

# The Valentine Democrat

I. M. RICE, Publisher.

VALENTINE, - - NEBRASKA

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

President T. C. Crenshaw of the Georgia railroad commission, Marietta, Ga., was stabbed and seriously injured by J. H. Kirkland, a Pullman car conductor.

Sir Thomas Galt, a retired chief justice of the court of common pleas, died at Toronto, Ont. His death is attributed to the intense heat. Sir Thomas was 86 years old.

Rev. Washington Adams Nichols, D. D., one of the oldest Congregational ministers in the United States and until his death the oldest living graduate of Amherst college, is dead.

The meeting of the National Steel stockholders, at which it had been proposed to consider the proposition of leasing properties to the Carnegie company, was adjourned until July.

The comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 29 will show an excess of receipts over disbursements of approximately seventy-six million dollars.

George Price, a colored trooper recently mustered out of company G, Forty-eighth infantry, which has just returned from the Philippines, died from the effects of a pistol wound inflicted by F. Bonelli.

To secure fair rates of transportation to the cattle industry are the object of the American Cattle Growers' association, which has been incorporated at Denver, Colo.

Jesse F. Thayer, formerly a captain in the American volunteers, but lately retired to private life and working at his trade, committed suicide at Omaha. He was horsewhipped at Lincoln by his wife, from whom he had separated, and this seemed to prey upon him.

The intense heat caused the expansion of the rails at a point between Palmyra and Hunnewell, Mo., to such an extent that it was necessary to shorten the rails five inches before they could be gotten back in place. The eastbound St. Louis and Portland train was delayed nearly an hour.

As a result of a quarrel over town lots in Addington, in the Kiowa Indian reservation, Oklahoma, R. S. Castleberry shot J. M. Wambold, president of the First National bank, three times, inflicting mortal wounds. Castleberry then shot Horace Addington, who interfered, inflicting a dangerous wound. Castleberry surrendered.

Rev. Dr. John Gordon, for many years pastor of the Wetminster Presbyterian church of Omaha, for eight years professor of church history in the Omaha Presbyterian Theological seminary, and for a year has been professor of history at Tabor college, Tabor, Ia., has just been elected acting president of that college and dean of the faculty.

There is no intention on the part of the department to reduce the military force in Cuba at the present time or in the immediate future. The present force of nearly 5,000 men is held in Cuba on the recommendation of Governor General Wood, and the secretary will depend on General Wood's advice as to the reduction of the force.

The Modern Miller says: "Ideal weather for harvesting the wheat crop has prevailed in the greater part of the winter wheat belt. The crop is nearly all cut and a much larger percentage is being threshed than usual at this time of the year, owing to the dry, hot weather, which has seasoned the grain rapidly. The yield is generally beyond expectations, and the quality superb."

Rural free delivery service will be established on August 1 as follows: Nebraska—Bradshaw, York county, two carriers; length of route, fifty-four miles; population served, 1,025; carriers, F. J. Smith and E. G. Coburn. Postoffice at Arborville to be supplied by rural carrier.

At a meeting of the Ohio republican state central committee Congressman Charles Dick was elected chairman of the state executive committee, John R. Malley secretary and W. F. Burdell treasurer.

Senator Hanna gave \$50,000 to Kenyon college (Ohio), with which to build a dormitory.

A civil service examination will be held on August 15 for the position of elevator conductor in the public building at Dubuque, Ia.

Rev. Charles B. Powers, pastor of Mount Zion Presbyterian church of St. Joseph, Mo., died.

Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state of Illinois of the Springfield & St. Louis railroad, capital stock \$25,000.

Secretary Root has returned to Washington, having been absent about a week in New York state.

William Dressbach, one of the pioneer wheat men of California, died in San Francisco after a very brief illness. He was aged about 75 years.

# OPEN TO SETTLEMENT

President McKinley Proclaims Date of the Oklahoma Rush.

## SIXTH OF AUGUST WILL BE THE DAY

Registration of Applicants to Begin the Tenth of July—Sixteen Days for Filing of the Names—Each Applicant Will Have an Equal Show.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The proclamation of President McKinley, opening to settlement the lands ceded by Indians in the territory of Oklahoma, was given to the public yesterday. The proclamation covers the cessions made by the Wichitas and affiliated bands of Indians in accordance with the act of March 2, 1895, and those made by the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache tribes in pursuance of the act of June 6, 1900.

The proclamation provides for the opening of the lands in these reservations which are not reserved at 9 o'clock a. m., on the 6th of August next, the lands to be open to settlement under the homestead and townsite laws of the United States.

The proclamation says that beginning on the 10th inst. and ending on the 26th those who wish to make entry of land under the homestead law shall be registered. The registration will take place at the land offices at Reno and Lawton. The registration at each office will be for both land districts.

To obtain registration the applicant will be required to show himself duly qualified to make homestead entry of these lands under existing laws and to give the registering officer such appropriate matters of description and identity as will protect the applicant and the government against any attempted impersonation.

Registration cannot be effected through the use of the mails or the employment of an agent, excepting that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors may present their applications through an agent, no agent being allowed to represent more than one soldier. No person will be allowed to register more than once. After being registered the applicant will be given certificates, allowing them to go upon the ceded lands and examine them in order to aid them in making an intelligent selection.

It is explicitly stated that "no one will be permitted to make settlement upon any of the lands in advance of the opening provided for," and the statement is added that "during the first sixty days following said opening no one but registered applicants will be permitted to make homestead settlement upon any of said lands, and then only in pursuance of a homestead entry duly allowed by the local land officers or of a soldier's declaratory statement duly accepted by such officers."

The order of the applications is to be determined by drawing, the plan for which is fully described.

## OLD FETTERMAN CANAL.

Cheyenne Capitalists Propose to Repair and Extend Ditch.

DOUGLAS, Wyo., July 8.—Governor De Forest Richards and Dr. J. M. Wilson, who are interested in having the old Fetterman canal placed in operation, paid a visit to the canal. After making a careful investigation they say they believe \$10,000 will make the needed extension and repairs and place the canal in working order.

Upwards of 5,000 acres of fertile land lie under the canal, and it is proposed to seed the tract to alfalfa and feed the lambs raised in this section. It is estimated that a profitable feeding business can be established and steps will be taken at once looking to the completion of the canal. Local capital is back of the proposition.

## JAMES E. YEATMAN DEAD.

St. Louis Philanthropist Breathes His Last.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 8.—James E. Yeatman, the well known philanthropist and one of the most respected citizens of St. Louis, died yesterday, aged 84, from the effects of uraemia, for which he was operated on nearly two weeks ago.

James E. Yeatman was born August 27, 1818, in Belford county, Tenn., and came to this city in 1842. For several years he was in the iron business, but in 1850 entered the commission business. That same year he founded the Merchants bank, which afterwards became the Merchants National bank.

Coal Transporters Combine.

PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—The North American today will publish a story to the effect that the entire coal transportation east of the Mississippi river will be divided among the railroads controlled by the Pennsylvania, the Vanderbilts and the Morgan interests. The Pennsylvania and the Vanderbilt lines will carry all the coal produced in the bituminous regions, while the Morgan roads will control the entire anthracite output.

# TO BRAND DAIRY GOODS.

Uncle Sam Will Inspect Butter and Similar Products for Export.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—The agricultural appropriation act for the current fiscal year authorizes the secretary of agriculture in his discretion to apply the law for the inspection and branding of live cattle and products to dairy products intended for exportation, the purpose being to enable American exporters of dairy products to give foreign buyers the assurance of certification by the government of the United States of the purity, quality and grade of dairy products.

Secretary Wilson has decided to exercise the authority conferred on him by establishing in the customs districts of Boston, New York, Chicago and San Francisco a system of inspection of dairy products and have experts in those departments gather information by means of which regulations may be drafted.

A beginning will be made in a small way, with a view of bringing about a practical and honest system by which all parties may be properly protected. It is stated at the department that it is probable that at an early date the owners or shippers of products for export may, upon application, have the goods marked and certified as to purity and quality, provided they are above the minimum grade.

## ELECTORAL LAW FOR CUBA.

Constitutional Convention Considers It Idle to Draft Ideas.

HAVANA, July 8.—The Cuban constitutional convention has not arrived at an understanding regarding the electoral law. Several meetings were held last week, but little interest was manifested in the proceedings, many of the delegates being absent. The conservatives are hopeless with respect to the rescinding of the universal suffrage clause and are endeavoring to secure a plural vote for property holders and for professional and business men. In this they are strongly opposed by the radicals.

An objection has recently been raised against drawing up the electoral law until the United States government has approved the constitution, the argument being that it would be useless to draft laws based on the constitution if Washington is going to make changes in this instrument.

## ATTENDANCE STILL TOO SMALL.

Unless It Increases Buffalo Exposition Will Not Pay.

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 8.—The total attendance to date at the Pan-American exposition is 1,719,768. The exposition attendance began on May 20, but at that time many features were incomplete and the people remained away. The average daily attendance for June, including five Sundays, was over 31,000. The excessively hot weather during the last two weeks has had a deterrent influence on the attendance, notwithstanding Buffalo is rated as "the coolest city" by several degrees on account of the breezes from Lake Erie. It is believed that July and August will easily bring the total to above 5,000,000, and it will remain for September and October to bring the remainder of 10,000,000, at which the status of guesses is set.

## BOERS ACCUSED OF ATROCITY.

Said to Have Put Wounded to Death in Battle.

LONDON, July 8.—The Daily Mail gives sensational prominence to mail advices from Vlafontein, which attribute to the Boers inhuman atrocities that the censor would not allow to be described by cable.

"A couple of Boers," says the Daily Mail's correspondent, "who were armed with Martinis, walked around among the dead and dying. Some they turned over to see if they were dead. If it were otherwise then one or the other of the Boers shot them as you would an ox. I saw four killed in this way. One youngster pleaded for his life. I heard him say: 'O, Christ, don't,' and then bang went the rifle."

## Indians Will Try to Stop It.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 8.—A special to the Times from Oklahoma City, O. T., says:

An injunction suit will be brought before Judge Irwin at El Reno in a few days for an order restraining the register of the land office here, the receiver, the surveyors and all other persons from proceeding with the opening of the lands of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians according to the proclamation of the president and the act of congress under which he proceeded.

## No Plague in Rio Janeiro.

RIO JANEIRO, July 8.—There is no foundation for the rumor circulated in the United States that a bubonic plague scare exists in this city. Four cases of the disease have been reported, but all were brought from Oporto.

## George K. Kennan in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 8.—George K. Kennan, the well known traveler and writer, has arrived in St. Petersburg, after a short stay in Finland.

# G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

Orders Issued Containing Information Relative to the Same.

## THE RATE ON THE RAILROADS

Special Train for Transportation of Department Officials—Meeting of Socialists at Lincoln—Other Matters Here and There in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, July 8.—Orders containing information relative to transportation to and from the thirty-fifth national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Cleveland, Ohio, September 9 to 14, were issued from the Nebraska department headquarters. A rate of \$21.60 will prevail over all railroad lines from Omaha and tickets will be on sale from September 7 to 10, good for final extension to October 8.

The department commander has arranged for a special train for the transportation of department officers, delegates, members of the department and kindred organizations. The route will be over the Northwestern road to Chicago and from there to Cleveland by the Lake Shore. The train will leave Omaha September 7 at 5 p. m. and arrive in Chicago at 7:45 a. m. the following day. Departure from Chicago will be at 10:30 and the train will arrive at the destination at 7:30 p. m. of the same day.

It is announced that the train will be decorated with hunting and grain products of the state. The department of Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming has been invited to join the Nebraska contingent.

## Meeting of Socialists.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 8.—As the laws of Nebraska require the attendance of 200 delegates and the representation of two-thirds of the counties to give a nomination convention a legal standing the attempt of the socialists to put a state ticket in the field was a failure.

Less than fifty delegates responded to the call for a mass convention of the socialists at Washington hall, and there were only two counties represented. It was necessary therefore to forego the formality of nominating for supreme judge and State university regents.

The small attendance, however, did not prevent election of convention officers, the adoption of a platform and the delivery of several speeches. Geo. E. Beard was elected chairman and A. W. Adair was made secretary.

## Departments Invited.

OMAHA, July 8.—Major R. S. Wilcox, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nebraska, has invited the departments of Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming to join the Nebraska delegation in its trip to the national encampment at Cleveland, O., September 9 to 14. A special train will leave Omaha September 5 at 5 p. m. It will arrive in Chicago at 7:40 the next morning and will reach Cleveland at 7:30 the evening of September 6.

## Arthur Sullivan Drowns.

FLORENCE, Neb., July 8.—Arthur Sullivan, 15 years of age, the oldest son of James Sullivan, was drowned in the Missouri half a mile north of the pumping station. He and three other boys were bathing, when it is supposed that young Sullivan became exhausted from being in the water so long and sank before he could reach the shore, the water being fourteen feet deep. The body has not yet been recovered.

## Wheat Surprises Farmers.

SUPERIOR, Neb., July 8.—The first wheat of the new crop to be marketed in Nuckolls county was sold to a dealer in Mount Clare. Threshing is bringing a surprise to the farmers. The straw was so short and the fields looked so insignificant that none of them figured on more than a ten-bushel crop. It is threshing out sixteen to eighteen bushels to the acre and weighs sixty to sixty-one pounds.

## Six Cows Killed by Engine.

STUART, Neb., July 8.—Saturday night the passenger train going west ran over six head of cows belonging to Owen Hoffstadt, a farmer half way between this place and Newport, and killed them.

## Forty-Four Join Church.

WYMORE, Neb., July 8.—As a result of the union gospel meetings in this city recently there were forty-four accessions to the church Sunday.

## The State Reunion.

HASTINGS, July 8.—The state reunion of Nebraska Grand Army men will be held at Hastings, August 26 to 31. The Spanish-American war soldiers, Women's Relief corps and Sons and Daughters of Veterans will also hold their annual reunion at Hastings the same days.

Major R. S. Wilcox has named Julius Neubauer of Sidney chief mustering officer of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nebraska.

# THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

**SOUTH OMAHA.**  
Cattle.—There was a light supply of cattle in the yards and as paskers were liberal buyers of the better grades the market took on more life than for some time past. The market could not be quoted much higher, but an early clearance was effected and the prices paid were generally very satisfactory. Buyers started out early in the morning and bought up the better grades of beef steers at steady to strong prices, as compared with yesterday. They seemed to want the cattle today, and as there were only a few offered to push values up a little. The situation, however, is best described by calling it a good, steady to strong market. The commoner grades, of course, did not move as freely as did the choice heavyweights, but still they brought fully as much as was paid for the same grades yesterday. There were only a few cows and heifers on sale and most of those that were offered were grassers of rather an inferior quality. There was not enough change in the prices paid from those in force yesterday to be worthy of mention, so that the market can be quoted practically steady. Bulls, calves and stags also sold in just about the same notches they did yesterday.

Hogs.—There was the heaviest run of hogs that has been on the market for some time past, there being close to 200 cars on sale. Other markets were quoted considerably lower, and as a result prices here dropped about 7½¢ as compared with yesterday's general market. The bulk of the early sales went at \$5.75, with the choicer loads going at \$6.75 and \$5.80. Owing to the big supply, however, the market weakened as the morning advanced and packers were finally offering only \$5.72½ and \$5.75. After the first round the market could be quoted 7½¢ to 10¢ lower.

Sheep.—There was not a heavy run of sheep and most everything was western grass wethers. A five-car string sold for \$3.15, which was steady with the prices paid yesterday. The demand was not very heavy on the part of local packers, but still everything was sold in good season. There were a few feeders offered today and the market, while not active, could be quoted about steady.

## KANSAS CITY.

Cattle.—Choice beef steers and good feeders, steady to 10¢ higher; others were steady to a shade lower; choice dressed beef steers, \$4.35 to \$5.00; fat to good, \$4.15 to \$5.00; Texas grass steers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; cows, \$2.85 to \$4.25; heifers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; canners, \$2.90 to \$3.80; bulls, \$2.65 to \$4.50; calves, \$3.50 to \$5.25.  
Hogs.—Market 5¢ to 10¢ lower; top, \$5.92½; light, \$5.80 to \$5.92½; mixed, \$5.72½ to \$5.85; heavy, \$5.70 to \$5.85; pigs, \$5.00 to \$5.65.  
Sheep and Lambs.—The supply was of the most common quality; best steady; inferior grades, 10¢ lower; lambs, \$4.25 to \$5.10; wethers, \$3.25 to \$3.90; yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.40; ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.75; Texas grass sheep, \$3.25 to \$3.75; culis, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

## SANTA FE CUTS DEEP.

Fires First Gun of Open War on Secret Freight Rate Reductions.

CHICAGO, July 6.—A rate fight of liberal proportions is on among the trunk lines operating between Chicago and Missouri river centers. For several weeks there has been widespread, though secret manipulations, of rates on all classes of freight in this territory, but there had been no open rupture between any of the roads until today.

When it became current that peace could not be restored except by some drastic action of several of the roads began to plan open reductions in tariffs. The Santa Fe was the first to act and today came out with an announcement that it would put in a scale of rates effective July 16 between this city and southwestern Missouri river points that would awake the secret rate cutters to a realization of the situation.

The rates promulgated by the Santa Fe average reductions of from 30 to 40 and in some cases 50 per cent below the printed tariffs. It is believed that the action of the Santa Fe will be followed by similar announcements and that it will bring the long-standing secret cuts to a head and force the lines out of the pool to become members.

## Usual Measures Against Mosquitoes.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The War department issued an order providing that upon the usual special requisition the quartermaster department will furnish mineral oil or some other cheap and equally efficient agent for the destruction of mosquitoes and their larvae.

## Department of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—It was stated at the War department that in case General Wood's illness is protracted an unusual length of time the executive duties of commander of the Department of Cuba will be assumed temporarily by Colonel Samuel W. Whitside, Tenth cavalry, now stationed at Santiago.

## Saler Waives Examination.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., July 6.—J. W. Saler, charged with the murder of Tom Richardson of Maryville, Mo., waived preliminary hearing and was sent to the county jail under \$1,000 bonds.

## Russia Wants More Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 6.—Mr. De Wollant, the charge of the Russian embassy here, today called at the State department and in behalf of his government formally acknowledged the receipt of Secretary Hay's note respecting the imposition by Russia of retaliatory tariff duties. The Russian note is understood to be indefinite in terms, the principal purpose being to keep the issue between the two governments in its present position.

# A PLAN OF IRRIGATION

Colossal Undertaking Proposed for Scotts Bluffs and Cheyenne.

## THE BIGGEST YET FOR NEBRASKA.

Projected Canal Would Add Sixty Thousand Acres to the Irrigated Strip North of the Platte—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

LINCOLN, July 6.—A plan for irrigating on a colossal scale a long strip of land north of the Platte river in Scotts Bluffs and Cheyenne counties has been brought to the attention of State Engineer Dobson and a committee of citizens residing in Scotts Bluffs county is searching anxiously for capital with which to back the scheme. The territory through which it is proposed to run the principal canal has been organized into an irrigation district and \$400,000 of bonds have been voted for the purpose of raising funds to complete the work already begun.

"It is undoubtedly the biggest irrigating scheme ever attempted in the state," said Mr. Dobson. "The people who are pushing it started their work quite a while ago and they have constructed already a canal of upwards of twenty miles in length, extending from a point on the Platte river, very near the Colorado line, eastward and about parallel with the river. They say they have invested approximately \$100,000 in this canal and it is estimated that \$400,000 will be required to complete it."

The district included in the plan would be the owner of the canal. The residents of the territory have voted the bonds, and if these can be disposed of for cash the work will be pushed. Completed, the canal would be about fifty or sixty miles in length. It would follow closely the banks of the river for a mile or so and then east for the remainder of the distance.

## THE NEW GAME LAW.

Deputy Warden Does Not Anticipate Trouble in Enforcing Same.

LINCOLN, July 6.—George B. Simpkins, deputy game warden, said that he did not anticipate any serious difficulty in enforcing the game law which was passed by the last legislature. The law went into effect July 2 and the deputy and under deputies are already on the lookout for violations, but do not expect to find many.

"The railroad, express and transportation companies have assured me that they will abide by the provisions of the act, and this is a long step in the right direction," said Mr. Simpkins. "Everywhere people seem to think that the law is a good one, and I don't think there will be many efforts made to break it."

The office of the game warden was opened at the state house. Mr. Simpkins will have full charge of the department and will probably devote considerable of his time to directing the movements of the under deputies from the office at the state house, but he will be in the field a good share of the time.

## Killed While Drinking Beer.

ELK CREEK, Neb., July 6.—Otto Mueller, a farmer 23 years of age, near this place, was trying to open a bottle of beer and, being unable to pull the cork out, he pushed it in. It caused the bottle to explode, driving a three-cornered piece of glass into one of his limbs and cutting an artery. He bled to death in thirty minutes and before Dr. Roh, who was summoned from this place, could get there.

## Disease Among Stock.

DEWITT, Neb., July 6.—A peculiar disease which the veterinary surgeons find difficult to understand and which is proving fatal in a number of cases, is attacking horses and cattle in this vicinity. The animals attacked appear in almost their usual health up to within twenty or thirty minutes of their death, when symptoms appear and soon after the animals fall to the ground where they die in a short time after hard struggles.

## Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Following is a statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption: Available cash balance, \$172,605,544; gold, \$98,314,002.

## Choice Cattle for Exhibition.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 6.—Nebraska will be represented in the National Stock show in Kansas City in October by a selected lot of the finest Duroc Jersey hogs that can be found in the state. This was decided at a special state meeting of swine breeders. The object is to have the exhibit consist of the best Duroc hogs that can be found among the cattle exhibited at the state fair. Twenty-five stock owners attended the meeting.