend, Judge Lardin, was always your firm friend. Into the inner circle of his friendship came four of his college chums. During the 25 years since they entered college together, their coming together every year in reunion, as the L. U. N. club, has been a source of constantly increasing pleasure. Today this charmed circle is broken. All but one of the surviving members of the circle are in this company. Our national exigencies have made it impossible for the other member, U. S. Senator Morris, of Nebraska, to leave Washington, or he would be present to honor to our friend and fellow citizens.

Judge Lardin's interest in the poor children of La Salle county has been monumental. His one dying regret was that the work he inaugurated in behalf of the welfare of the dependent children of his county could not have reached its greatest possibility and efficiency long ago. God gave him the heart of a father in his love for these unfortunates, and the tenderness of a mother in his ministrations to them. Every child at the DeLuxe Home knew him, loved him, and looked up to him with gratitude and veneration. Will not this company pledge their best interest and efforts, today, to the completion of the great work, and the carrying out of the splendid program that Judge Lardin had planned for the children. He loved the children with the love of a Longfellow, and the poetry of his deeds will survive the ravages of time.

There are two consoling thoughts which are of special significance in the material universe amount and about us. One is the evident fact that there is but one architect in creation—planets, stars and constellations have but one builder. The other fact is that no substance can be destroyed and lost. Changes in form and combination of elements may oc-

## CONGRESS WEIGHS WAR ACTION; TAKES RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW

### MAYOR BRADFORD IS READY TO SUPPORT PRES. WILSON PLANS

### SAYS OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON SHOULD BE GIVEN SUPPORT OF EVERY CITIZEN—COMMISSIONER MEAGHER EXPRESSES HIS VIEWS.

The war spirit hit the city hall this morning in all its earnestness and found staunch backers in Mayor E. F. Bradford and Commissioner P. J. Meagher, who discussed the crisis of this country.

During a conversation with a Free Trader-Journal reporter Mayor Bradford said: "To show that I am with President Wilson and Congress in whatever action they take, I have hung the American flag out in front of my residence. I am sorry to say that we have reached the crisis now and the United States must take a definite stand. I do not believe that the people in cities like Ottawa actually realize what trying moments these are for the officials at Washington, but in the event of an actual declaration of war Ottawa citizens would rally to the cause as they have in times past."

"I favor universal training, rather than universal service. I believe that every citizen should take a month or two every year and accustom himself in the use of military tactics. I am not in favor of a military service that would require a large standing army, in which men would be compelled to enlist for three years."

Mayor Bradford has not as yet received any official letters from Washington in regard to the war situation.

Commissioner P. J. Meagher in talking of the war situation, expressed his opinion somewhat along the same lines as Mayor Bradford. He believes the time has come for every man to stand by the administration and to support congress and President Wilson in whatever action is taken.

Mayor Bradford and Commissioner Meagher both anxiously inquired about the war reports from Washington.

cur, but everything is scarcely preserved. May we not, therefore, by analogy, conclude that spiritual things which are higher than those which are material, are also preserved. I believe nothing in the universe of God is lost. Our intellectual achievements, our smiles and tears, our happiness and sorrows, our affections and judgments are all preserved, and will be used in ascertaining our proper places when the balance sheet is made out for our starting point on the other shore. I believe that every ray of light, every emotion, every good thing is preserved and used. In the sweet by and bye we shall see again the crucifixion, the landing of the Pilgrims, and whatever else has occurred in the material universe.

I believe that no flower was ever born to bluish unseen, that the flower ever wasted its sweetness upon the desert air. On the contrary, its beauty and its sweetness are preserved to ornament and perfume the house of many mansions. They are preserved along with the smiles of affection and deeds of kindness which have not been seen or appreciated in this world.

"Life is real life is earnest!  
And the grave is not its goal;  
Dust thou art, to dust thou returnest,  
Was not spoken of the soul.

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

Footprints that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, may take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

**The Pall-Bearers.**  
The pall-bearers were: H. H. Harrington, of Waukesha, Wis.; Grant Harrington, of Elkhorn, Wis.; E. E. Smith, of Dodge City, Kansas; C. P. Taylor, W. P. Palmer and Lester J. Horan, of Ottawa. Messrs. Harrington and Smith came to Ottawa to attend the judge's burial, as his old classmates in college. They, as referred to in Rev. Briggs' eulogy, were members of the L. U. N. club, comprised at its inception of college chums who met annually since the club was formed. Senator Morris, of Nebraska, is a member of the club and would have been in Ottawa for the burial but for the press of national business and affairs that detained him in Washington.

## SENATE ALSO ADJOURNS; LAFOLLETTE BLOCKS RESOLUTION.

### ACTION TOMORROW

### FINAL MOVE BY U. S. TO BE MADE TOMORROW—PUSH PREPARA- TIONS TO PUT NATION ON FIGHTING BASIS.

Washington—The house adjourned at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon, to meet at noon tomorrow.

Washington—With the certainty facing it that before the end of the week the nation actually will be at war with Germany, to an extent not considered possible at its last session, the cabinet this afternoon met to round up all loose ends of National defense. The big question up before the meeting was the stoppage of the submarine aggression against Mexican shipping, because of the mobile radius of the last type of German submarines. This meant considering the protection of coastwise vessels as well as transatlantic shipping. Plans which embody the best methods in use by the entente powers, as well as suggestions made by leading American naval officers and expert advisors of the government were discussed.

Washington—Opposition by Senator LaFollette blocked immediate consideration by the senate of the Flood-Martin resolution declaring that a state of war now exists between the United States and Germany. The senate adjourned at 10:40 o'clock, nine minutes after Senator Hitchcock had called the resolution up for consideration, without taking any action on it.

Washington—President Theodore Roosevelt went to the White House this afternoon and left a message of respects for President Wilson, in which he emphasized his offer to lead a division to Europe. The war department may now take action on Mr. Roosevelt's offer.

## Mobilize All Resources.

Washington, April 3—Men, money and supplies. Mobilization of these three requisites for the conduct of a successful war commenced today. The United States has accepted Germany's challenge although congress has not yet acted. Its machinery is slow and ponderous, but there was not the slightest doubt anywhere but that the Martin-Flood resolution, accepting Germany's attitude as one of war against the United States and pledging the nation to utilize all of its power and employ all of its resources "to carry on war against the Imperial German government and to bring the conflict to a successful conclusion" will be endorsed by an overwhelming vote in both houses. It will take some days to get action. There is plenty of evidence that senators and representatives alike intend to express their views. But it also already is plainly apparent that the resolution will pass with plenty of votes to spare.

Sinking of the armed steamer Aztec, torpedoed without warning under cover of the night has furnished an unanswerable argument to a little group of senators and representatives who were prepared to claim that armed neutrality was the best way to meet the present situation.

The fact that the Aztec was sent to the bottom under the circumstances has demonstrated, officials say, the necessity of accepting President Wilson's suggestion to bring the navy up to top strength in order that it may protect American commerce and rid the seas of German submarines. Incidentally officials made it very plain that the loss of the Aztec will not interfere with the continued arming of American merchantmen and their operation along the regular lanes of ocean travel.

The senate and house foreign relations committees prepared today to get speedy action on the Martin-Flood resolution. It is to be reported as speedily as possible to both bodies for action. While it is being debated the house ways and means committee, which must father revenue legislation, got together to discuss finances. The fact that the president has taken the position that a good part at least of the expenses of conducting the war shall be met by taxation so that an enormous national debt can be avoided makes it essential that plans for general taxation be considered. Just now far this will go has not been decided on. Secretary of Treasury McAdoo