

# The Valentine Democrat

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## PANIC DUE TO FEAR

PICTURE SHOW HORROR IN WHICH 56 ARE INJURED WITHOUT A PARALLEL.

## SCORE KILLED IN MAD RUSH

Frightened Boy's Unconscious Shout of Fire Starts Frantic Race for Exit of Theater—Senseless Mass Soon Fills Narrow Passageway.

Canonsburg, Pa.—Twenty persons were suffocated or trampled to death, 26 were seriously injured and 30 were less severely hurt in the senseless panic at a moving picture show in the Canonsburg opera house, according to the revised figures. How foolish the fatal panic was developed more fully when those involved returned to their senses enough to relate just what occurred. It transpired that there was no fire. The fatal rush for the exit was due alone to baseless fear.

It developed that not even a spark flashed. The film broke with a snapping noise and a bright light was thrown on the screen. A frightened boy imagined it was a fire and unconsciously shouted out the death knell of more than a score of persons as he started the mad rush for the exit.

Bolus Dubrowski, a huge miner, jumped from his seat and ran wildly for the same exit. In a moment there was fighting, struggling masses after him. At the head of a narrow stairway, which leads to the street, the miner tripped. As he rolled down the stairs he swept from their feet many persons who were waiting their turn to enter the theater and soon there was a horrible pile of women and children and a few men at the foot of the steps. Dubrowski was probably the first person killed.

It was all over within a short time. The stairway was jammed full from top to bottom and those behind could not get out. Firemen, several policemen and a few level headed citizens untangled the human mass.

## NEBRASKA RANCH GIRL ACCUSED.

Miss Eunice Murphy Charged with Having Incited Murder.

Lincoln, Neb.—Miss Eunice Murphy, living on a ranch near Cody, Neb., is wanted by the state authorities on the charge of having incited the murder of her lover, Charles T. Sellers. Sellers was hung on the night of June 18 by Kenneth Murphy, the girl's brother; Harry Heath, her cousin, and Alma and George Weed.

Miss Murphy is supposed to be at Independence, Mo. Requisition papers have been issued.

The affidavit for the requisition asserts that she had a conference with the four men before they set out for the Hutchback home, from which Sellers was taken and hung. It is alleged that she expected to inherit his property.

## Recaptured and Returned to Asylum.

Fergus Falls, Minn.—Henry E. Martin, a fugitive from the Cherokee, Ia., insane hospital, was taken into custody here. He once lived here, and made his way back, walking every step of the 470 miles. Martin is 75 years old. He will be returned to Cherokee.

## Accidentally Kills Sister.

Binghamton, N. Y.—While cutting corn with a grass cycle at Marathon, the 10-year-old son of Wilford Morgan accidentally slashed the throat of his little sister. Stricken with grief, the lad bravely bore her to the house, where she died.

## Courts Death on Daring Journey.

Sault St. Marie, Mich.—While 50,000 persons looked breathlessly on, James Pollock, a river man, of Tower, Mich., successfully shot the St. Mary river rapids on a log. For his feat he received a purse of \$35.

## Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City.—Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market follow: Beeves—Good to choice corn fed steers, \$6.25@7.40; medium to good, \$5.75@6.25; good to choice grass steers, \$4.50@5.75; good to choice fat cows and heifers, \$5.00@6.60; grass cows, \$3.50@4.75; canners and cutters, \$2.50@3.50; bulls, \$2.85@5.25; veals, \$3.00@6.50. Hogs—Prices covered a spread of \$7.00@7.25, with the bulk of the sales at \$7.05@7.10. Sheep—Lams, \$4.30@6.50; yearlings, \$3.50@4.50; wethers, \$2.85@3.75; ewes, \$2.25@3.50.

## Lumber Plant Burns.

Beaumont, Tex.—The plant of the Aldridge Lumber company, at Aldridge, Tex., eighty miles north of here, was destroyed by fire. The loss will be heavy. The mill was of 85,000 feet capacity.

## Ten Lose Lives.

Newcastle, Eng.—Ten persons have been killed and several others have sustained injuries through the overturning of a motor car near Consett. The car was in collision with a carriage.

## STORING BAD EGGS

PRODUCE WRITER IS NEARLY SUSPENDED FOR ASSAILING TRUST.

## FRESH SUPPLIES HELD UP

Newly Laid Product Bought for 17 Cents and Sold for 25 to 30 Cents a Dozen—Old Ones Laid Away for Future—Federal Inquiry Soon.

Chicago.—Under the direction of an alleged butter and egg trust, thousands of cases of bad eggs are being placed in Chicago storage houses for future human consumption. The stock of good eggs in storage is being constantly increased, while new laid eggs, which cost the commission man 17 cents a dozen, go to the housewife for 25 to 30 cents.

Statements to this effect published by the Chicago Produce Bulletin—known in the trades as the "Green Sheet"—nearly caused the author to be suspended from the Chicago butter and egg board. He was charged with "uncommercial conduct."

One of the "uncommercial" things which Isaac Tuck, publisher and editor of the bulletin, did was to predict a coming "break" in the price of eggs and butter. His other "uncommercial" offenses were to decry the storage and sale of No. 3 eggs.

In the face of an unprecedented production, Mr. Tuck said in his paper, the prices of eggs and butter remain exorbitant. Furthermore, he hinted at the responsible parties.

Investigations, following the publication of the article, brought out a general conviction among produce men that the "price board" of the butter and egg board regulates the prices of butter and eggs. It was even said that since the conviction of New York poultry dealers for an identical offense many dealers had refused to serve on the price board.

According to a few independent dealers exactly the same conditions prevail in the butter and egg situation in Chicago as prevailed in the New York poultry market when thirteen dealers were sent to the penitentiary for conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Butter and eggs, it is said, are coming on the market in unusual quantities, but, as fast as they arrive, are being sidetracked to the cold storage houses. A man in the egg business declared during the day that the price of the highest grade eggs to the consumer should not be more than 22 cents a dozen.

September 18 the long promised government investigation into the butter and egg board of Chicago is to be taken up.

## RISK FRAUDS ARE BARED

President of State Officials' Body Scores Risk Concerns—Forgery Is Used.

Milwaukee.—A number of industrial, health and accident insurance companies were severely criticized by Joseph Button of Virginia, president of the organization, in his annual address before the forty-second national convention of state insurance commissioners.

Mr. Button said that an investigation by a committee of 14 or 15 companies doing a health and accident business resulted in disclosures that were shocking in the extreme.

"As the committee which made the investigation has its report nearly ready, I shall not anticipate the remedies they will suggest for the conditions there disclosed, except to say that it is incumbent upon us to root out this evil without mercy."

## TRAIN KILLS BUSINESS MAN

George C. Sterling Crushed by Wolverine Flyer at Battle Creek, Mich.

Battle Creek, Mich.—George C. Sterling, fifty years of age, and one of Battle Creek's foremost business men for many years, was instantly killed by the Wolverine flyer. Mr. Sterling was making a short cut to the business district via the railroad right of way when he was struck by the flyer.

## LOSE DATA IN ALASKA RIVER

Professors Starr and Madden Are Plunged Into Waters of Big Delta.

Cordova, Alaska.—All field notes and the cameras and exposed films of the Smithsonian institution glacial expedition are somewhere on the bottom of the Big Delta river, according to advices received here. The current of the river tipped up a wagon in which Professors R. F. Starr and Lawrence Madden were crossing the stream. The men got ashore.

## Members of Mob Are Guilty.

Coatesville, Pa.—Under a ruling of Judge Butler in West Chester "that any one who was in the mob is guilty of murder," another arrest was made in the case of Zack Walker, the negro who was burned at the stake here ten days ago.

## To Erect Shaft to Johnstone.

Denver, Col.—The Denver board of supervisors voted to erect a monument in honor of Ralph Johnstone, the aviator. The tablet will be placed where Johnstone fell.

## THE END



## VETOES COTTON BILL

PRESIDENT TAFT DECLARES TARIFF MEASURE UNWISE AND DANGEROUS.

## WAS NOT FULLY CONSIDERED

Congress Adjourns With Echo of Third Veto Ringing in Its Ears—No Attempt to Pass Bill Over Head of Executive.

Washington.—With the echo of another presidential veto ringing in its ears the special session of congress adjourned.

In his third tariff veto message the president made special objection to the attempt to add a revision of the iron and steel and chemical schedules to the cotton bill as amendments.

"I find," the message of the president said, "that there was practically no consideration of either schedule by any committee of either house. There were no facts presented to either house in which I can find material upon which to form any judgment as to the effect of the amendments either upon American industries or upon the revenues of the government."

Briefly reviewing the manner in which the iron and steel and chemical amendments were added to the bill the president said:

"I cannot make myself a party to dealing with the industries of the country in this way. The industries covered by metals and the manufacture of metals are the largest in the country, and it would seem not only wise, but absolutely essential to acquire accurate information as to the effect of changes which may vitally effect these industries before enacting them into law."

Speaking of the cotton industry, the president said the capital invested in 1909 amounted to \$821,000,000, the value of the product to \$629,000,000, the number of wage earners to 379,000, making, with dependents, a total of at least 1,200,000 persons affected, with annual wages of \$146,000,000. The bill would not have gone into effect until January 1 next, and Mr. Taft said the tariff board would be ready with a report before that time. Investigation by the house ways and means committee, Mr. Taft said, was purely for the purpose of preparing a bill on a tariff for revenue basis.

The president denounced the bill as "empirical and haphazard."

"This bill," he continues, "illustrates and enforces the views which I have already expressed in vetoing the wool bill and the so-called free list bill, as to the paramount importance of securing, through the investigation and reports of the tariff board, a definite and certain basis of ascertained fact for the consideration of tariff laws. When the reports of the tariff board upon these schedules are received the duties which should be imposed can be determined upon justly and with intelligent appreciation of the effect that they will have both upon industry and upon revenue."

No attempt was made to pass the bill over the veto.

The bills passed by congress which received executive approval were the reciprocity bill, the statehood bill, the reapportionment bill and the measure providing for publicity of campaign funds.

## Mrs. Robert Mantell Is Ill.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J.—Mrs. Robert B. Mantell, wife of the Shakespearean actor, is suffering from an affection of the heart at her home here. Mrs. Mantell is known on the stage as Marie Booth Russell.

## Mikado Gives Czar a Ship.

Tokyo, Japan.—An official statement will be issued announcing the return to Russia of the former Russian hospital ship Angara, which was sunk by her crew at Port Arthur in 1904.

## WILL REVEAL GRAFT

FORMER OHIO SENATE OFFICER TO MAKE CONFESSION.

Expected Several Lobbyists Will Be Called Into Court as Result of Exposure.

Columbus, O.—At the conclusion of a conference participated in by Attorney General Hogan, County Prosecutor Turner and Rodney J. Diegle, former sergeant-at-arms of the senate, who was convicted of aiding and abetting bribery in the Ohio legislature, it was announced that Diegle would make a full confession of what he knows of corruptive practices in the last assembly.

For his part in aiding the alleged graft hunt, Diegle will receive mercy at the hands of the common pleas court when the time comes for sentence to be passed. Probably he will escape a penitentiary sentence. He was given two weeks to prepare his confession.

It is expected several lobbyists will be drawn into court as a result of Diegle's agreement to confess. The prosecutor and attorney general expect to have evidence to place before the grand jury when it convenes next month.

Diegle was indicted with Senators I. E. Huffman of Butler county and George K. Creton of Dayton. The two senators have not been tried. Each is charged with soliciting bribes from detectives in the employ of the William J. Burns agency, who were employed to uncover graft in the state house.

## SHOWS FRAUD IN CUSTOMS

Remarkable Revelations Made by Secretary of Treasury Before House Committee.

Washington.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh in a document made public tells some remarkable revelations made by his department in eradicating many gigantic frauds from the United States customs service and the assistance given him by business firms and citizens.

The document is a stenographic record of a hearing in which Mr. MacVeagh testified before the house committee on expenditures in the treasury department.

The tremendous cleaning up of frauds in the customs service which the secretary has accomplished was briefly sketched for the benefit of the committee. Most of these instances never became public. More than \$500,000 in fines and penalties was collected from English woolen manufacturers and American importers.

The secretary said that hitherto not only sugar but every other kind of merchandise had been underweighted at New York and the "government heavily defrauded right and left."

## RIVER PACKET GOES DOWN

All the Passengers Reach Shore in Safety—Negro Fireman Is Thought Lost.

Memphis, Tenn.—The Mississippi packet Harry Lee is reported to have sunk near Brandywine landing, 25 miles north of Memphis. All the passengers and crew of the boat, with the exception of a negro fireman, are said to have reached the bank in safety.

## Woman Drowns While Bathing.

Zanesville, O.—Mrs. Sarah Drew of Columbus was drowned in the Muskingum river while learning to swim with her sister, Mrs. F. E. Hemmer. Both were using water wings. The wings collapsed and both women sank. Mrs. Hemmer was rescued.

## Found Drowned in Mystery.

Zanesville, O.—L. H. Maxwell, forty years old, was found dead along the Licking river. His head was submerged. Coroner Walters said it was a case of accidental drowning.

## G. A. R. MEN PARADE

THINNING RANKS OF VETERANS REVIEWED BY TAFT.

President Delivers Address to Men of '61—Peace Is Subject of His Speech.

Rochester, N. Y.—The fast thinning ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, gathered in Rochester for the forty-fifth annual national encampment, passed in review of President Taft. Taft in a speech to the veterans announced himself unalterably opposed to the nostrums of reform which he declared demagogues and theoretical extremists have advanced for the solution of the problem of concentrated wealth in this country.

The president spoke to the veterans of the G. A. R. and in the struggle which they went through 50 years ago and the one which he said now confronts this nation he found a striking analogy. In the end, the president said the peace loving, straight thinking people of the country will be victorious, but the fight itself may be the longer because it will be fought out to the end without bloodshed and the roar of the battlefield.

From the moment he reached Rochester until he left for Beverly the president was surrounded by veterans. He stood on a reviewing stand for more than two hours while thousands of old soldiers, most of them in blue, many of the just tottering along with the aid of friends, filed slowly by. Maj. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, Major Edgerton and Commander-in-Chief Gilman of the G. A. R. stood with the president.

## TO KILL CANADA MAYOR

Ottawa's Executive Receives Threat in Letter Under a Rome Date.

Ottawa, Ont.—Mayor Hopewell of Ottawa is the recipient of a threatening letter from Rome, Italy. It is written in a combination of Italian and dog Latin, which, translated, means:

"In the name of the Roman kingdom, you and your friends I will destroy even as your eternal death."

It is supposed to have been written by an Italian immigrant who was deported by the dominion government.

## MIKADO GIVES CZAR A SHIP

Japan Returns to Russia Vessel Sunk by Its Crew at Port Arthur and Refloated.

Tokyo, Japan.—An official statement will be issued announcing the return to Russia of the former Russian hospital ship Angara, which was sunk by her crew at Port Arthur in November, 1904, to prevent the vessel from falling into the hands of the Japanese. The ship was refloated by the Japanese, converted into an auxiliary cruiser and added to the navy of Japan. She was then renamed the Angawa and used as a training ship.

## DARING AUTO RACER KILLED

Ralph Ireland Loses His Life While Making Practice Run on Elgin Course.

Elgin, Ill.—Ralph Ireland, a daring motor pilot, was killed during official practice for the Elgin National road races.

Driving his huge Staver-Chicago car along the south leg of the course at an estimated speed of 60 miles an hour, Ireland was ditched. Before he regained the road his right rear wheel collapsed, wrecking the car and fatally injuring the driver and hurting the mechanic.

## COURTESY LEADS TO ARREST

Alleged Stage Bandit, Polite to Women Passengers, to Be Tried.

Denver, Colo.—A bandit's softly modulated voice and an extremely courteous manner of addressing women passengers of a stage coach held up in the San Miguel canon of Colorado in 1910, caused the arrest of Alexander Peterson, accused of the crime, at Pagosa Springs, this state. He was brought to Denver to answer an indictment returned by the federal grand jury last November.

## PLANS TO KILL 72,000 CATS

Anti-Cruelty Society Gathers 800 Stray Animals Each Night in New York.

New York.—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has started a three-months' crusade against stray cats.

The average "bag" thus far has been nearly 800 a night, indicating that a three months' campaign should result in the destruction of nearly 72,000 cats.

## France to Give Final Word.

Paris, France.—A cabinet council has been called, when consideration will be given to what is designed to be France's final word to Germany concerning Morocco and the compensations to Germany in other parts of Africa.

## Auto Overturns; Two Die.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.—Clyde Berch of Los Angeles, Cal., chauffeur for William Robertson, and Miss Edna Koehler, were killed here when their automobile overturned.



## What University Men Are Doing.

Some interesting statistics have just been compiled by the student employment bureau of the University of Nebraska, which show by actual figures that one-half of the university men are "turning dollars" while receiving their education. Of men registered in the collegiate departments, 49.3 per cent, or 612 out of 1,242, called on "father" for none or for but a part of their college expenses last year. Written reports were received from 565 men, of whom one-third reported "no work done." The remaining 359 men gave detailed reports of their work and earnings to the amount of \$49,813.23—almost \$50,000—an average of \$138.76 per man. The individual earnings reported varied greatly from less than one dollar in one instance to over \$1,000 in two cases.

Six hundred twelve of 1,242 registered were wholly or in part self-supporting, a percentage of 49.3.

Three hundred fifty-nine made reports of earnings to university employment bureau. The university itself paid out \$71,634.79 to students for assistance in various departments, men and women, both city and state farm campuses. From these figures it is estimated that the total amount earned by male students is over \$115,000.

## Employers' Liability Commission.

Four of the members to be appointed in the commission to investigate employers' liability laws for the purpose of drafting a measure for the consideration of the next legislature are said to be Victor Rosewater of Omaha, I. D. Evans of Kenesaw, Labor Commissioner Guye and F. M. Coffey of Lincoln. It appears to be the intention of Governor Aldrich to place on this commission men who have given the subject some attention and to divide the commission roughly between men who favor and men who are opposed to broader employers' liability laws.

## Big Races at State Fair.

The best racing ever seen in Nebraska is promised by Secretary Mellor of the state fair board when the state fair races open Monday, September 4. The entries show the largest and fastest harness horses in the west. Two hundred and seventy-three harness horses are entered, and among them are free-for-all entries that can go a mile in 2:05 or 2:06. With a magnificent new grandstand for the comfort of spectators, it is believed the races will be the big drawing card of the fair.

Deeds and abstracts covering ten different tracts of land for a total of 462 acres, which will be the campus and experiment tillage area for the new agricultural college at Curtis, has been accepted by the board of public lands and buildings. The board first ratified and confirmed its action of May 30, when it chose Curtis as the location of the school before the law establishing the institution went into effect. The state's title to the lands is now complete.

According to officials of the board of secretaries of the state board of health, an organized and systematic effort will be made next year to wage war on the house fly along the same lines as has been done for many years past in several of the eastern states. The number of these annoying insects can be considerably reduced in this state, say the medical men, and they propose to inaugurate a movement which will tend toward the reduction of these pests.

Governor Aldrich has announced that he had decided to appoint Deputy State Superintendent James E. Deltzell to the position of state superintendent if State Superintendent J. W. Crabtree resigns November 1 to take a position as principal of a state normal school in Wisconsin. Mr. Deltzell immediately announced that if Mr. Crabtree resigned November 1 he would appoint Robert I. Elliott of Broken Bow to the position of deputy state superintendent.

Secretary Mellor of the state fair board has received an inquiry regarding a resolution alleged to have been passed by the lower house of the state legislature making Wednesday of last fair week a day for a reunion of members of the legislature. The resolution was never presented to the secretary, but he will search for it. It is said that Speaker Kuhl favored the resolution, thinking that the reunion might be made an annual affair.

That Nebraska farmers are conservative is shown by the condition of bank accounts.

Land Commissioner Cowles has returned from a visit to the institute for feeble minded at Beatrice. Dr. Orr of the orthopedic hospital accompanied Mr. Cowles and took two more trained nurses to the institute to help care for inmates who are ill of typhoid fever. Dr. Thomas, superintendent, who was among the first to be attacked by the disease, is in a critical condition as a result of kidney and bladder ailments following the fever.

John C. C. Will has been appointed postmaster at Richland, Colfax county.