

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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## VALENTINE, - NEBRASKA.

Apparently it is the open season in Macedonia for almost everything.

It sometimes happens that the woman who is disappointed in love isn't disappointed in marriage.

It is announced that Alaska's great road is wagon roads. We thought climate was its principal lack.

It is quite probable that a speedily forthcoming theatrical venture will be "The Van Wormer Brothers."

Thus we see that if an editor says something severe about you in his paper, and you kill him, it is a case of self-defense.

David M. Parry will go right ahead solving the labor problem unless he can be diverted to the Mary and Ann controversy.

Another "expert" has discovered the secret of determining sex at will, and Nature will laugh him to scorn as she has all his predecessors.

An easy conscience is one which permits you to violate the law with impunity so long as the responsible officials raise no objections.

The Sultan of Turkey has levied a heavy war tax. Thought the old bird had't even a pluckable pin feather; but Abdal knows how to use tweezers.

Even though the government scientists prove that people eat too much, it will be a difficult task to effect a reformation unless hard times return.

At any rate, Uncle Andy Carnegie wasn't so blamed anxious to die poor that he accepted United States Steel "preferred" instead of first mortgage bonds.

Oh, horrors! We spend more on shewing gum than on missions! Ah, but by keeping some jaws busy, otherwise than in talk, we do the best kind of mission work.

Capital punishment might restrain crime if all murderers were put to death, but no such execution of the law is to be expected while human nature is what it is now.

An investigator with a microscope and a large stock of patience has found out that there are 200 kinds of mosquitoes. Some men are never happy except when they are digging up trouble for other people.

As safe blowers have learned to use electricity to promote their ends, the amble pickpocket may acquire the art of the X-ray operator to locate the desired purse. In the progress of science the wicked are not without their share.

The Shah of Persia still has some very old-fashioned notions. For one thing, he insists on doing his own official poisoning when he wishes to put any of his loving subjects out of the way. Some crowned heads are so fussy over these things.

One hundred and fourteen miles an hour was the speed attained by an experimental train on a new military railway in Germany, and it is hoped to run a train at the rate of two hundred miles in the same time. As preparedness for war means avoidance of it nowadays, this indicates the German disposition to hasten toward peace at a pretty rapid pace.

The agreement between Great Britain and France for a treaty of arbitration of commercial and political differences is the most important victory for the arbitral principle since the establishment of the tribunal of The Hague. Particularly is this agreement noteworthy because effected between traditional enemies who for centuries have been at war.

Americans have occasion to regret one excellent feature in British administration. Under the system long in use by that government diplomacy is a profession. Men start at the bottom as attaches or consuls and go up by promotion or merit to the highest place, which is ambassador. This secures in the service officers who are acquainted with many countries, who speak many languages and have the skill in diplomacy acquired by experience. It is far different from our catch-as-catch-can system, which offers no career either in consular or diplomatic service.

The reluctance with which some persons took up the duties of life when the holiday season ended has reminded a correspondent that at the beginning of September the men of the Scotch shipyards sometimes resort to the sporting method of a "toss-up" whether they shall return to work or not. A brick is thrown into the air. If it stays up the men go back to the yard. If the brick comes down the holiday is extended. To tired persons who believe in "luck" and govern their lives accordingly, this experiment can always be depended upon to yield satisfactory results.

The frequency with which dangerous trunks seek to gain access to the president should put an end for all time to those senseless public receptions at which the president is expected to

stand up and let hundreds of people file in and shake his hand. This degenerate survival of the royal levee has long been an outrageous nuisance. It has been used as an advertising card for Washington excursion business and parties of tourists have been taken to the receptions by a guide and put in line to shake hands with the president. Our president is not a king or a show piece of any kind, but a republican magistrate, with important public business to attend to, and nobody ought to have access to him for the gratification of idle curiosity.

Few trade movements of recent years have been more notable than the increased demand of our zone for the productions of the tropics. From the United States is now bringing in four times as many pounds of coffee, sugar and rice as it did in 1870, twice as much tea, five times as much indiarubber, and twenty-six times as much silk. Improvements in transportation have enabled this remarkable development to take place. Better steamship facilities, perfected cold storage appliances and the canning industry have brought within reasonable price many fruits which were formerly too expensive for general use. Even bananas, which are easily transported, sold for eight cents each in country stores in 1870. A Harvard professor relates that when he was a student in college he used to welcome an invitation to dine with a certain family because they served bananas. Many other tropical products now abundantly used were the luxuries of a generation ago. Their lowering cost on one side and the increased means of the American public on the other have resulted in an extraordinary increase in their use. Sugar and other articles, which only a few years ago were employed sparingly in many frugal households, have become so cheap that there is now little restraint on their use. Similarly, there has been a great increase in the use of wheat and kerosene oil by the people of the tropics. Very fittingly have the British made botanical gardens a chief object of interest in many of their tropical cities, like Singapore, or like Kandy in Ceylon. The familiar household names of their luxuriant trees and shrubs remind the visitor of the new dependence of the modern world upon the peculiar growths of the perpetual summer.

In New York a woman with three children walked the streets searching for a home. They found lodging in a basement, and were told to "move on" by the landlord. Her character was all right. She had references. The children were the ordinary kind of boys and girls—healthy and noisy. She had money. She couldn't pay for a palace, but she was ready to settle in advance for a modest apartment. The children were not wanted. They were the obstacles, impediments, flat nuisances. That is why the landlords said, "Move on." It is why they say "move on" in other cities. It isn't right. If our boasted civilization has reached a point where a place called home has children blacklisted, it isn't home at all. If a boycott on the little folks is to be a part of life in a flat, then flats are by no means a blessing. This a world of averages. You have got to put up with some things that you do not like, and you should accept the noise made by the neighbors' children gracefully, and thank God that they can laugh and shout and romp and be happy. The man or woman who is grouchy because of children isn't right. There must be something wrong inside. The life that doesn't include joy in the reflected happiness of boys and girls is a narrow life. Don't blame the landlords too much. They didn't bar children because they are naturally hard-hearted. Grumpy men and fretful women complained that other people's babies were a nuisance. The gruff old bachelor refused to find any music in the merry laugh of a child, and few women found dogs better company than children. It is business to supply a demand, and so the landlords of countless flat buildings rubbed their hands and said to mothers and fathers of fine families: "Very sorry, but we can't rent to you because of your broods." Once upon a time France discouraged children. It was the greatest mistake ever made by a nation. France has not recovered from the error to this day. Perhaps she never will. Isn't there danger for America in flat regulations that provide that "no children need apply."

**Greatest of Linguists.**  
Cardinal Giuseppe Mezzofanti, who died in 1849, surpassed all other men in linguistic ability. All the tongues of Babel were gathered together in his tongue, but without confusion. He spoke fluently no fewer than 58 different languages and wrote in more than 30. Lord Byron, who knew him well, called him a "walking polyglot, a monster of languages and a Briareus of parts of speech." Mezzofanti was not in the strict sense a critical or scientific scholar or even otherwise a man of great intellectual power.

**His Expi nation.**  
"To what do you attribute this alleged decline in the drama?"  
"To a very simple fact," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "Too many of our actors care more about playing bridge whist or baseball than they do about playing 'Hamlet.'—Washington Star.

The old superstition that Friday was an unlucky day to get married on is dying out, the people having discovered that when it comes to bad luck no particular day leads.



Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial. "I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—MRS. MAY HAULKE, Edgerton, Wis., Pres. Household Economics Club. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

The Rev. Howard B. Ward, of Lansing, Mich., in a recent address, said: "I do not encourage smoking, but if your son, brother or husband does smoke don't let him go to places where the whole atmosphere is full of vice. Let him smoke in the place where there is no danger of being ruined. Therefore, provide a smoking room in your church."

Heaven governs all mankind with ten short simple laws, and yet men can't organize a baseball club without having at least thirty edicts to govern it.

**\$100 Reward.**  
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease which science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for literature to F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Mankind won't profit by experience; the world makes as many blunders now as it did before the flood.

A talkative barber in the Dorchester district of Boston is fond of entertaining his patrons by the relation of horrible stories. "My good fellow," said customer who was having his hair cut, "why do you always tell me such shocking stories—such blood-curdling details of the latest murder?" "Oh, sir, there is a very simple reason for that!" replied the barber. "If I make your hair stand on end, my work is twice as easy!" Don't dally with your purpose.

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Japan has started her first shipment of exhibits to St. Louis for the Worlds Fair. This information was conveyed to the exposition authorities in a letter from K. Suagawa, who has been appointed Director of exhibits by the Japanese Government. Mr. Suagawa will leave Japan early in January and will personally receive and direct the placing of exhibits from Japan. He states that his government will send 40 young men to assist in the installation of exhibits and to remain in charge of them during the term of the exposition. Mr. Suagawa says that Japan will make more complete display of that wonderful country's resources and progress than it has ever made at any previous exposition.

An Olympic Football championship will be held in conjunction with the Olympic Games at the World's Fair next year. There will be two series, one for college exclusively and another for schools. The college championship will be decided during the week beginning Monday, November 21, and closing Saturday, November 26. A hands me cup will be presented to the college winning the championship and Olympic gold medals to each member of the winning team. The interscholastic series will be held from Monday November 7 to Saturday November 12 inclusive.

Batavia, N. Y., will make an exhibit of her public schools at the World's Fair. Features of the display will be sample work in drawing, sewing and music, mounted photographs of the school buildings and interior views.

Much fruit is being placed in cold storage in Southern California for exhibition at the World's Fair. The collection includes several mammoth olives which are one and three-quarters inches long and three inches in circumference.

Dr. Salvador Cordova, Consul-General of Honduras in New York City has been appointed commissioner for that country to the World's Fair.

Ten tons of specimen ore will be exhibited by Shasta county, California, at the World's Fair. The display will contain specimens of gold, silver, copper, galena, quicksilver and iron ore.

The ideal weather that has prevailed at St. Louis during the fall months has permitted the World's Fair builders to accomplish wonders. Few days have been cold enough to delay work. The landscaping department has been able to accomplish so much that but little will be left for the spring, and the opening days will find the lawns and gardens complete.

Santos-Dumont will start Dec. 13 for the United States to arrange for his participation in the aeronautic competition at the World's Fair. Upon his return to France he will conduct a series of experiments to solve the question of equilibrium.

Men call their own carelessness and inactivity fate.

Seven big guns which will comprise part of the Government Ordinance Exhibit are being installed near the Government Fisheries building at the World's Fair by a company of regulars from the 119th Coast Artillery.

A man hears mighty few kind words. He doesn't suit his wife or his children, and the neighbors have frequent occasions to be shocked. Give a man a kind word, and he is so unaccustomed to it that he will almost shrink, as from a blow.

## MEMORY MENDING.

**What Food Alone Can Do for the Memory.**

The influence of food upon the brain and memory is so little understood that people are inclined to marvel at it. Take a person who has been living on improperly selected food and put him upon a scientific diet in which the food Grape-Nuts is largely used and the increase of the mental power that follows is truly remarkable.

A Canadian who was sent to Colorado for his health illustrates this point in a most convincing manner: "One year ago I came from Canada a nervous wreck, so my physician said, and reduced in weight to almost a skeleton, and my memory was so poor that conversations had to be repeated that had taken place only a few hours before. I was unable to rest day or night, for my nervous system was shattered."

"The change of climate helped me a little, but it was soon seen that this was not all that I needed. I required the proper selection of food, although I did not realize it until a friend recommended Grape-Nuts to me and I gave this food a thorough trial. Then I realized what the right food could do and I began to change in my feelings and bodily condition. This kept up until now after 6 months' use of Grape-Nuts all my nervous trouble has entirely disappeared, I have gained in flesh all that I had lost, and what is more wonderful to me than anything else my memory is as good as it ever was. Truly Grape-Nuts has remade me all over, mind and body, when I never expected to be well and happy again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

## ATLANTIC COAST SINKING.

Facts Shown by Recent Geological Observations.

The slow sinking of the Atlantic coast is a fact well known to American geologists, but the definite measurements of the path of that subsidence is a matter of scientific interest. As long ago as 1868, the late Prof. George H. Cook, state geologist of New Jersey, investigated this matter very carefully, collecting numerous observations indicative of the encroachment of the sea on the New Jersey shore. Later investigations made by the United States geological survey have demonstrated that this is no local occurrence, but a condition characteristic of the entire Atlantic seaboard.

In other parts of the world similar observations have been made. Along the eastern coast of England the sinking of the land relative to sea level has been a serious matter during recorded history; villages lie buried under the salt marshes and the waves now sweep over submerged forests. On the other side of the North sea, the Norwegian coast is rising rapidly, that is, geologically speaking. Observations show that the Scandinavian coasts are being elevated at a mean rate of 2.5 feet per century; the maximum rate at the North Cape being nearly twice as much. The Pacific side of South America is rising rapidly. Charles Darwin, when on the Beagle, having been one of the first to draw attention to the raised beaches on the coast of Chili, where plaited reeds and other evidences of human handiwork were found buried among marine shell deposits at a height of 85 feet above tide-water.

Such observations as these, usually disregarded by the non-scientific, become impressive to the average man when he finds, by the evidence of landmarks, that the ground under his feet is very unstable. It brings home the great facts which underlie the study of geology, and suggests that even the apparently catastrophic events of geologic history, as written in the pages of rock and stone, are the result of quiet forces acting with unwearying patience "which hardens the ruby in a million years. When Sir Charles Lyell saw the stupendous folds and inversions of strata which characterize the Swiss Alps, he remarked that all such apparently violent results might well have taken place without any interruption of the habitable state of these mountains, had man been then in existence, which he was not. Considerations such as these enlarge the imagination and serve, as astronomy does, to illustrate the poetry which lies often buried deep in dust, amid the dry pages of science.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

## SCOTCH MINISTER'S REBUKE.

Public Lecture for His Wife, Who Went to Sleep in Church.

W. E. Burghard du Bois, the author of "Souls of Black Folk," was educated at Harvard and Berlin, and has traveled much. At present M. du Bois is a member of the faculty of Atlanta University, says the Kansas City Journal.

"About as different from my own people as the day is from the night," he said the other day, "are the Scots. I cherish a story I once heard in Scotland—a story that is, I think, typical of a certain portion of the people."

"This story concerns a minister who, being a member of his congregation, kept a rebuked him from the pulpit. 'Awake, Saunders,' he said. 'Man, it's a disgrace to sleep in the kirk.' 'Saunders was much hurt. He spoke up and said:

"'Look to yer ain pew, an' mayhap ye'll find others sleepin' here besides myself.' "The minister looked and there was his wife slumbering soundly. He awakened her, and he told Saunders that if she fell asleep again he might call attention to her by holding up his hand. Then he proceeded with his sermon.

"Some weeks went by and one Sunday Saunders, sure enough, put his hand up. The wife was asleep again. The minister thundered out her name, bade her rise to her feet, and said to her, before the whole congregation: "Mrs. MacGregor, anybody kens that when I got ye for a wife I got no beauty; yer friends ken I got no siller; now, if I dinna get God's grace, I shall have a pair bargain indeed."

## Not Dangerous.

A New York clergyman, who was one of the guests at a beautiful seashore home, was asked to supply the pulpit one Sunday. He had done so the year before, during his visit, and the congregation had been large. On Saturday afternoon, as he sat in his room, he heard two of the grooms talking as they returned to the stable after having delivered two riding horses at the front door.

"I don't know but I'll go to 'ear'im at that afternoon service," said one of them. "There! I knew you'd come around," said the other, in a tone of approval. "He's a well-meaning man, and as I told you, I've heard him twice, and what harm has it done me?"

## To Be Considered.

"It looks to me as if some of these trust magnates felt themselves superior to the government itself." "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, "you must not overlook the fact that a trust magnate is a great deal surer of his job than a government official."—Washington Star.

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## SLOW CARS IN VERMONT.

New York Drummer's Yarn About an "Accommodation" Train.

"The South isn't the only place where they run slow trains," said a New York drummer, just back from his New England route.

"I was traveling on a road in northern Vermont. In the seat ahead of me was a farmer, so jubilant over buying a new buggy he was taking some with him that he had to turn around and tell me all about it. 'Gosh,' he was saying for the twentieth time, 'got it dirt cheap—only \$24,' when the conductor came through and tapped him on the shoulder.

"'Say, Darius,' he shouted, 'he's lowing up for your jumping off place.' " "What town are we coming to? I asked Darius. " "Oh, no town in particular," he answered. "Jest my farm. I know the conductor and engineer pretty well—trew up alongside of them—and they always let me off here. Saves walking six miles from town."

"Just then the train stopped, and Darius made leisurely for the door and crambled off the platform. A minute or two passed and we didn't move on. Guess they're helping Darius off with his buggy,' I said to myself, and went on reading the paper.

"Maybe I had read for five minutes when I looked up. 'Hello,' I said, 'still standing here. Wonder if Darius got his buggy off?' With that I stuck my head out of the window to see, and bless me, if there wasn't the engineer and the fireman and the conductor helping Darius to put his buggy together. And the brakeman was unrating the shafts.

"Did anybody object to the delay? Got a soul. Acted as if it were an every-day occurrence. They went deliberately at it, not even giving railroad schedules a thought, apparently, until the buggy was all put together and the son of Darius came across fields leading a horse. Then Darius thanked them and guessed he and his boy could hitch up the horse all right, and the conductor and the engineer and the fireman and the brakeman all hauled back on the train and we got under way again.

"That happened on the trip up. On the down trip we made a stop in the open country and, as I'd seen no one get off, I got out to investigate. When I walked up to the engine I saw the engineer down on his knees on the rack, pounding away like all possessed.

"'What's up?' I asked. " "Oh, nothing much," he said. On the up trip I noticed this rail was a little loose, so when I was in town I threw a spike and an ax into the engine, and now I'm respiking it. That's all."

## SIR H. MORTIMER DURAND.

The New British Ambassador to the United States.

Sir H. Mortimer Durand, who succeeds the late Sir Michael Herbert as British ambassador to the United States, has been

British ambassador at Madrid for the last three years. Previously to his inclusion in the upper ranks of the British diplomatic service he had spent more than twenty years in the Indian civil service. The son

General Sir Henry Durand, he was born in India in 1850, and his acquaintance with that country, Persia and Afghanistan is of the most intimate kind. He has been private secretary to an Indian viceroy, filled posts in the Indian foreign office and conducted a successful special mission to Cabul

whither he had previously accompanied Lord Roberts as political secretary in the 1879 campaign. Before his appointment to Madrid he was for six years British envoy and minister to Persia, where he was regarded as the most astute diplomat Great Britain ever sent to Teheran. In leisure moments he has written a novel, "Heles Trevelyan," under the pen name of John Roy, and several works on India subjects.

A significant feature of Sir Henry's selection is the fact that it is the first time the British government has sent an ambassador directly to Washington Heretofore Washington has been looked on as a post ranking at the foot of the embassy, hence it has been the custom to promote a minister to be ambassador.

Prepared for the Worst.  
Mr. Brown's enemies say that there is nothing else in the world he enjoys so much as finding fault and putting other people in the wrong. When engaged in this pleasing occupation he loses all hold on a sense of humor which is none too keen at other times. Not long ago he and his wife were taking a trip through the White Mountains, and at one place they were to be called at 5:30 in the morning to take an early train. Mr. Brown wakened first, and after a glance at his watch fell back on his pillow with a groan that frightened his wife out of her slumbers.

"Here it is on the tick of half past five," grumbled Mr. Brown, in response to his wife's troubled questions, "and if they don't call us within five minutes we sha'n't have time enough to get dressed and eat breakfast! But it's no more than I expected."

A time table, Cordelia, is any old table purchased on the installment plan.

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