

The Valentine Democrat

VALENTINE, NEB.

L. M. RICE, Publisher

FIRE IN INDIANAPOLIS

MOST SPECTACULAR BLAZE IN CITY'S HISTORY

Loss Estimated at Over One Million Dollars, with the Usual Proportion of Interest-General News of Interest.

For four hours Sunday night the wholesale district, bounded by Georgia and Meridian Streets, Jackson place and the union depot sheds at Indianapolis, Ind., was menaced by a fire which started in the wholesale warehouses of the Fahmley & McCrea Millinery Company.

Fire brands fell in a perfect storm over the business portion of the city, and on every building were stationed companies of men equipped with fire apparatus, and their united efforts succeeded in preventing a general conflagration.

One fireman sustained a broken leg, and in the rush to escape from their perilous position near the falling walls hundreds of spectators who thronged the space in front of the union station narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

Within a few minutes the east wall fell across Meridian Street, completely blocking the street, but no one was injured.

The flames, which spread across Louisiana Street, were communicated to the roof of the union station train sheds, and for several minutes the efforts of the firemen were directed in that direction.

The fire, which was one of the most spectacular in the history of the city, was under full headway before an alarm was sounded.

A spark from the fire in the wholesale district several blocks away set fire to the roof of the Grand Hotel. An alarm again summoned all available departments.

STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED.

Trouble on New Haven and Hartford Road May Be Settled.

A New Haven, Conn., dispatch says that no strike of the firemen on the New Haven and Hartford Railroad will be declared except as the weapon of last resort.

CHICAGO BUILDING FALLS.

One Person Killed and Two Others Injured.

At Chicago one person was killed, two others were injured and several narrowly escaped as the result of the collapse of a ruined building at 519 West Fourteenth Street Sunday afternoon.

Poison Story False.

The story in circulation to the effect that an attempt was recently made to poison Mrs. Jane Stanford in San Francisco is characterized by Mrs. Stanford's friends as sensational and without foundation.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follows: Butcher steers, \$2,250-4.00. Top hogs, \$4.75.

Bishop McLaren Dead.

The Rt. Rev. William E. McLaren, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Chicago, died at New York Sunday night.

British Steamer Captured.

GRAND DUKE SERGIUS KILLED

The "Evil Genius" of Russia Slain by a Bomb in Moscow.

Moscow advices state that the Grand Duke Sergius, uncle and brother-in-law of the czar, was assassinated Friday.

While the duke was driving from the Nicholas palace through the senate quarter his carriage was followed by two cabs.

The force of the explosion broke all the windows of the law courts. The report was heard outside the city. The carriage was blown to pieces. The horses were not hurt.

The duke was instantly killed. His head was blown off and actually separated from his body, which was frightfully mangled.

The coachman was also killed.

On arrest of the murderers, neither of whom was known to the police, one of them coolly said:

"I don't care. I have done my job."

An immense crowd gathered at the spot and made a demonstration against a number of students who commenced scattering revolutionary proclamations.

Within a few minutes after the explosion people might have been seen gathering up pieces of wood and clothing as mementos of the tragedy.

Sergius was a brother-in-law as well as an uncle of the emperor and had exercised an immense influence at court.

POISON IN HER STOMACH.

Mrs. Arnicie Hoch was Killed with Arsenic-Murder Theory Right.

Chicago physicians and chemists, who have been analyzing the stomach and liver of Mrs. Marie Welcker Hoch, an alleged victim of Johann Hoch, the accused bigamist and murderer, declared definitely Friday that arsenical poisoning.

Dr. Lewke, coroner's physician, said: "With the evidence of four analyses before us there is no doubt left that Mrs. Welcker died as the result of work which would have done credit to a Borgia."

CZAR TALKS PEACE.

Ending of the War is Considered in St. Petersburg.

A St. Petersburg special says: The Associated Press learns on unexceptionable authority that the question of peace was formally considered by the emperor and his ministers at a conference held at Tsarskoe Selo Thursday.

NEW VENEZUELAN CRISIS.

Asphalt Row Reaches a Very Critical Stage.

The state department at Washington, D. C., Thursday received a cablegram from Minister Bowen stating that the Venezuelan supreme court had confirmed its former decree sequestrating the property in Venezuela of the American Asphalt Company.

To Operate on Dr. Harper.

Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, will undergo another operation within a week. His case has been studied by Drs. Semm, Sevan, Kekteen and Le Comant, and it has been decided that it is necessary for Dr. Harper to arrange his affairs with a view to an absence from his post for some time.

Cold in California.

Californians are complaining of cold weather. For several days past the thermometer in San Francisco has fallen as low as 42 degrees above zero early in the morning and some frost has been seen.

Duchess in Great Peril.

At a fancy dress ball given in Dublin by Lord Grenville the duchess of Marlborough narrowly escaped a perilous accident. A burning cigarette which had been dropped upon the floor came in contact with the duchess' fluffly skirt and in a moment her clothing was in flames.

Nan Patterson's Case.

District Attorney Jerome Friday sent a notification to the counsel for Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of Bookmaker Caesar Young at New York, that a new trial of her case would be begun March 6.

Plague in Australia.

Mail advices have been received from Australia by the steamer Moana of the outbreak of bubonic plague in Sydney and Grafton. In consequence a war on rates is being waged in Australian cities.

Equal Suffrage Bill Killed.

THE NATION'S DUTY.

President Roosevelt's Message on the Dominican Situation.

President Roosevelt's message transmitting to the senate the new Dominican protocol of an agreement providing for the collection and disbursement by the United States of the customs revenues of San Domingo for the adjustment of all the obligations of that government was Thursday made public by order of the senate in executive session.

The document includes the new agreement, as well as the original protocol and award of the commission of arbitration, for the settlement of the claims of the San Domingo Improvement Company, under which agents of the United States are already collecting the revenues at certain of the ports of the Dominican government.

Few documents that have come to the senate in relation to many of the South or Central American or West India republics have attracted so much attention.

Because of the controversy that has arisen as to the right of the executive to enter into treaty arrangements with any foreign government without advice and consent of the senate, extraordinary interest has been aroused.

The message of the president outlined the policy of the administration in relation to the Monroe doctrine, holding that it demanded this government take charge of the customs of American states when it is manifest they are unable to maintain their own integrity.

In addition to the president's discussion of the Monroe doctrine in the case of San Domingo the protocol itself makes a specific declaration of its application and in that respect is unusual in treaty making. The declaration occurs in the second paragraph, which recites that the government of the United States views "any attempt on the part of governments outside of this hemisphere to oppress the destiny of the Dominican republic as a manifestation of the unfriendly disposition towards the United States."

WAR OF MILLIONS.

Financial Giants Engaged in Great Struggle.

The crucial point in a contest involving the control of \$400,000,000 will soon be reached, as the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society met Thursday to consider the question of changing the association from a stock to a mutual company.

The fight in the Equitable Life Assurance Society, the greatest single financial power in the United States, exceeds in bitterness any struggle that has ever developed among kings of finance in this country.

The demand made by James W. Alexander, president of the society, that James H. Hyde, its vice president and owner of a majority of the capital stock, shall consent to a change in the voting plan by which the 500,000 policy holders of the company shall have a voice in the election of its directors is only a small part of the real struggle.

The company has assets of \$418,000,000 and outstanding policies for \$1,500,000,000.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

A Minneapolis Physician is Held Up, and His Coachman Shot.

A Minneapolis special says: Three masked highwaymen lying in wait upon the front veranda of the residence of Dr. Philip Mueller leveled revolvers at the returning physician and his coachman, Emil Rogatz, fatally shot the latter through the abdomen, robbed the doctor and coachman of \$50.

The robbers then ransacked the house, and after securing booty jumped into the doctor's cutter and drove away.

Death on Iron Spike.

At Duluth, Minn., Claude S. Saively, a young attorney, aged 27 years, employed in the office of Washburn, Bailey & Mitchell, fell from the fifth story of the Lapsdale building in the main business district of Duluth Thursday and was instantly killed.

Train is Stalled.

Passengers on a westbound Illinois Central train were compelled to walk, Wednesday evening to escape spending the night in a cold passenger coach attached to a "dead" train. Owing to the excessive cold the engine refused to steam.

A Royal Betrothal.

The betrothal is announced at Coburg of the duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to Princess Victoria, eldest daughter of Duke Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Gluecksburg. The princess is a niece of the German empress, and the bridegroom-elect is a nephew of the king of England.

Osteopaths See Liable.

The Missouri supreme court at Jefferson City has rendered an opinion in which it holds that while osteopaths are not physicians and surgeons under the laws of the state, they are liable for damages resulting from injuries sustained by persons whom they treat.

One Woman Perishes in Fire.

One woman was burned to death and fifteen men and women narrowly escaped in a fire which damaged the Hotel Winston, corner of One Hundredth and Tenth Street and Park Avenue, New York, Friday.

Drunken Indian Kills Four.

A drunken Indian Thursday went on the warpath thirty miles south of Tonopah, Nev. He killed three squaws and a fellow Indian and then fled to the mountains. He is still at large, though a posse of Indians is now chasing him.

Reduction on Grain.

The Chicago and Northwestern Railroad has announced a reduction on grain from Iowa points to Chicago. The former rates ran between 10 and 12 cents and the new rate is 9 cents.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

State Suffers from the Most Severe Storm in Years—Stiff Winds Drift the Snow—Live Stock Suffers and Railroad Traffic Demoralized.

No storm in twenty-five years has resulted more disastrously to railroad traffic and business in general than that which raged over Nebraska, eastern Wyoming, western Iowa, South Dakota and the Missouri valley. With nearly two feet of snow covering this entire territory an additional four to six inches fell Saturday, and was accompanied in many instances by a high wind which caused much drifting.

Sunday night the thermometer registered from 10 to 20 degrees below zero over the foregoing mentioned territory.

Railroads have suffered severely. Freight traffic was nearly at a standstill and passenger trains moved with the greatest difficulty, and many were entirely abandoned.

In Omaha the streets were well nigh impassable, except in the downtown district, where a large force is employed removing the drifts. Street sweepers were kept busy almost night and day clearing street car tracks.

At Lincoln, zero temperature and a heavy fall of snow formed a weather combination Saturday night in southeast Nebraska, probably the worst experienced this winter. At no time was the temperature above zero, and at times the storm had the proportions of a blizzard.

Street car schedules were abandoned and cars run with difficulty.

WIFE PASSES AS BROTHER.

Woman Assists Husband in Driving Wagon and Shoveling Coal.

The case of a young woman masquerading as a young man and assisting her husband in shoveling coal and doing a teamster's work has been unearthed by the police at Grand Island. The husband, Jacob Hansen, frankly admitted that his wife had disguised herself in the manner rumored. He showed his marriage certificate and said that when he was compelled to leave Iowa to come to Nebraska for his health he desired to leave his wife in that state. She refused and preferred to accompany him dressed as a man. Together they came to Nebraska and worked several months among the beet fields at Ames without being discovered.

Mr. Hansen convinced the police that there were no seriously wrong motives in his wife's action. No action will be brought against the couple.

FATAL RAILROAD WRECK.

Missouri Pacific Fireman Caught Under Engine as It Turns Over.

A wreck on the Missouri Pacific Railroad Thursday morning resulted in the instantaneous death of fireman Rowe and slight injury to Engineer "Daisy" Dean and brakeman Charles Campbell. The only passenger seriously injured was Miss Nellie Johnson, of Syracuse, but others were seriously shaken. The injured trainmen all live at Auburn.

The train was the regular passenger from Auburn to Omaha. It struck a broken rail and left the track one and one-half miles south of Avoca. The engine turned over twice and three cars fell on their sides. The fireman was caught under the engine. It was his first trip over the road, he taking the place of the regular fireman, who was ill.

Mrs. Mary Warner Hurt.

Mrs. Mary Warner, who for a number of years resided in Dakota City at the home of her son-in-law, John Robertson, and who was lately by all as "Grandma Jay," but who lately has resided at Lincoln with her son, Will S. Jay, recently met with an accident on her 87th birthday which will likely result in her death. She had arose in the night for some purpose and accidentally fell, breaking her hip bone. She has been confined to her bed since, with but little hopes of her recovery.

Find Valuable Minerals.

Great excitement prevails around Ainsworth, it having been reported that Lee Johnson, residing on the river, eighteen miles north of that town, has struck valuable minerals at considerable depth. Mr. Johnson had been of the belief for some time that mineral deposits existed in his vicinity, but before going to the expense of prospecting engaged Mr. Howard, of Omaha, a geologist, to come and inspect the land, who reported favorably, with results as stated.

Cruel Father Bound Over.

In the case of the state of Nebraska against Joseph Michael, tried at Table Rock Thursday before Justice M. H. Marble, the prisoner was fined \$20 and costs of \$38.75, making a total of \$58.75, which he paid. Peace proceedings were also had against him and he was held to the district court under bond of \$100. This is the Bohemian who drove his family out in the cold Saturday night.

"Corn Special" Train.

A "corn special" train will be in Dakota City on the morning of the 25th inst., at which time a free lecture on pure seed corn will be given by members of the state university. Free transportation will be furnished farmers from Vista, Jackson and Coburn Junction.

Woman Identifies Picture.

Mrs. Day, the proprietor of the North Bend Hotel, Wednesday positively identified the picture of the man found dead near the Ames depot last month as the man who left two grips at her hotel two days before the body was found and who gave his name as J. E. Albee.

Child Drinks Acid.

At Grand Island, the 2-year-old son of W. S. Everhardt in some manner came in possession of a bottle of carbofic acid and drank therefrom. The accident at once came to the attention of the mother and physicians were promptly on hand. It is hoped that the little life can be saved, but the child is in a very serious condition.

Much Sickness at 100 residents.

Probably no less than 100 residents of Beatrice are confined to their homes by the prevailing disease, the gripple.

THE BOESE TRIAL.

Father on Trial at Nebraska City for Killing His Son.

John B. Boese was put on trial in the district court at Nebraska City Wednesday morning for the murder of his son, John B. Boese, Jr., in that city last fall. Boese and his son had a quarrel at their home, which ended in the shooting of the son by his father. The defense will try to prove that the father shot in self-defense.

The case of the state against Steinkulder was commenced in court Tuesday, but after securing a jury and hearing part of the evidence the jury was dismissed without prejudice to the filing of another information against the defendant. The information under which the defendant was being tried, charging him with the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, was defective and he was bound over to appear at the next term of court.

John D. Boese, on trial at Nebraska City for the killing of his son, was acquitted Thursday by the jury. The killing was the culmination of a family quarrel and the father pleaded self-defense.

CULVER REAPPOINTED.

Names of Other Members of Governor's Staff Given Out.

Gov. Mickey has reappointed J. H. Culver, adjutant general and to the persons directly interested he has announced the names of the members of his official staff. The order issued by him as commander in chief of the National Guard naming his staff is dated Jan. 6, but was not given out till Thursday. It follows:

Having been re-elected and inaugurated as governor, I resume command of the militia of the state as commander in chief and announce the following staff appointments:

Brig. Gen. J. H. Culver, adjutant general; Col. George E. Jenkins, quartermaster and commissary general; Col. Charles J. Hills, inspector general; Col. Carroll D. Evans, surgeon general; Col. J. A. Earhardt, judge advocate general; Aides-de-camp: Col. Clarence E. Adams, Col. Clarence J. Miles, Col. Jacob S. Dew, Col. Samuel M. Melick, Col. Joseph W. Thomas, Col. Herbert P. Shumway, Col. Charles W. Kaley, Col. T. W. McCullough.

SERVED HIS TIME.

Frank M. Dorsey, Former Ponca Banker Released from Prison.

Frank M. Dorsey, former president of the First National Bank of Ponca, Neb., has just finished his six years' term in the federal penitentiary at Sioux Falls, S. D., for improper conduct of the Ponca bank, resulting in its failure, and was released.

There was much publicity of the penitentiary to prevent public of the fact that Dorsey had been released, and for a time it was denied. Later it was learned, however, that he had been released, and had left town by the Milwaukee train for the south.

FIRE AT PAWNEE CITY.

Firemen Fight a Losing Battle in Coldest Weather of the Year.

Hindered by the biting cold the fire company at Pawnee City Monday was defeated by a raging fire in the Bugle block, and the loss is estimated at \$27,000.

The fire seemed to have started in the basement of the Bugle building, owned by Masonic lodge. The property of the order was a total loss, valued at \$15,000. "Bugle Bros." loss is a stock of goods valued at \$15,000.

Jas. Laughton lost \$7,000 in property in the store rooms, with no insurance.

Stabbing Affray at Hartington.

At Hartington, Howard Osborne, familiarly known as "Toots" Osborne, in a rage stabbed Jim Stanton in the upper back part of the leg near the hip joint with a jack-knife, inflicting an ugly wound. The stabbing occurred in the bowling alley chop house, where Osborne was cook, and was the result of a quarrel between the boys over the payment for Stanton's supper.

May Be Case of Botulism.

About thirty Fremont business men are wondering whether they have been humored or not by a couple of young men who were there last week. They had literature from the "Booklovers" and "Tabard Inn" libraries, but solicited subscribers at \$1.50 each. Later they went around and collected from a part of these and left town without having completed their arrangements.

Grip at West Point.

A large number of cases of grip, or Russian influenza, are reported in West Point and surrounding districts, in some instances whole families being down at the same time. Physicians ascribe the cause to the present severe weather. Large numbers of children are affected, but up to this time no fatalities have occurred. The disease has become almost epidemic.

Fire is Stubborn.

At Pawnee City fire is still smoldering in the ruins of the O'Laughlin building, which was destroyed Monday morning. Wednesday afternoon it was again necessary to get the hose out and use considerable water to keep the flames from becoming too high. Several of the insurance companies have already adjusted the claims for loss.

Corn Shelter Victim.

Another serious corn shelter accident is reported from West Point. A 20-year-old son of August Gardels, a prominent farmer, had his hand badly mutilated by being drawn into a machine. The entire hand will have to be amputated.

Fatal Shooting at Whitman.

As the result of a quarrel over a card game C. B. Phillips shot and instantly killed J. Boehme in the depot at Whitman.

Smallpox at Beatrice.

Several cases of smallpox have developed in Beatrice the last few days and the authorities are wondering when they are going to succeed in stamping out the disease. One or two cases of pneumonia are reported.

Hen Fruit is High.



Attorney General Brown and his deputy, W. T. Thompson, demand that the sentence of hanging imposed on Frank Barber, the Red Cloud murderer, be carried out.

The answering brief of the state in the appeal of the man from the judgment of the Webster County district court was filed in the supreme court Saturday. Barker, who had been sentenced to hang in September, was granted a stay by the supreme court until a final decision can be rendered in the case.

An argument is in the effort to save the life of Barker was that the evidence did not warrant a verdict of murder in the first degree, taking the view that there is nothing in the evidence to show malice, but only a purpose to kill, which it is claimed would warrant a verdict of murder in the second degree. Reference is made to the section of the code which provides that the court shall render such judgment in the case as the evidence warrants.

The house finance ways and means committee has completed the salaries appropriation bill, which carries a total of \$1,065,500, as compared with \$963,540 two years ago. The increase of \$102,540 is accounted for by Chairman Wilson, of Pawnee, in this way: The university gets an increase of \$50,000; the Penitentiary is made for the new normal at Kearney. This is approximately \$28,000. This school at Kearney is not yet completed but will be very soon. The committee finds a greater increase in attendance at the Penitentiary than ever before and feels that in view of this and the entirely new appropriation for Kearney the total is as low as could consistently be made.

Notwithstanding Gov. Mickey has reappointed R. E. Stewart superintendent of the institution for the deaf and dumb at Omaha, after the board of trustees had exonerated Stewart from the charges made by J. W. Robinson, a former employee of the institution, Mr. Robinson does not want the matter dropped. Instead Mr. Robinson is clamoring for a legislative investigation and has so informed Gov. Mickey. Mr. Robinson was formerly bookkeeper and clerk at the institution, and according to the report of the trustees, John W. Steinhart and Charles Naves, the charges were filed in an effort on the part of Robinson to get even for imagined grievances.

The visiting committee of the State Prison Association met at Lincoln Saturday and discussed work for the ensuing year. Eleven cases of prisoners discharged from the penitentiary who are now in destitute circumstances were reported and six of them were supplied with warm clothing. A communication was sent to the Omaha membership of the Prison Association to keep a sharp lookout for the men discharged from the jails to see that they did not want for overcoats. By doing this it is the opinion of the committee that much of the petty thieving going on would be stopped.

The appointment of Judge Tucker, of Humboldt, Richardson County, as associate justice of the supreme court of Arizona came as a surprise Saturday. He has been an applicant for the place for some time and has had the endorsement of the Nebraska delegation. The unexpected resignation of an associate justice of the court gave the president an opportunity to favor the Nebraska delegation. Mr. Tucker is a well known lawyer in the First district and a member of the present legislature.

The supreme court Friday morning granted a supersedeas to the Lincoln Traction Company and issued an order that the property now held in constructive possession by the receiver, L. J. Dunn, be turned back into the hands of the corporation in full of the judgment of the court should be upheld by the final decision of the district court calling for the payment of the city's third lien for \$40,000 taxes.

Gilligan, of Holt County, wants school held in his county whether the school trustees vote a levy to pay the expenses or not. For that reason he has introduced a bill which provides that when no levy has been voted it shall be the duty of the county superintendent to make an estimate of the county expenses for a term of school and file the same with the county clerk by the first Monday in August. It then becomes the duty of the county clerk to levy the tax on the district affected.

Elmer Gibson, of Thomas County, who for eleven years has been an inmate of the state penitentiary satisfying the demands of justice for a murder committed in Thomas County, is now a free man. Gov. Mickey Saturday signed his pardon, taking from his sentence thirteen years. Gibson will at once go to Iowa, where he has been promised employment. Gibson killed Officer William Dean, who was trying to arrest him.

State Treasurer Mortenson has been losing business these days, having cancelled \$200,000 worth of warrants. He has two more calls out, one for the 20th and one for the 25th. The first call will retire \$60,000 worth of warrants and the second probably \$60,000 or more. At this time the treasurer has in the trust funds \$84,000, and in the general fund \$110,000. This money is coming from the annual settlement of county treasurers.

The University of Nebraska is asking the legislature for appropriations for the biennium aggregating \$842,470.

The executive mansion was the scene Friday night of a brilliant social function. Gov. and Mrs. Mickey gave a formal reception to the members of the legislature, many of whom were accompanied by their wives. The beautiful home was handsomely decorated with palms and flowers and strains of music from an orchestra concealed behind a floral bowyer others asked for a new trial, alleging house. The reception was largely attended and characterized by a spirit of genuine felicity. Grave matters of state were for the time being forgotten and pleasure reigned.