

Today

De Valera a Coward!
Bernhardt's Love Letters.
Historical Couples.
A Flying Gibraltar.
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San Simeon, Cal., Aug. 16.—De Valera, a prisoner at last, is accused of cowardice by the men that captured him. It is said he fell in a faint when free state troops surprised him, dropping to the floor in the midst of a "rebel" speech, even before the first shot was fired.

Those that have talked to De Valera and followed his career will not easily believe that he is a coward, whatever they may think of his judgment, in continuing a hopeless fight against the Irish free state.

And all Irishmen will remember, now he is down, that without the fight that De Valera led in the beginning, the free state might not exist today.

The Pullman conductor who keeps track of literature says: "I see the papers publish Sarah Bernhardt's love letters to Sardou."

Everybody knew Sardou wrote plays for Bernhardt, not that Bernhardt wrote love letters to Sardou. It doesn't matter now, Bernhardt is dead.

The letters tell how Bernhardt felt and expressed her own feelings.

The world has only heard her express emotions written to order by others.

Will the names "Bernhardt and Sardou" live, twined together, typical of deep and undying affection? Probably not. Millions of "undying affections" have come and gone. Very few have fixed their place in our language; you can pick them off on your fingers.

Here are three that occur in this writer—watching threshing machines blow out great piles of wheat straw, beside the railroad track.

Most famous are Abelard and Heloise. That poor schoolgirl was taught only too well. Abelard, the teacher, was subsequently, as Villon tells you, "chatre et fait moine." That has impressed men and curbed a few of them, perhaps.

Anthony and Cleopatra, beautiful in Shakespeare's story, dull in reality as Ferrer tells us. Cleopatra was particularly ugly. Anthony wanted, not her, but Egypt's great store of gold, to be used in fighting Caesar.

Daphnis and Chloe. That's a pretty story. Dante and Beatrice. Dante fell in love with her when she was 10 years old, saw her rarely if ever after that. She married somebody else, so did he; both had children.

Nevertheless, he places her second only to the high ruling personages in his Paradise and never mentions his wife, in hell, purgatory, limbo or paradise. There are Petrarch and Laura, not so interesting. And then Dido, that unfortunate passionate queen. She ought to be in the list, for she certainly cut up dodos. She originated that expression, more earnestly than any other lovelorn lady before or since. Her gentleman's name is never associated with hers. It is just "Dido."

What other names twined in the immortality of deep affection, can you suggest? Romeo and Juliet? They existed only in Shakespeare's imagination.

Couples of men and women, famous in history and literature and for their affection are rare. And men made famous by undying friendship are rarer.

Can you mention any friendship between men, universally known, except Damon and Pythias? You might drag in Robin Hood and Little John, or Don Quixote and Sancho Panza. But they were master and servant. What others are there? "Taft and T. R." But that's too bourgeois and it didn't last.

The Pacific coast is discussing a "Gibraltar" of defense to be established in the Pacific. Congressman Darrow of Pennsylvania, addressing the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, warns the coast states against the danger from Asia.

What the Pacific coast and the Atlantic coast both need, however, is not an old-fashioned Gibraltar of solid rock. The English, owning the original Gibraltar that hitherto has given them control of the Mediterranean, realize now that their "impregnable fortress" is at the mercy of a few flying machines from above or heavy guns located across the straits in Africa.

The Gibraltar of the future will be divided into many flying units.

As you travel west on the Santa Fe you pass an isolated group of buildings in which the government has stored 12,000,000 pounds of TNT. The Pullman car conductor tells you that the government is gradually changing that explosive into fertilizer to be used by farmers.

If the explosive can be preserved, with all its efficiency, it should stay as it is, ready to be dropped from flying U. S. A. "Gibraltars" when and where needed.

A small amount of money, the prices of two or three battleships like the \$40,000,000 one on which Schwab holds the contract, would give this country the flying defense that it needs.

Shumway Orders Probe of Smith Honest Bread Law Violations

Secretary Acts on Advices From State's Attorney

Charge Made Bakers in Omaha and Elsewhere Fail to Comply With Regulations.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Aug. 16.—Grant L. Shumway, state secretary of agriculture, today ordered all food inspectors to investigate and prosecute all violations of the Smith honest loaf bread law.

This action followed receipt of a letter written to Shumway by Attorney General O. S. Spillman in which he informed Shumway that numerous bakers in Omaha and elsewhere in Nebraska are not complying with this law and directing Shumway to see that it is enforced.

"I presume it must be enforced and I'll take steps to see that it is," Shumway said in commenting upon the Spillman letter.

"If the bakers in Omaha alone would cut 1 ounce under the maximum weight stamped on their loaves as they may do unless the Smith bread law is enforced it means approximately \$250,000 out of the pockets of the consumers of the bread."

Spillman in his letter to Shumway stated that the fact the constitutionality of the law had been attacked by the bakers was now before the United States supreme court does not mean that the law is invalid until a decision is rendered.

"The presumption is that the law is constitutional until it is found that it is not," Spillman informed Shumway.

The Smith law forces bakers to sell loaves weighing a pound, pound and a half or an exact multiple of a pound.

The constitutionality of the law will be argued before the United States supreme court at Washington in October, Spillman announced.

Son Buys Out Father in Columbus Furniture Store

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Aug. 17.—A contract has been signed, under which Sam Gass becomes the sole owner of the Henry Gass & Co. furniture store.

Gass bought out the interest previously held by his father, Henry Gass, jr., and his brother, Henry Gass, sr.

The elder Gass came to Columbus in 1870 when the town had a population of 200 people, and opened a cabinet shop, which he later developed into the only undertaking and furniture business in the city.

Columbus is probably the only city of its size in the country where neither of these lines has ever had any competition.

State Owes Eight Counties \$97,000 for Bridge Work

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Governor Bryan today presented a statement prepared by Roy Cochran, state engineer, showing the governor asserted, that the state owes Knox, Buffalo, Scotts Bluff, Dawson, Saunders, Boyd, Polk and Merrick counties \$97,000 for building and repairing bridges.

According to the governor the former state engineer made written agreements with county officials in a majority of these counties to the effect that if the counties would proceed with the necessary work, the state's part of it would be paid later, the appropriations for bridge work being exhausted at the time.

Stout Women Attention!

In order to clear our racks at once to make room for new fall merchandise we offer one group of 41 cotton dresses—sizes 42 to 50—at a price that represents a genuine bargain in quality merchandise.

41 Dresses Sizes 42 to 50

These dresses consist of figured Voiles and Linens. They are all smart models and nicely tailored.

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Be the "first" to select from this group of dresses at this remarkably low price. See them tomorrow at The Gray Shop. They won't last long at this low price.

Fremont Boys' Band to Play Here



Fremont boasts of a boys' band composed of 30 boys ranging in age from 10 to 15. P. R. Voshol, director, will show off his charges to Omahans at Krug park Sunday, when the band will be in Omaha with a Fremont picnic crowd. It will play at the park at 2:30 and 6 p. m. The band is supported by Fremont merchants.

Alien Veterans Have Chance to Be Citizens

Lincoln, Aug. 17.—There are in Nebraska a number of foreign-born veterans of the world war who are not yet naturalized and who have an opportunity to become American citizens without fulfilling requirements as to residence over a definite period of time, according to word received from the United States bureau of naturalization by Frank B. O'Connell, state adjutant of the American Legion. The residence requirements will be waived for the veterans until March 3, 1924, Mr. O'Connell said.

This information has led the legion officials to urge all Americanism officers to lend their assistance to those aliens who served honorably, but who through ignorance, have not yet applied for citizenship. About 50,000 such veterans in all sections of the United States are eligible.

Under the law the applicant needs only an honorable discharge from the military, naval or marine forces of the United States, and two witnesses who are citizens to identify the applicant. No charge is made for naturalization. Specific cases may be presented to the commissioner of naturalization through post Americanism officers of the legion.

Tourist Robbed by Three Men Whom He Gave Lift

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 17.—After having given three strangers a lift, W. E. Baldwin, tourist of Bloomington, Ill., was robbed by them of his gold watch, \$135 in cash and of his touring car and was left stranded by the roadside. He walked four miles to Gibbon.

Baldwin had picked up the men near Lexington, in discharge from the military, naval or marine forces of the United States, and two witnesses who are citizens to identify the applicant. No charge is made for naturalization. Specific cases may be presented to the commissioner of naturalization through post Americanism officers of the legion.

Mayor of Alliance and Head of Bank Dies at Home

R. M. Hampton, president of the First National bank of Alliance, Neb., died yesterday at Alliance, according to word received here by Frank Boyd, vice president of the Omaha National bank.

Mr. Hampton, who was mayor of the city, was a well known figure in western Nebraska where he was a leader in civic enterprise.

Nebraska Paving Projects, Total Nearly \$2,000,000

Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Paving projects in various cities of Nebraska aggregate nearly \$2,000,000, according to surveys made by federal agencies. In Omaha, the total of paving projects contemplated aggregates approximately \$1,000,000. Lincoln's paving projects will amount to about \$500,000, according to city officials.

Other cities in which extensive paving is contemplated include Grand Island, Norfolk, Beatrice, Fremont, North Platte, Columbus, Hastings and Plattsmouth.

Boy Who Fell on Handle of Pitchfork Dies of Injuries

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Aug. 17.—Injuries he received when he fell off a load of hay onto a pitchfork, the handle of which penetrated his abdomen, proved fatal today to Andrew Keller, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller, living two miles east of Humphrey, Neb. He is survived by two brothers and seven sisters. Funeral services will be held at the Humphrey Catholic church at 10:30 Saturday morning.

Omaha Leads in Stock Purchase

Report Shows 2,965,134 Head of Livestock Bought Here Last Six Months.

Meat packers at the South Omaha stockyards bought more livestock for packing purposes in the last six months than any other packing center, according to figures compiled by the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce, based on figures from the last federal reserve monthly review.

Omaha packers bought 2,965,134 head of livestock. The largest purchase was 1,112,243 head of hogs. Sheep were next with 914,410 head, and cattle and calves 532,635 head.

The Kansas City packers were next to Omaha with 2,748,572 head; St. Joseph, 1,769,094 head; Wichita, 358,747 head, and Denver and Oklahoma City, 385,762 and 346,072 respectively.

According to the report of the Tenth Federal Reserve district, the livestock industry at this time is more stabilized than at any previous season since the world war. Gains in meat animals have been reported through the season at all livestock centers. Pastures and ranges have shown improvements and there is an abundance of stock food in all sections.

Full Corps of Teachers Engaged for Platte County

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Aug. 17.—Practically all rural and village schools in Platte county have engaged their full corps of teachers for the school year which opens the second week in September, according to Fred Leonard, county superintendent of schools. He says there is a greater surplus of teachers this year than in many years because during and after war times salaries went up and many girls began to prepare themselves for school work.

Drawing of State Capitol to Be Shown at Legion Meet

Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Shortly after his election as national commander, Alvin Owsley, head of the American Legion, dedicated the new state capitol of Nebraska in honor of the soldier dead. Because of this interest, the Nebraska department of the legion contemplates taking an original drawing of the building to the national legion convention at San Francisco, where it will be displayed to visitors. A booth for this purpose already has been offered.

30 Per Cent Columbus Girls and Women Now Styly Enjoy Puffs of Fags a la Cleopatra

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Aug. 17.—"You'd be surprised," said a local tobacco dealer, "at the rapidly increasing use of cigarettes in Columbus by women and girls. To provide these fair patrons with fags and to serve our regular women customers without any undue publicity, we keep a supply of all kinds of cigarettes and matches done up in paper bags beneath the counter."

"Many amusing things arise when one comes in for a package. Invariably single girls will say they want a pack for Mr. So-and-So, only men don't smoke Egyptian cigarettes, and then you hark on it that they are getting the 'pills' for themselves. School teachers have a harder time and will wait until there is no one else in the store."

"But when a woman comes in and asks boldly for cigarettes you can bet she doesn't want them for herself, but is acting for hubby, brother or father."

Local dealers say that at least 30 per cent of the younger women are using cigarettes secretly.

Adams County Annual Fair Now Assured Event

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Hastings, Neb., Aug. 17.—The second Adams county annual fair which closed Friday night, was far more successful than the first. The attendance on each of three days was from 12,000 to 15,000.

The equipment in the way of buildings was almost doubled since last year and yet every department of the fair is permanently improved.

More than 150 horses were entered in the races. More than 500 hogs, 125 beef cattle and 75 dairy animals were exhibited. Many of these animals will be entered at the state fair. The success this year means when he held a similar exhibition and that additional improvements will be made before next year.

Dr. L. A. Powell Appointed Sildiers' Home Physician

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Dr. L. A. Powell of Superior has been appointed resident physician at the state soldiers' home at Grand Island, the state board of control announced today.

Dr. Powell practiced medicine in Nebraska for 30 years, excepting two years when he held a similar position in the state soldiers' home at Fort Dodge, Kan.

The sure way to get results is to tell Omaha readers the full details of day.

Who Is Looking for Job Pulling Lever That Will Send 2 Omahans to Death at State Pen?

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Who wants to pull the lever that will send two Omahans to their death September 19?

Warden W. T. Fenton stated today that a number had applied for the job providing there is suitable compensation attached.

For the three electrocutions in Nebraska since installation of the electric chair, the state executioner from Massachusetts has pulled the lever, a two seconds' job, for which he received as many hundred dollars.

Other officials have volunteered to act at lower prices, the warden asserted.

The two men to be electrocuted are Sol Wesley and Leroy Muldoon, found guilty of killing a man in an Omaha grocery. Neither has filed appeal to the supreme court.

Both men, according to report, remain calm. They are permitted to attend penitentiary ball games and are given exercise daily. The penitentiary chaplain calls on them each day.

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Saturday—A First Showing of New Fall Suits



—whose lustrous pile fabrics and duvetyns, gorgeous with embroideries and rich furs are forcible reminders of the many occasions when a woman looks her best in a suit. However, this year, as always, plain tailored styles in navy twill that are both the aristocrats and the backbone of suit fashions, find adequate representation here.

Tailored Suits \$49.50 to \$79.50
Fur-Trimmed Suits \$98.50 to \$150
Third Floor

A Clearance of Boys' Pajamas
It is good economy to pick up such well made garments as these at reduced prices. Striped to 16 years in sizes 2 peccales and cotton crepes.
One-piece Pajamas, 98c.
Two-piece Pajamas, \$1.49.
Second Floor

Handkerchiefs
Women's Linen Handkerchiefs, plain hemstitched ones that are nice for marking for the school girl, 12 1/2c, 15c and 19c each.
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs of a quality you don't often find at 50c each.
Main Floor

Home Frocks Now \$2.89
There is still a goodly number of pretty styles from which to choose in this clearance of all of our summer house dresses. Particularly good selection in the larger sizes. Sizes 15 years to 52.
Second Floor

10% Off on All Linens and White Goods
—during the August sale of linens in addition to a number of attractive special you will find featured in the department.
Main Floor

White Silk Hose Specially Priced \$2.25

All pure silk from topmost thread to sandal foot are these beautiful full fashioned hose and exactly the kind careful women hunt for when they want good wear as well as glistening ankles. Buy them Saturday at considerably less than regular prices.
Main Floor

Redfern Wrap-Around

In speaking of corsets, Redfern means a quality that satisfies. Wrap-Around means comfort and the "natural" figure contour, not only for girls, but the woman of average full figure. Several pretty models at \$5.00.
Second Floor

August Fur Sale 20 to 33 1/3% Less Than Fall Prices

No matter how skillful the shopper, when it comes to furs she must rely to a great extent on the integrity of the firm where she buys. Many years have proved to many patrons that Thompson-Belden's is a safe place to buy.
Third Floor

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