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JACOB R. VALLERY CALLED BY DEATH

PASSING OF ONE OF OLDEST AND WEALTHIEST OF FARMERS OF CASS COUNTY

DIED AT HOME LAST NIGHT

Had Passed Seventy-two Years of Age and Has Been, Since 1854, a Resident of This Community

From Thursday's Daily.

A gloom was cast over the community far and near when it was learned that Jacob R. Vallery had passed away at his country home last evening. He was surrounded by his entire family and a few close friends when the end came.

Fourteen months ago Mr. Vallery submitted to an operation and has been a constant sufferer until death brought relief. Everything that science and loving hands could do, was done, but to no avail. All through his long illness he met the propositions of life with his usual characteristic, practical turn of mind—hoping to the last to recover but always willing to lay down the burden of life if called.

With his passing, the wife and children experienced a loss that no one can fill and which no words can tell. Only time in its feeble way, can to some extent heal. The community where he spent the active portion of his life, will sorely miss his wise counsel, generous heart and outstretched hands to help those less fortunate in life.

Jacob R. Vallery was born in Pike county, Ohio, on January 4, 1848, and came to Cass county, Nebraska, with his parents in the fall of 1854, settling near Plattsmouth and in which vicinity he lived until his death. At the time of his death, he had reached the age of seventy-two years, six months and 17 days.

To Mary Elizabeth Richardson. To this union eight children were born, namely, Mrs. May Cunningham of Nehawka; Mrs. Frances Brendel of Murray; Mrs. Florence Lake of Omaha; John S. of Myrand; Misses, Grace, Louise, Doris and Martha of Myrand. Besides his immediate family, he leaves three brothers, Henry of Ruby, Alaska; Peter of Fruitdale, South Dakota; Walter of Murray, and one sister, Mrs. A. M. Wright of Fruitdale, South Dakota.

Mr. Vallery was a strong, sturdy type of manhood of upright integrity, industry and honorable dealing. With these qualities, in early life, he became a dominant factor in his community. Becoming possessed of many ox teams, he broke thousands of acres of prairie land and was afterwards familiarly known as "Prairie" Jake.

His capacity for work was practically unlimited and his earnings were invested in lands in Cass and Saunders counties. At the time of his death he was one of the wealthiest citizens of Cass county.

In his early life he became a freighter upon the plains between the Missouri river points and the city of Denver. His experiences with the hardships and trials of early life in Nebraska would fill a volume. The hardships and contests of the "Freighters" with the warring bands of Indians that infested the country in those days, has become a pronounced epoch in the history of the state. Many a night he and his comrades closed their eyes in sleep beneath their "tent" wagons, fully realizing they might be slain by the savage Indians before the dawn of another day.

Mr. Vallery was a lover of fine horses, many of them thorough breeds of record speed. This was his hobby. For many years he maintained a speed track on one of his farms and there trained and admired his horses.

The world is better because he lived. So upright and exalted was his character, so noble and unselfish were his ambitions, that life gave him up reluctantly and death was proud to take him. But death cannot take from us the memory of what he was and what he did. He will

forever live in the hearts of his relatives and friends. He was a manly man.

The funeral will be held at the home on Saturday morning.

SPEEDERS GET HALTED

Last evening Chief of Police Manspaker and Officer Chas. McBride stopped three autoists charging them with speeding and who were given the jolt for this offense of \$10 and costs each amounting to \$12. The parties whose names appear on the blotter at the court were Frank Smith, Omaha; R. A. Troop and S. W. Bell. The parties were taken on while driving on the avenues leading out of the city.

DEATH OF JOSEPH LAMBERT AT FARM

Well Known Resident of Cass County Found Dead This Morning in His Bed at the County Farm

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning the lifeless body of Joseph Lambert was found in his room at the county farm west of this city by Superintendent J. H. Tams, when awakening the residents of the home, and death seems to have come peacefully and suddenly to the afflicted man. Mr. Lambert has not been in good health for many years but was not seriously ill at any time although yesterday he complained very much of the heat and it is thought that he was overheated, bringing on the final crisis in his case and death came some time during the night.

The deceased was the son of Frank and Mary Lambert, pioneer residents of Cass county, and he was born fifty-two years ago in Fremont county, Iowa, and brought here when an infant and has lived in and near Rock Bluffs for the greater part of his lifetime and was well known to a large circle of warm friends who learn with regret of his death. He was unmarried and leaves to mourn his death two brothers and one sister and one half sister, James and Charles Lambert of this county and Mrs. Edward Ranard of Omaha and Mrs. Elizabeth Haskin of Ironton, Ohio.

The funeral services will be held this morning at 6 o'clock at the Horning cemetery south of the city and the body laid to rest beside that of the father and mother. Rev. A. V. Hunter of the Methodist church will have charge of the funeral services.

ROBBERS SCARED AWAY

From Friday's Daily.

The visitations of robbers to this city seem to have become a regular habit and the latest place to be visited is the store of E. A. Wurl on Sixth street where the activity of the night visitors was noted last evening but as far as could be ascertained in a hasty examination of the stock nothing was found missing. Henry Trout, who is acting as special merchant police visited the store after 8 o'clock and found the west door securely fastened and on another round shortly after 2 o'clock this morning discovered that the door was unlocked. He also heard suspicious noises in the store and threw the rays of his flashlight into the store room but failed to reveal any one. A search of the store later did not locate any evidence of the raiders and if they were there they had been scared away before doing any damage as the cash register that contained a small amount of change was apparently not disturbed.

ATTENDS FUNERAL

From Friday's Daily.

This afternoon the Burlington ran a special from this city to Pacific Junction taking a number of the employees of the road force of the Burlington to that place to attend the funeral services of the late George W. Mullica, who was killed there Wednesday morning in the railroad yards, where he was engaged in his duties as a switchman. Among those going were Ralph Barthold and wife, Harry Beal and wife, W. F. Kriskey and wife, L. L. McCarthy, E. H. Westcott, C. S. Johnson, City Attorney C. E. Martin and W. H. Thackeray, Mrs. F. B. Shopp and Mrs. Mary Petersen.

Advertising is the most effective method of "drumming up" trade.

RIP TRACK IS NEARING TOP OF COLUMN

BY WIN FROM STOREHOUSE LAST NIGHT, RIP TRACKERS HAVE CHANCE FOR FIRST PLACE

SCORE WAS FOUR TO TWO

Good Game Throughout and Both Teams Fight Hard for the Honors of the Event

From Thursday's Daily.

Last evening the Rip Track team of the Burlington league in their win from the Storehouse aggregation were able to assume a claim for first place being tied with the Coach Shop and Locomotives for the lead in the league race.

Beal for the Rip Trackers and McCarthy for the Storehouse pitched good ball throughout the seven innings of the game although McCarthy suffered from a gift in the first inning of a base on balls that was afterwards turned into a score. Buttery in his batting and the work of Harry Newman in the left garden as well as the fielding of Martin at short were the features of the game for the supply department.

In the opening frame for the Freight Car shops Winscott was given a base on balls by McCarthy and when Fenwick tripped to the left garden he tallied with the first run of the game. Beal and Fred Newman both were whiffed and Ault retired at first base leaving Fenwick on third base. For the storehouse Martin registered a clean hit to right and was able to score on a peg to third base. Brewer and Schuback were both struck out and "Red" Newman was retired on a grounder to Beal.

In the second inning the Freighters added two more to their list when after Neitzel retired, Martin to Newman, Rucker was given a walk to the keystone sack and scored when Noble hit to the left garden for three bags. Schlische was safe at first when Brewer threw wild to "Red" at the initial sack and on which Noble tallied. Winscott hit safe over short but the side was retired when Fenwick went out on a grounder to Brewer and Beal struck out. The storehouse spurred on by the work of their opponents also grabbed an addition score in this inning. Harry Newman was safe at first when Fenwick failed to get down for his grounder and was followed by Joe McCarthy who rattled the boards in center field for two sacks that brought Hons in home. Joe was not able to canter in however with the needed run as Gradoville, Buttery and Weaver were retired.

The Rip Trackers secured another in the sixth, not so much on their skill as the speed of "Wuzzy" Noble and the poor judgment of their opponents who wildly threw the ball around and allowed the run to come home with another added burden for the storehouse. Neitzel opened the inning and retired on a pop up to Martin at short, Rucker was struck out and after McCarthy had placed over three strikes on Noble, Tommy Gradoville failed to grab the last of the strikes on which Noble secured first and was able to work his way around to third on the wild throws and on a peg to third that went wild of Brewer he came home.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

From Friday's Daily.

The court house is rather quiet at present as the vacation time for a number of the county officials has arrived as well as the general busy season keeping down the usual amount of litigation and business that generally is being handled by the county offices. County Attorney A. G. Cole and family are still in Colorado but will return the first of next week, while County Judge Beeson and wife are in Minnesota enjoying a ten days' rest and the genial judge practicing up on his fishing ability. County Superintendent Miss Alpha Petersen has just returned from a combined business trip and outing at Salt Lake City where she attended the N. E. A. meeting and

also enjoyed the sights of the mountain country. County Clerk George Sayles is out near Madrid rustinating on the farm of his son-in-law, Major Hall, Jr., and giving the harvesters a few pointers on handling the crop. The remaining county officers will have their good time later when the weather becomes more livable.

In the office of the clerk of the district court a suit to quiet title has been filed, entitled Hillard Grassman vs. Lucinda Brittain, et al., and in which the plaintiff seeks to have the title to his property quieted and the case is in the hands of Attorney J. M. Leyda, representing the plaintiff.

CASS COUNTY SHOWS 50 PER CENT RAISE

County Assessor G. L. Farley Gives Review of Work of State Board of Equalization.

From Friday's Daily.

A great deal of interest on the part of the tax payers of the state, has been taken in the three-days session of the State Board of Equalization, held at Lincoln this week.

The board had requested that each county be represented at the hearing and in some instances a delegation of five or six from a single county journeyed to the state capital to note what had been going on through out Nebraska in the assessment of real estate.

Cass county was represented by our county assessor who reports a very interesting meeting. He says some of the counties had raised farm land values only 20 per cent while others had increased values more than 100 per cent over the assessment of 1916. This means a lot of careful work by the state board which, by the way, has been gathering definite information during the past six months which will enable it to make a reasonably fair adjustment of values among the counties of the state. There are always assessors, both county and precinct, who prefer "passing the buck" to assuming the responsibility themselves. It is now up to the state board, therefore, to raise a goodly number of counties and lower the assessment of others.

Mr. Farley says Cass county real estate has been raised just about 50 per cent over 1916, making the average value per acre for 1920 of \$129.45. Other counties which had been placed in the same class with Cass, are Otoe with a value of \$138.22; Platte, with valuation of \$111.41; Richardson, valued at \$106.34, and York valued at \$103.12. The valuation placed on Cass county land would seem to be about an average of those placed in her class. Lancaster county land was assessed at an average of \$121.09; Nemaha at \$132.28, and Saunders, \$116.90.

Among the counties that had the highest average assessment were Washington, \$185.00; Burt, \$177.67; Wayne, \$178.37; Douglas, \$185.95; Colfax, \$159.94, and Cuming \$153.89.

Some of the counties assessed the lowest, urged the state board to leave the assessments as they stand, while most of the assessors and clerks present simply asked for a "square deal." An equitable assessment with the other counties was all they asked or expected. If they were high they expected the board to lower the assessment accordingly. Knowing of the vast amount of data at hand, there was confidence felt that few, if any, counties would be able to "get by" with an unreasonably low assessment when the others had made substantial increases in theirs. The average increase by the 64 counties thus far reported was about 60 per cent over the 1916 assessment.

TO VISIT IN NORTHWEST

From Thursday's Daily.

This morning Mrs. Henry Guthmann and children, Joe, F. R., and Jeanette of Murdock, departed for Boise, Idaho, where they are to spend several weeks. Mrs. C. F. Guthmann and two sons, who have been visiting in this city and at the old home of Mrs. Guthmann at Springfield, Mass., also returned to their home at Boise and the members of the party were anticipating a very pleasant trip across the country to the Idaho capital. Henry Guthmann accompanied his family and sister-in-law as far as Omaha on their journey.

DISCOVERS LARGE VEIN OF COAL

L. V. Davis Drilling Outfit Strikes Fine Vein of Coal West of Talmage.

From Friday's Daily.

One of the largest veins of coal yet discovered in Nebraska appears to have been discovered on the eighty acre farm belonging to Theodore Roos one mile and a half west of Talmage. A well drilling outfit owned by L. V. Davis of Elmwood, Neb., has been at work there for some time boring a well for Mr. Roos and last week had gone down to a depth of 332 feet when the deposit brought up in the sand bucket showed unmistakable signs of coal. The water turned an inky black and the set-things in the bucket would not allow the water to drain through as in case of sand. When the driller, Roy Wade of Elmwood, lifted it, he found about a foot of coal sediment in the bucket. The coal was of necessity almost all ground to powder or fine bits and as it was flushed out with water, it was difficult to get many samples large enough to analyze and experiment with; but a few chunks an inch or more in diameter were brought up and the specimens shown are of an excellent grade of soft coal. One that was shown the writer resembles the smooth, shiny Illinois coal.

At a depth of 338 feet the last traces of the coal disappeared and it is calculated that the vein is in the neighborhood of 4 1/2 feet in thickness. It is said that the state of Nebraska has a standing reward of \$5,000 for a coal bed of such thickness and if this is true and this proves to be a real find, of the extent that is believed, Mr. Roos will be benefited to the extent of thousands of dollars, both in the cash bonus and in the enhanced value of his land. It is probable, too, that the same deposit underlies the nearby farms.

A vein of coal six feet in thickness can be worked by miners in a standing position, whereas if the stratum is less, it necessitates working in a cramped, awkward position. The discovery of a seam six feet is therefore of utmost importance.

A coal deposit was found near Peru a few years ago, but it runs only two to four feet and has never been dug out in a commercial way.

The depth at which the Talmage bed is located is no hindrance to mining operations, as shales are sunk many hundreds of feet in the regular coal fields. Being an isolated field, it might not be worth while going after the coal for some years to come, even if experts should find that a valuable bed is here; but it is without question a rare discovery nevertheless and will be a valuable addition to the state's potential resources.

Mr. Davis, owner of the drilling machine, which is in reality an oil well outfit was not present in person when the coal was encountered, and the fact is deplored, as he is an authority on drilling matter. He has drilled numerous deep wells in the vicinity of Weeping Water and Dunbar and dug a famed, deep artesian well at Omaha.—Talmage Tribune.

FINE PIECE OF WORK

From Thursday's Daily.

J. E. Wheeler of Lincoln, was in the city today for a few hours looking after some company business at the Burlington shops and also securing his automobile which has been here undergoing a touching up at the hands of J. W. Bookmeyer. The work of painting that Mr. Bookmeyer has done on the car is a splendid piece of work and the auto is as spick and span as the day it came from the factory and Mr. Wheeler is delighted with the result of the job.

HAS HAND BADLY HURT

From Thursday's Daily.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Donica Vroman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Vroman, was the victim of a rather serious accident and which has resulted in her left hand being cut very badly. She was at the home of the Sitzman family, assisting in the care of the younger children while Mrs. Sitzman came down town and during this time one of the children, Jimmie, a lad of seven years secured a large size butcher knife and was playing with it when Donica

tried to get him to put it up fearing that some of the children might be injured with it, and as she started to take the knife the boy drew it through her left hand, cutting the second and third fingers and a portion of the little finger and severing the tendons of the hand so badly that it was necessary to secure the assistance of a physician and the injured girl was hurried to the office of Dr. Livingston where the injured hand was dressed.

SUFFERS THE FRACTURE OF RIGHT ARM

Oscar Gapen, Prominent Resident of This Community, Suffers Very Painful Accident.

From Friday's Daily.

This morning shortly after 10 o'clock Oscar Gapen, one of the prominent farmers residing southwest of this city suffered a very severe accident and as the result of which he suffered a very painful fracture of the right forearm. Mr. Gapen was engaged in oiling a threshing machine that was in operation and in some manner his arm was dragged into the machinery, being fractured between the elbow and the wrist. When the machinery was stopped and the injured man taken from it, the arm was found very badly lacerated and pieces of the bone were protruding from the flesh, making a very severe wound. Drs. Flynn and Westover were called and hurried to the scene of the accident and to minister to Mr. Gapen. His suffering was intense and it required an anesthetic to permit the setting and dressing of the injured member. At noon the patient had not recovered from the effects of the ether and it will be a period of several weeks before he can regain the use of the arm.

This accident comes as the second accident to befall the members of the family in the last few weeks as Mrs. Gapen has just recently recovered from a fractured limb and now the husband is laid up with the broken arm.

WIND RUSHES FROM WELL AS IT IS BEING DRILLED

On Tuesday afternoon F. J. Fitch who is drilling a well on the George Oehlerking farm west of town encountered a real peculiarity. The well began to blowing and emitting a disagreeable smell, probably of a gaseous nature. It was almost impossible to drill as no water could be put into the hole so they could drill. It being blown out as fast as they could pour it in. A good sized board if placed over the hole would be blown up in the air and pieces of dirt would also be blown from the hole into the air. As the blowing went on it created a loud whistling noise. They were only able to stop the blowing by driving down the casing and make it so that they could continue their work. Mr. Fitch is unable to explain this peculiar experience as it is the first of the kind that he has had in his well drilling.—Elmwood Leader-Echo.

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TAKES TRIP IN PLANE AT HIGH ALTITUDE

LIEUT. NELSON TAKES ATTORNEY C. A. RAWLS AND GEO. F. DOVEY ON FLYING TRIP

SENSATION IS A GREAT ONE

View Secured of Country is a Picture Never to Be Forgotten as Plane Speeds Through the Air.

From Friday's Daily.

Lieut. A. J. Neilson, the aviator, is giving the residents of this community a touch of experience in the transportation of the future—that of the aeroplane—and those who have made the trip up in the air are enthusiastic over the newest way of traveling. Wednesday afternoon Attorney C. A. Rawls made the round trip to Council Bluffs with the aviator in his plane and the sensation of travel through the realms of the air was one that is to be long remembered as the plane sped at a great speed through the limitless spaces of the air. For the height of 3,000 feet at which the trip was made a great view of the wonderful Missouri valley was revealed to the passengers. The cities of Omaha and Council Bluffs and the smaller towns were spread out on a great map and the smaller cities scattered over the territory covered by the vision of the eye presented a most interesting sight while the water courses of the Platte and Missouri and the railroad lines could be followed for many miles. Last evening George F. Dovey made the trip to Council Bluffs with Lieutenant Neilson and he states that the trip was worth many times its cost and the sensation of air travel one that is exhilarating in the extreme. On the trip with Mr. Dovey, the aviator flew over Omaha and circled around the city and for a time hovered over Krug park and afforded a great and unusual view of this popular resort and the thousands who were gathered there and which to the eye were dots on the landscape. George states that the buildings appeared as small dots on the map of the earth as they hovered over the main portion of Omaha and the street cars appeared as small specks to the eye. He experienced one of the greatest sensations at the landing field in Council Bluffs when the plane swept down from 3,000 feet to a landing dropping without a stop for 2,000 feet and this was the only stage of the voyage when the passenger felt an uneasy sensation.

That this means of transportation will become common in the future there is no question and a few years will see a regular passenger line operating between the different towns and the arrival of the planes on a regular schedule will be as common as that of the passenger trains of the present day and if the railroad rates increase much more the cost of travel by plane will not be any more expensive.



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