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## DEATH CLAIMS

### SENATOR RAYNER

MARYLAND SENATOR HAD BEEN ILL WITH NEURITIS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

## WAS STRIKING FIGURE

Was One of Names Suggested by Bryan for President—Rayner's Death Loses Senate Control to Democrats.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Senator Isadore Rayner of Maryland died this morning of neuritis. His illness extended over five years and the complications began six weeks ago.

Rayner was one of the striking figures of the senate. His name was among those suggested by W. J. Bryan for president.

Rayner's death leaves a vacancy in the senate, which will probably be filled by a republican appointed by Governor Goldsborough. This may upset the democratic prospective control of the new senate. With Rayner's vote, the democratic leader counted on mustering forty-nine of the senate's ninety-six votes. With a republican successor to Rayner, the senate will probably be forty-eight to forty-eight.

Rayner was born in Baltimore April 11, 1850. He was elected to the United States senate in 1904.

## LAWTON APPROVES RINGLING CONTRACT

AND ROAD BETWEEN ARDMORE AND LAWTON IS TO BE COMPLETED BY DEC. 31, 1913.

Lawton, Okla., Nov. 24.—By a unanimous vote the members of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce adopted the contract previously agreed upon between its railroad committee and John Ringling, millionaire circus man, for the construction of a railroad from Ardmore to Lawton. The contract provides that the road is to be completed between Ardmore and Lawton by Dec. 31, 1913. If the track of no other road is used for a distance of more than six miles, Lawton will pay a bonus of \$50,000, give terminals in the city and ten miles of right of way, which is to cost not more than \$5,000. If other lines are used for more than six miles the bonus is to be reduced to \$20,000.

## CANNOT CONVICT FOR FIRST DEGREE

JUDGE QUINN TELLS JURY, EVIDENCE DON'T WARRANT FIRST DEGREE CONVICTION.

Salem, Mass., Nov. 25.—Joseph Etor and Arturo Giovannitti, who on Saturday pleaded that they be sent to the electric chair, if found guilty of the murder of Anna Lopizzo, cannot be convicted of first degree murder.

Judge Quinn, in instructing the jury said that the evidence did not warrant a verdict of murder in the first degree.

## HAD EYES ON PANAMA.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 25.—Among the other explosions contemplated by the McNamaras previous to their arrest was the blowing up of the Panama locks, according to a witness at the dynamite trial today.

CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS OF ALL KINDS AT W. J. LANE'S.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

Junior League Makes Thank Offering of Good Things to Eat.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held Thursday morning beginning at 10:30 at the Broadway Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Johnson of the First Christian church will have charge of the services. It is intended to hold only one hour which will permit the crowds to be at their homes by noon.

In south Ardmore the Carter avenue and South Baptist churches will hold union services. The South Ardmore services will be held twice during the day and one church will be used in the morning and the other in the evening.

The Junior League of the Broadway Methodist church observed a Thanksgiving offering Sunday afternoon. A half wagon load of good things to eat was contributed by the little folks of the church and the goods will be distributed by Mrs. Curtis.

## MOVEMENT FOR BETTER ROADS

PROMINENT MEN INTERESTED—MEETINGS, DINNERS AND CELEBRATIONS HELD.

The good roads meetings, dinners and celebrations which are being held in every section of the country almost daily, while they seem all-important and almost exclusive in each place upon which they have a direct bearing, are only part of a great organization which has grown wonderfully within a little over a year.

The major organization, which has been in existence only about twelve months, was formed primarily for the purpose of trying to bring together the more or less disconnected efforts being made all over the United States, and was known as the American Association for Highway Improvement. Originally it was not intended to try to do more than this or to attempt to become a big organization within itself, but so many big men have taken interest in the movement and expressed a desire to become identified with it that the plans of the organizers were changed.

Men from all departments of life are listed as active and enthusiastic members. President Taft is a member, and one who takes more interest than would be expected of a man burdened with so many cares. Andrew Carnegie is another member, as are Gen. T. Coleman du Pont of Delaware, Alfred Noble, engineer, of New York, Thomas Nelson Page of Washington, John J. Duff of Washington, Charles Henry Davis of New York, Interstate Commerce Commissioner Harlan, James Loughlin, Jr., of Pittsburgh and Bryan Lathrop, park commissioner of Chicago.

Among the regular members there are such men as Major Gen. Wood, chief of staff of the army; Brig. Gen. W. H. Bixby, chief of the corps of army engineers; Onward Bates, past president of the American society of army engineers, United States Senator Chilton of West Virginia; United States Judge Aulston G. Dayton, former Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia, President F. A. Delano of the Wabash railroad, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General De Graw, State Highway Engineer A. B. Fletcher of California, W. W. Finley, president of the Southern railroad, Gov. Glasscock of West Virginia, Rear Admiral Richardson Clover of Washington, Dr. E. J. James, president of the University of Illinois; Judge Martin E. Knapp of the Commerce court; Congressman William B. McKinley, who is the director of the National Taft bureau; Senator Owen of Oklahoma, Lee McClung, treasurer of the United States; A. G. Spalding of California, Rear Admiral Willard Brownson, Rear Admiral Stevens, B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the Frisco lines, Senator Carroll S. Page of Vermont, Gen. John C. Black, chairman of the civil service commission, and W. C. Brown, president of the New York Central lines.

All the prominent members of the association of which there are nearly 1,000, are taking an active interest in the work that is being done. About 140 local and state associations have been formed by the American association, and the purpose is to provide

## BUILT SCHOOL PRIVATE FUNDS

HOW A MAN SUDDENLY GREW RICH AND PROVED HIS APPRECIATION.

A cluster of old men were talking together last night at the Whittington. The conversation drifted from the prospects of the Carter county fields to persons whom they had known to grow unexpectedly rich from accidental holdings of oil lands. A Beaumont oil man who has been operating in the Electra field and has come to Ardmore, told the story of a man at Electra who had accidentally made more money than he had ever dreamed he would own. This man operated a saloon in Electra. The town went dry in a prohibition election and the saloon keeper was thrown out of employment. He owned some land, but no one would make him an offer on it. The man went from bad to worse until his children did not have sufficient clothing to permit their attendance at school. The kind neighbors of the man took up his children, bought apparel for them and sent them to school. One day oil was found, a purse of gold was offered the former saloon man for his holdings and he accepted. Electra began to grow and a new school house was needed. A few enterprising citizens began a subscription list to obtain funds with which to erect a school building in keeping with the growth of the town. The former saloon keeper was approached. He asked to see the list and when he had finished asked how much they expected to raise. The reply was made that \$3,000 was needed. The man tore to shreds the subscription list and gave his own check for the full amount needed. "A people who is good enough to send my children to school when I can't be good enough to have me build them a school house when I have the means," he said and the new brick building stands today as a monument to charity that began in the hearts of those who first picked up the children and sent them to school.

## CHINESE TROOPS CAPTURE TOWN

WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CHINA OVER MONGOLIA IS IMMEDIATE.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 25.—Chinese government troops, under Prince Poh-ti have captured Ulassutai, Mongolia, after a two-days' battle, according to a Pekin dispatch to the Daily News. The Russian troops are advancing from various stations toward Urga, the capital of western Mongolia.

## Material Arriving

The Gipsy Oil company, which will begin operations in the new oil fields near Fox in a few days, are receiving more material daily. The Santa Fe received at this station for this company, three cars of pipe today. Several cars of heavy timbers for use in the erection of derricks, etc, have already been received. Fully twenty wagons were in Ardmore this morning loading up with this material and transporting it out to Fox.

every locality in the United States with an organization working for the improvement of the public roads. Every state in the union is now represented in the American association, by regular or sustaining members, and it is the hope of the directors of the association that before the end of the year affiliated associations will cover every section of the country. The fact that Logan Waller Page, director of the United States office of public works, is the president of the association is a guarantee that the work will continue to be carried on in the most practical manner.—Dallas News.

## ARREST SOCIALIST MAIL CARRIER

CHARGED WITH OBTAINING AND SECRETING MAIL — COUNTY CLERK ELECT.

Pittsburg, Kan., Nov. 25.—J. N. Lasater, formerly rural mail carrier and recently elected clerk of Crawford county on the socialist ticket, was arrested here today by a federal deputy marshal, charged with obtaining and secreting mail. A letter belonging to the republican county chairman is alleged to have been detained.

## Y. M. C. A.

The committee of the Y. M. C. A. has brought to this city the best lyceum course that has ever appeared in this part of the country. Two of its numbers have already been presented and have given the best of satisfaction. The four yet to come cannot fail to please in every instance. On Friday night will be the great Sam Jones lecture. This will be followed on Dec. 7th by the Theobald Concert company at the opera house and later by the Melster Singers, and close with Madam North Concert party. These great numbers need no advertising. The mere mention of the numbers is enough. Tickets to nearly all of these numbers will be \$1 each but the committee have decided to make a course ticket for the four at a price of \$2, which includes a reserved seat. In addition to each one buying a course ticket, a child's admission ticket will be given, so that there will be eight admissions for 25 cents each or only about one-fourth the cost of single admissions. The association does not expect to make any money out of these courses but is trying to give the Ardmore public the very best talent at cost. If you believe that the public here should have the best possible kind of entertainments for the least money then help the cause along by getting a course ticket without delay.

WE MAKE A SPECIALTY OF FURNISHING THE NECESSARY THINGS FOR WEDDING AND OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTION DINNERS. W. J. LANE.

## TWENTY-FOUR LIVES ARE LOST IN MINE

FIRE DAMP EXPLOSION SNUFFS OUT LIVES OF 24 MINERS IN FRENCH MINE.

Alais, France, Nov. 24.—Twenty-four men lost their lives today when fire-damp exploded in a coal mine.

The explosion occurred between two shifts. Only thirty-eight men were in the mine at the time. Of these fourteen were warned by the sudden extinction of their lamps and managed to escape. A rescue party found twenty-one bodies. The other three are apparently in a remote part of the mine.

Alais is a town of about 20,000 inhabitants in the heart of a coal mining region in the department of Gard, about twenty-five miles northwest of Nimes.

## Y. M. C. A. Course

The next number will be Denton C. Crowl at the Presbyterian church next Friday night. Crowl will give one of the greatest Sam Jones lectures. Crowl is the only man that ever obtained from Sam Jones the right to use any of his productions on the platform and he has received the highest praise from such men as Robert L. Taylor and Maxwell. The latter was with Jones in his work for nearly a score of years and says of Crowl, "It would be impossible to believe that any one but Sam was doing the talking." You will miss a great opportunity if you do not hear this lecture.

IMPORTED CHEESE OF ALL KINDS FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER AT W. J. LANE'S.

## EIGHTY YEARS YOUNG.

Birthday Anniversary of Col. Ledbetter Celebrated Sunday.

"From 35 to 80 years young" is the title of a picture which was taken yesterday afternoon at the studio of H. Fonville. Those represented in the group are Col. T. A. Ledbetter and his five sons, Judge Walter A., Horace, Seth, Guy and Hugh. Sunday was the 80th birthday anniversary of Col. Ledbetter and his daughter with whom he makes his home, Mrs. John W. Teer, prepared a turkey dinner and asked the sons to come and celebrate the day in a fitting manner. Among the youngest men at the festal board was Col. Ledbetter whose years sit lightly with him. He enjoyed every fest and was one of the wittiest at the table. Following the dinner the "boys," six in number, went to the studio to have a picture made. Of the five daughters of Col. Ledbetter only one was present.

## KAFFIR SPECIAL STARTS ON JOURNEY

ROCK ISLAND DEMONSTRATION TRAIN LEAVES ARDMORE ON TRIP.

After a stop of one hour and thirty minutes after its arrival here from Oklahoma City, the Rock Island Kaffir Special began the first stage of its long journey throughout that part of Oklahoma traversed by the rails of that road.

Dating from today the special will be out twenty-one days. During this time fifteen hundred and forty miles of territory will be traversed and one hundred and one towns will be visited. The train, which will cover this trip is made up of a baggage car, four day coaches, one Pullman, two private cars and a diner. From the start out of this city until the run is finished the special will be in the hands of train crew who are among the oldest in the service of the Rock Island railroad in this state.

The special pulled in on the Rock Island tracks at the union depot shortly before nine o'clock this morning. Early as the hour was a large delegation of business men, farmers and others interested in the welfare of this city, county and state were on hand to welcome those in charge and to listen to the addresses of the kaffir experts who will accompany the train throughout its journey in Oklahoma. C. E. Ringer, president of the Ardmore Commercial club, was on hand to welcome the advocates of the great mortgage-lifting crop of the present century. N. C. McCoy, secretary, and all the other officers, as well as the majority of the board of directors of the Commercial club were also present.

John Fields, editor of the Oklahoma Farm Journal, delivered the first address in the interests of the great drought-resisting crop. H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island followed Mr. Fields. Addresses were also delivered by J. E. Woodward, or Guthrie, of the United States Statistical bureau for Oklahoma, Colorado and the panhandle of Texas, by F. E. Ferguson and W. O. Bentley, United States agricultural demonstration agents, S. T. Bisbee of the Oklahoma City Times, T. C. Scroggs of the Oklahoma branch of the National Stock Yards Association and others.

Among the prominent Oklahomans who were here with the kaffir special, and who will remain with it on its 1,500 mile demonstration rush across the state were H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the U. S. R. I. & P. railway, Frank Cottrell, of the general offices of the same road, John Fields of the Oklahoma Farm Journal, S. T. Bisbee of the Oklahoma City Times, Fred Graves of the Oklahoma City Times, Alvin Steinhil, of Chicago, editor of the Southwest Trail, T. C. Scroggs of the National Stock Yards company, E. S. LaBaret of Chicago, with the Morris & company people, T. P. Martin of the Stock Yards National bank of Oklahoma City, R. D. McKee of Sulberger & Sons, packers, Fay Thompson, district passenger agent of the C. R. I. & P., W. P. Harrison of Enid,

## AUSTRIA MAY FIGHT SERVA

RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO EUROPEAN NATIONS STRAINED TO BREAKING POINT.

## NO HOPE FOR PEACE

Despite Official Austrian Denials of Reported Mobilization of Army Corps, Correspondent Says Troops Are Being Mobilized.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—The relations between Austria-Hungary and Servia are now so strained that political circles in Vienna have abandoned hope of preservation of peace, according to dispatches published here as coming from a diplomatic source.

Despite official Austrian denials of the reported mobilization of the Austro-Hungarian army, the correspondents declare that five army corps have already been mobilized.

## Discuss Peace Terms.

London, Nov. 25.—The plenipotentiaries of Turkey and the allied Balkan states held their first meeting this afternoon to discuss the preliminaries for the negotiation of an armistice.

The foreign office has not deviated from its attitude that an amicable settlement of the Austro-Servian controversy will be reached. Nord Dutsch denies the Austrian mobilization and says as untrue the report that an Austrian ultimatum to Servia will be issued shortly.

## SECURE JURY TO TRY MRS. LESH

"NOT GUILTY" WAS PLEA OF WOMAN WHEN ARRAIGNED TODAY.

Sedalia, Mo., Nov. 25.—"Not guilty" was the plea of Mrs. Lesh when arraigned in criminal court today charged with the murder of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Quantance. The selection of a jury was begun this afternoon. It was expected that the evidence would begin tomorrow morning. Should the defendant be acquitted, it is expected that the charge of murdering Mrs. Eliza Coe will be dropped.

## KANSAS ELECTION BOARD RESTRAINED

CAPPER TO BE GIVEN TIME TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE FOR A RECOUNT.

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 25.—The state supreme court today issued a temporary restraining order against the state board of canvassers from issuing election certificates to governor or adjourning the court until they took up the Capper-Hodges contest. The restraining order issued will give them time to consider evidence offered by Capper regarding the submitting of supplementary votes and a recount.

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secretary of the Oklahoma State Bankers association, J. E. Guthrie of Guthrie, U. S. statistical agent for Oklahoma, Colorado, and Texas, and F. F. Ferguson and W. D. Bentley, U. S. agricultural demonstration agents, besides a number of others. Mrs. H. M. Cottrell and a number of other ladies will accompany the train for a part of the journey.