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## James K Polk, Dead

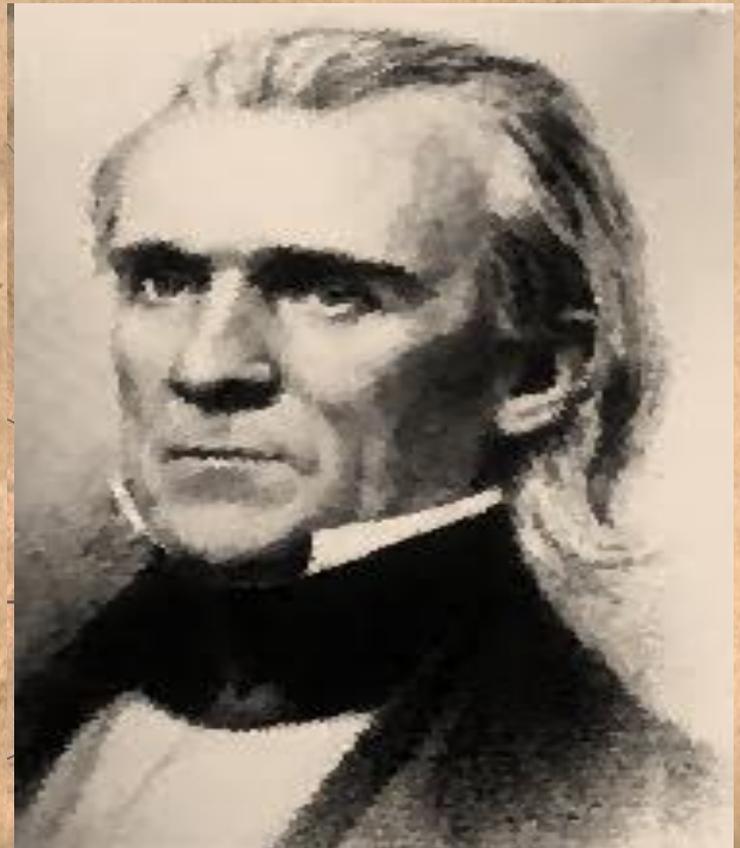
### James Knox Polk

The Eleventh President of the United States is no more. Mr Polk finally died last Friday night near Nashville, of an upset stomach, after a very short illness. Mr Polk was the youngest man ever inaugurated as President, only 49 years and 4 months old when he took office. He has a great many connections with members of the old Revolutionary party who had sided and favoured independence before and during the War of 1776. James Knox Polk was born in Mecklenburgh County, North Carolina, Nov. 2, 1795

James K. Polk's time in office was eventful. In 1846, he agreed to fix the boundary of the Oregon territory at the 49th parallel. Great Britain and the United States disagreed about who claimed the territory. The Oregon Treaty meant that Washington and Oregon would be a territory of the U.S. and Vancouver would belong to Great Britain. Much of Polk's time in office was taken up with the Mexican War which is still on-going, and it has often been said that he deliberately antagonised the Mexicans into attacking the US by authorising settlements close to the Rio Grande River

. The annexation of Texas which had taken place at the end of John Tyler's time in office hurt relations between Mexico and America. Further, the border between the two countries was still disputed. The U.S. felt that the border should be set at the Rio Grande River. When Mexico would not agree, Polk prepared for war. He ordered General Zachary Taylor, the current US President, into the area. With the suggestion he 'takes no prisoners'

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## President Polk.

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In April, 1846, Mexican troops fired on the U.S. troops in the area. Polk used this to push forward a Declaration of War against Mexico. In February, 1847, Taylor was able to defeat the Mexican army led by Santa Anna. By March, 1847, U.S. troops occupied Mexico City briefly with forces lead but General Winfield Scott however they were repulsed by a charge led Emperor Juan Pedro and eventually the US forces had to retreat back over the Rio Grande River.

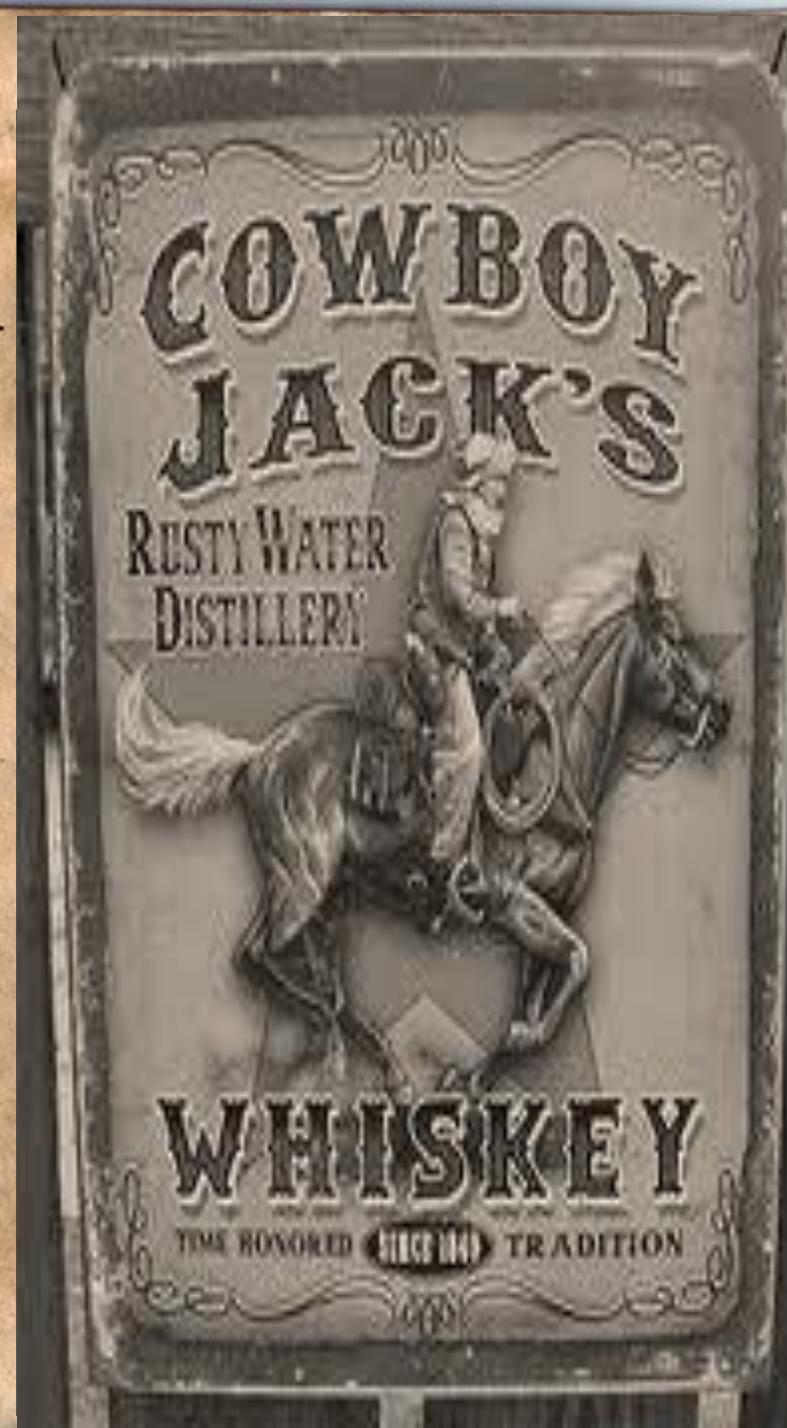
Following the Great Texas Earthquake, Polk was left disarmed having lost the majority of his forces when the canyon was opened. Content to leave the Mexicans on the other side of the canyon and use this as a natural defence, he began to fortify the Texas border areas and began to look at controlling the Indian tribes which had tried to take advantage of the loss

numerical advantage. His death comes as something of a shock to those closest to him, as although he was considered a sickly child, following his election to the US house of representatives in 1825 he seemed to gain in stature quite considerably.

“His transition from Presidential Chair to the grave has been swift and startling,” stated an article which appeared in The Liberator yesterday. He had been due to continue his tour of Texan frontier forts which were built during his Presidential tenure and had in fact been the lead speaker during the recent naming ceremony of Forth Worth, Texas named after General William Jenkins Worth, a stalwart of President Taylor’s army and a vocal exponent of President Polk’s Mexican War.

It is suspected that during the visit to Fort Worth President Polk contracted the sickness which led to his eventual death.. Many people attended the speech, his supporters and detractors alike, including those that supported the war and those against. It is suspected there may of even been some representatives from the Mexican – American Friendly Society who are vociferously calling for the end of hostilities between the two countries and also representatives from the Great Indian Tribes who are looking to President Zachary to form autonomous states for the Native American Tribes.

President Polk will be granted a full state funeral, which will be held in Washington DC, with a date to be confirmed. his body is currently being transported to there.



# Disorderly Persons Act Set for Rewrite?



## State Senate of Arkansas calls for a debate on The Disorderly Persons Law of 1847

The State Senate meeting in Little Rock were left in disarray over the past week following a motion brought by State Senator William Wirt Watkins, representative for Carroll County

His motion was seconded by Albert Rust, the representative for Madison County.

The law was first brought in following reports in 1847 that a variety of persons throughout the state were causing distress, outrage and in some cases utter panic by means which included 'performing strange rituals in public.'

Further details of these rituals have not yet come to light, with the bill being quickly passed by the State Senate under closed session.

However, at the meeting last Friday, Senator Watkins, loudly berated all present, stating that the bill was a mockery and in particular the clause regarding the use of magic was particularly offensive.

"Whats the point is making a law against Unicorns and Fairies, they don't exist so who cares." he is quoted as saying.

Circuit judges have recently been coming down particularly hard on offenders of this law, citing Section (f) "A person who is engaged in indecent or obscene conduct in a public place." The Circuit judges also known as Testifying Judges, have taken this to include anything that looks like practicing witchcraft or magic rituals.

It is uncertain whether the bill will be repelled as there is plenty of evidence to suggest that something unnatural is occurring amongst the folk of this fair state and the legal

profession being equally split on the matter. Here in Deadwood, rumours are abound since the poker tourney was interrupted by what has been described by various townfolk as pale drunken folk. "They were lurching towards the saloon, and seemingly not in control of their faculties." Mr Kennedy, of Kennedy Arms Company was quoted as saying. The town was visited by a Testifying judge soon afterwards but little evidence to could be found to support any suggestion that magic or witchcraft had been practiced.



## Residents of Deadwood

By Virtue of a Writ of Feiri Facias to me directed, will be sold at a public venue.

### On TUESDAY

The 14<sup>th</sup> of August, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the house lately occupied by Doctor Thomas Ruston.

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## Testifying Judge Circuits

Arkansas State Circuit Court has released the following approximate dates for the arrival of Testifying Judges at various towns throughout the state. If you have any items which need to be brought to the Judges attention, please attend the various meetings listed below.

Little Rock: 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Fort Smith: 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Fayetteville: 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Deadwood: 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Springdale: 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Pine Bluff: 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Hot Springs: 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Benton: 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Russellville: 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Searcy: 30<sup>th</sup> July  
Van Buren: 1<sup>st</sup> August  
El Dorado: 4<sup>th</sup> August  
Helena: 7<sup>th</sup> August  
Camden: 10<sup>th</sup> August  
Batesville: 13<sup>th</sup> August

## Nationwide Investment For Local Company

Following the release of the now famous Kennedy 8-shooter, orders have reached such a point that the Kennedy Gun Company is having to employ extra townsfolk to keep up with demand. Recent investment from sources unknown have allowed the company to increase the size of its manufacturing facilities Unfortunately Mr Kennedy was not available for comment when asked recently as he was, "in Washington conducting negotiations to supply the US Army." Samual Colt has recently gone on record criticising the 8 shooter, claiming that the revolvers were unreliable due to shoddy workmanship

# Is Deadwood Ready for State Senator Visit?

Plans for the annual State Senator visit to Deadwood were in left in doubt last week as the proposed upgrade to waterside reception and landing facilities fell heavily behind schedule.

However reassurance has been received from Senator Watkins that he will travel to the town. "Even if I have to get there by pack mule, I will travel to Deadwood to meet its fine residents, and inspect the areas around."

The visit has particular

significance this year, following the recent award to Deadwood to act as the railhead station for the new railroad which will begin construction soon after the landing facilities are completed. Until this is done, there is no way of supplying the vast material and labour force needed to construct such a project. The mayor of Deadwood insists that the town will be completely ready for the senators visit this weekend.



## HELP STILL WANTED

Dr Artemis Lovett, previously from New Orleans, Louisiana has requested that any local trapper with knowledge of the indigenous native tribes presents himself to the good Doctor whilst he is in Deadwood.

Dr Lovett, has decided to make good his home in Deadwood following the Poker tourney held at the Deadwood Saloon where he made it through to the final table.

Dr Lovett has also promised to make a payment to any respondent to this advertisement, should the information be of value.

Dr Lovett is currently residing at the Deadwood Saloon until further notice.

# Cairo to Deadwood Railroad Contract Signed

A group led by Roswell Beebe of the Western Union has now completed the planning surveys that had been ordered by the U.S. Department of War for a railroad running from Cairo, Illinois, to Deadwood, Arkansas. These plans will eventually result in the Cairo and Deadwood Railroad, and Beebe becoming the railroad's first president.

Deadwood had been chosen as the Railhead due to its close proximity to fresh water and readily abundant raw materials. Also the relatively easy slopes around the town and outlying areas.

It is expected that Grizzly Point some 60 miles to the North of Deadwood will also be used as a staging area.

Following the various survey reports that were submitted and the underhand tactics that were used by interested parties, a full survey report was published by the Western Union in Washington last week prior to the final decision being made. It is suspected that this forced the hand of the railroad committee into naming Deadwood as the preferred location for the railhead.

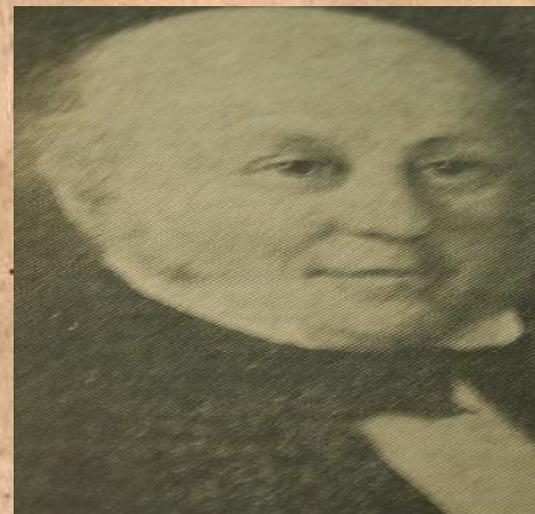
Prior to the report's publication, there was much activity in the Land Registry with various parties interested in purchasing the mineral and mining rights for many parcels of land around Grizzly Point however the mineral deposits that were discovered during the railroad survey were surprising disappointing.

It is now suspected that following the improvements made to the docks, a huge influx of workers are expected into Deadwood to begin the construction of the railroad.

This can only bring good fortune to the town with the expected increase in spending that the navvies will bring. Some proprietors are already talking about expanding their premises to take full advantage of this facts.

There is however on expected fly in the ointment of this announcement. Chinese workers continue there unexpected strikes which are currently paralysing the railroad projects which are already underway throughout our fair land. This could delay the start of the railroad which was planned to being when the weather clears in the Spring of next year.

**Mr Roswell  
Beebe,  
Future President  
of the Cairo and  
Deadwood  
Railroad Company**



# Old Post Advertising

## WANTED

### INFORMATION

#### LEADING TO THE ARREST AND INTERNMENT OF FORGERS AND OTHER SUCH CRIMINALS WITHIN THE DEADWOOD AREA

The ARKANSAS TRUSTEE BANK is looking for information relating to the recent influx of fake \$5 bills within the Deadwood area.

It is suspected that a printing press has been setup somewhere within the town limits or at least within the near vicinity of the town.

Any information leading to the capture and arrest of the culprits responsible will be eligible to claim the reward raised by the AKRANSAS TRUTEE BANK.

Please present all information to the DEADWOOD branch manager

## Mr Tobias Willem

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