

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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## VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

Noiseless powder is something the world never hears of.

As a fashionable disease, brain fog threatens to put appendicitis to the bad.

If God tempers the wind to the southern lamb He may take pity on some of the shearers also.

The dog is man's best friend. When a man has a cold the dog never tells him what to do for it.

A Minnesota man is said to have mastered the cat language. A charge of backstrot sometimes masters this feline conversation quite neatly.

The New England woman who pretended suicide, and came home to find her husband married again, seems to have put up a fine joke on herself.

Astronomers say our sun is one of the younger set of stars. May not the spots now reported as having broken out be only a sort of infantile rash?

A New York beggar dropped dead when the police insisted that he should take a bath. He knew the dangers of exposing his system to these outside influences.

It is obviously incorrect to characterize some of those syndicate promoting schemes as gambling operations. In a gambling game the victim to be fleeced is allowed to win a little something once in a while.

Dr. Wiley, chemist for the Department of Agriculture, says that woman has long hair because she is still a savage. Well, even so, keep her just as she is. Don't want high civilization and a head that looks like a quinine capsule.

A recent announcement of the British war office of medals awarded for distinguished service in Somaliland mentions the names of Sergeant Botes, Corporal Herbst and Trooper Dreyer, and Boers, who are now fighting shoulder to shoulder with their former enemies. Rather a good omen.

Lieutenant Peary suggests that if Americans can spend millions to build yachts to defend the cup, they ought to build ships to go to the north pole. He says that the syndicate of sporting men that "lifts" the pole will have no successor and can never be beaten. Certainly the course would not be overcrowded with pleasure-boats.

General Booth proposes to stop wars by having each nation, whenever any of its territory is wanted by another, give up the land without first resorting to a test of strength. After he gets the nations to adopt this policy he might make the world still happier by inducing such individuals as Mr. Rockefeller and Mrs. H. Green to subscribe to it.

France and the French government have ceased to be objects of suspicion in the minds of the European monarchs. The kings and emperors have made many formal visits to Paris in recent years, and have been received by the president. This year, for the first time, the wife of the president had a place in the reception to royalty. Last summer Madame Loubet, as the social representative of the republic, welcomed the state visitors. History is full of the wonders worked by cultured and gracious women. The wife of the French president may some day be added to the list of feminine political magicians.

The steady concentration of the hunting and fishing privileges of America into the possession of clubs is illustrated by the reported lease of George W. Vanderbilt's famous North Carolina estate, Biltmore. A club of ten members will thus have a monopoly of 125,000 acres. It is true that in this case the land was already monopolized by a single owner, but this is not true of the holdings of most of the new clubs which are being organized all over the country. The obvious fact is that there is no longer, as formerly, enough game for everybody who cares to shoot or fish, and the time is near at hand when sport of this kind will be, as in England, the prerogative of a privileged few.

With a population of 3,000,000 Switzerland is without any coal supply of her own. None of her rivers is navigable and all her coal imports have to be brought in by rail, which makes it very expensive. Her coal bill is about \$12,000,000 a year. In order to make her outlay for fuel as economical as possible the government has decided to establish a federal testing station, attached to the leading institution for technical instruction at Zurich. At this station every kind of fuel used in the little republic is to be scientifically tested, to determine its exact heat-producing value, which will be made known to the public through periodical publications by the government. It is intended to reform the whole coal trade by substituting heat-producing value for weight as the basis of its price per ton.

Was there ever any doubt of the greatness of Maximilian Gomez? The old man is poor. He never had a dol-

lar that did not belong to his country, or a penny that was not the property of his soldiers. Cuba is free and grateful. She has not forgotten the dark days. So the Cuban Congress made Gen. Gomez a present of \$50,000, as a slight token of the regard the country has for the liberator. Fifty thousand dollars is a good deal of money. It is a fortune in Cuba. It means comfort for a grizzled veteran for the rest of his days. It takes from him every vestige of financial worry. But he would rather worry than be unfair. Maximilian Gomez can not forget the brave fellows who fought with him, endured privation with him and suffered as much or more than he did. He has refused to cash the treasury warrant for the money till his soldiers are rewarded! There speaks the spirit of true brotherhood! You know now why Gomez's soldiers loved him, why they followed him cheerfully into the very jaws of death; why they sang when they were hungry and laughed at their wounds. They were led by a man. Cuba has paid a great tribute to her general. He has paid a greater tribute to the men behind the guns.

Since the last tuberculosis congress in Germany the interest of physicians and bacteriologists has been largely centered in the rapid development of theories regarding the prevention and cure of consumption. The announcement by Dr. Koch that consumption is not an inherited disease, that it is communicable and preventable, appears to be generally accepted by the medical fraternity. Beyond this there appears to be abundant ground for disagreement. The most revolutionary theory regarding the origin of the disease is proclaimed by Professor von Behring, a noted German bacteriologist. He accepts the announcement of Dr. Koch, that consumption is not an inherited disease, as a proved scientific fact, but he challenges the correctness of his theories as to the cause and infectious character of the disease. He declares that consumption is not infectious in the ordinary sense, and is not acquired by inhalation of germs in the air; that it is not communicated to adults from cattle through milk; that it is conveyed during infancy through mother's milk, and that about 50 per cent. of persons over 30 years old have the germs in their bodies and consume the germs daily. It is Professor von Behring's contention that the infant stomach has not the same power of digesting the germs as the stomach of an older person. In the infantile body the bacilli find a favorable breeding place, and remain quiescent until the body stops growing when they take on new life. He cites the fact in support of his theory that in many families a few of the offspring have the disease, while one or two escape and are healthy and strong-lived. The obvious deduction from Professor von Behring's theory is that consumption might be stamped out among infants upon nothing but sterilized material.

### MODEL OF THE TABERNACLE.

#### Sacred Edifice Reproduced in Miniature in Minute Detail.

The tabernacle erected in the wilderness by Moses during the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to the Holy Land has been reproduced in miniature and in costly detail at Utrecht, Holland, in the biblical museum. It is by far the most interesting sight in the museum. Raised about table-height above the level of the ground, the court of the tabernacle is no less than twenty feet long by about ten feet wide, and is strewn with sand brought from the wilderness of Sinai where the actual tabernacle was first pitched, and is surrounded by curtains of fine linen made expressly for the model from Egyptian flax.

Sixty pillars of pure silver uphold the curtains. The altar of burnt offering is made of stone taken from one of the original walls of the Temple platform at Jerusalem and it is filled within with earth brought from the Haram area—the site of the ancient temple of the Jews. The seven-branched candelstick, ark, incense altar, table of shewbread are made in pure gold and are veritable works of art. Two miniature tables of stone, made from a piece of granite rock of Mount Sinai, on which are engraved the ten commandments in minute Hebrew characters, may be found in the ark. The model represents years of patient study and work. The most skilled artificers have been employed upon it and no expense has been spared in the attempt to render the smallest details accurately and with scrupulous precision.

#### Mountain of Alum in China.

In China, about 12 miles from the village of Lion-Chek, there is a mountain of alum, which, in addition to being a natural curiosity, is a source of wealth for the inhabitants of the country, who dig from it nearly tons of alum. The mountain is not less than 10 miles in circumference at its base and has a height of nearly 2,000 feet. The alum is obtained by quarrying large blocks of stone, which are first heated in great furnaces and then it is filled with boiling water. The alum crystallizes and forms a layer about 6 inches in thickness. This layer is subsequently broken up into blocks weighing about 10 pounds each.

#### In the Clouds.

"What are you moving over so fast for?" asked the young man passenger on the air ship.

"Well," answered the sweet young thing, "we're going to pass through another dark cloud in a minute, and you wrinkle my waist dreadfully every time you kiss me."—Indianapolis Sun.

## REALM OF KING CORN.

### States with Millions of Acres of This Crop—Carnivals Held.

The corn plant grows in about every State in the Union, and people throughout the country think they are familiar with it; but to appreciate what corn really means one should make a tour through some of the Western States where the fields may be miles rather than acres in extent, and where the harvest of a farmer means nearer 100,000 than 1,000 bushels, says the New York Tribune. It is in this part of the country that one can as easily get lost in a cornfield as he would in a forest, so vast are the fields. In the "bottoms" of Kansas and Nebraska a man riding through a patch on horseback will often be hidden from view, as the tops of the plants extend above his head, resembling young trees in their proportions.

It is no wonder that the people of many of the prairie States celebrate the coming of "king corn" as the Southerner does the appearance of "king cotton," for some of these commonwealths alone produce enough corn in a year to feed a nation. The corn patch of Iowa, which covers over 3,000,000 acres yearly, sometimes produces 300,000,000 bushels. Nebraska is another 8,000,000 State, but Kansas, the State of the sunflower, takes the lead with nearly 9,000,000 acres each year devoted to this cereal. There are counties in Kansas where one can see square miles—not acres—planted entirely with corn, where fields are so large that standing at one end the visitor sees the horizon unbroken by anything except a mass of plants swaying in the breeze.

It is not strange that the corn harvest is made the occasion of fetes or carnivals in some of the Western communities. The idea probably originated from the corn festival of the Indians, but the red man would never recognize the old-time festival in the transformation which it has undergone. Weeks before harvest time preparations are made. The prominent citizens of the town contribute to a fund for decoration, music and usually the entertainment of townspeople and guests at a banquet.

The services of some leading orator are secured and the governor is invited to attend with other notables. A special week is set apart at a time when the farmers have finished gathering the grain and have leisure to attend. The railroad companies are induced to offer special rates for transportation and with others offer prizes for the best designs and decorations. A program is arranged, consisting of processions, public meetings, concerts and other attractions which will interest the townspeople and visitors. Generally a committee of leading citizens, headed by the mayor, take charge, and large sums of money are expended in arranging the carnival.

Each resident vies with his neighbor in the decorations, and there is shown what can be done with the grain in honor of which the celebration is held. Some of the designs are truly wonderful. As single stalks can be procured which are fifteen feet in height, an opportunity is offered to construct pagodas, booths and other ornamental buildings with walls and roofs of the plant. The stalks have such strength and lightness that they can be easily made into representatives of castles, forts and historic structures. The women and girls make costumes out of the husks, even to hats and bonnets. They are woven into parasols and umbrellas, while frequently the front of a building will be hidden by a covering of them, thirty or forty feet in length, with openings cut for the windows and doors.

The manufacture of corn millinery has become an art among the Western women. At a carnival held in Atchison the principal milliners of the town produced some wonderful creations of beadgear entirely from the silk, husks and tassels. Many of them were worn during the carnival week by the belles of the place.

#### England's Superior Natural Gas.

The English natural gas has two advantages over the American. In the Heathfield district near London all the wells show a pressure of at least 120 pounds per square inch, which is enough to carry the gas to any town in England. The other advantage is that, while American gas, when burnt in a fish-tail or Argand burner, has practically no illuminating power, the former, when burnt under the same conditions, cannot be distinguished from an expert from the ordinary oil gas in common use. Heathfield gas gives 20 per cent more light than coal gas under like conditions.

#### New Substitute for Rubber.

Gutta-jootalung is a new material which is utilized as a substitute for rubber in connection with India rubber. It is a product of the East Indies, chiefly the Island of Borneo, and in form in which it is imported is described as "whitish in color, looking something like marshmallow candy, melting strongly of petroleum and oxidizing on exposure to the air, becoming hard." Its importation has increased from 6,500,000 pounds in 1890 to 14,000,000 pounds in 1903.

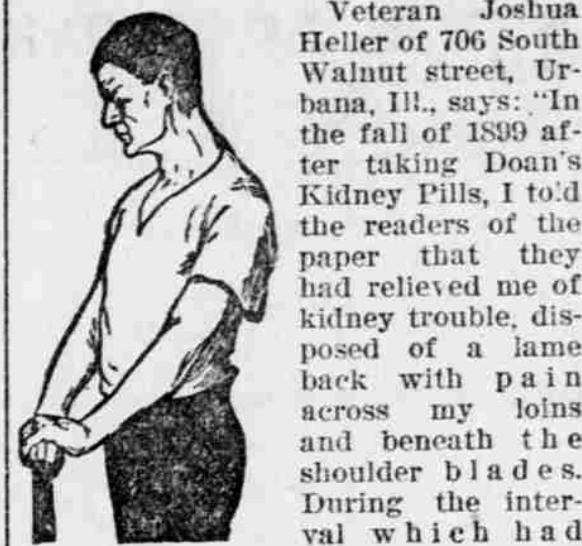
#### Penalty of Wealth.

"Wealth has its penalties," said the zite philosopher.

"Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox, "wealth is what compels a man to eat fancy cooking the whole year round instead of having cakes hot from the riddle and home-made preserves."—Washington Star.

The average man wants others to see him as he sees himself.

## All Done Out.



Veteran Joshua Heller of 706 South Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says: "In the fall of 1899 after taking Doan's Kidney Pills, I told the readers of the paper that they had relieved me of kidney trouble, disposed of a lame back with pain across my loins and beneath the shoulder blades. During the interval which elapsed I have had occasion to resort to Doan's Kidney Pills when I noticed warnings of attack. On each and every occasion the results obtained were just as satisfactory as when the pills were first brought to my notice. I just as emphatically endorse the preparation to-day as I did over two years ago."—Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., proprietors. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

Didn't Regret His Absence.—Skids "Did your friend, Chesterius McRianter, the tragedian, enjoy his vacation?"

Seads—"I can't say as to whether he enjoyed it or not, but the public did."—Baltimore American.

A Good Father.—Smith—"Brown is certainly doing his duty as a parent."

Jones—"How's that?"

Smith—"He's trying his best to bring up his children the way he should have gone."—Chicago News.

When a Japanese lady enters a railroad car, she removes her tiny shoes, then steps on the seat and gradually brings down her body until she is seated with her feet doubled under her.

## "I GROW HAIR IN ONE NIGHT."

Famous Doctor-Chemist Has Discovered a Secret Compound That Grows Hair on Any Bald Head.



Discoverer of This Magic Compound That Grows Hair in a Single Night.

He sends a trial package of his new and wonderful remedy free by mail to convince people it actually grows hair, stops hair falling out, removes dandruff and quickly restores luxuriant growth to shining scalp, eyebrows and eyelashes and restores the hair to its natural color. Send your name and address to the Altemhelm Medical Dispensary, 1170 Foso Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a free trial package, enclosing a 2-cent stamp to cover postage. Write today.

The nicest thing about grand opera to women are the the clothes that go with it.

Two bottles of Pisco's Cure for Consumption cured me of a terrible cough.—Fred Hermann, 209 Box avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 24, 1901.

As for beauty unadorned, what's the matter with the chorus girl?

### MEXICAN Mustang Liniment

cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises.

A woman can't help feeling proud of a husband who gets lots of telegrams.

## Largest growers of ONION

and Vegetable Seeds in the World.

Our Prices range from 60 cents to \$1.50 per pound, and no better seed is found on earth.

How to grow 1,200 bushels onions per acre with each ounce order.

John A. Salzer Seed Co., LA CROSSE, WIS.

Give a woman undisputed sway and she will be sure to give over the burden.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

## IN PLEASANT FIELDS.

"Yes" mused the person who lets out an occasional audible thought, "he certainly makes hay while the sun shines."

"What barmaker do you refer to?" asked his friend, who was afflicted with the rubber habit.

"Why the man who marries a grass widow," replied he of the clamorous thoughts.

The very poor have no friends, nor even relations.

## CARRIED NO SAMPLERS.

He traveled for an important wholesale house. Seated comfortably in the railway carriage he found beside him a rather sedate looking gentleman, with whom he sought to converse, and after the manner of his kind, began by telling what goods he sold, for whom he sold, to whom he sold, and in what large quantities he sold.

"And you, my friend," he said, "what is your line?"

"Brains," answered his sedate and would-be retiring companion.

"Ah brains, you say? That must be nice. You carry no samples, eh?"

## Dr. Williamson Swears.

Yorktown, Ark., Jan. 18.—Last week a statement was published from Leland Williamson, M. D., of this place to the effect that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine for all Kidney Diseases, and that he uses them with uniform success in his daily practice.

No one who knows Dr. Williamson will doubt for a moment the complete truth of his fearless declaration, but to completely clinch the matter in the minds of those who may not have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with this celebrated physician, Dr. Williamson has appeared before Mr. H. E. Green, J. P. for Montgomery County, and made a sworn statement.

In this sworn statement the doctor has cited a number of cases which have been completely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Here is case No. 1:

"Henry Hall, Sr., aged 48, an American, attacked with Malaria Haematuria or Swamp Fever, temperature ranged from 101 to 105, highly coated tongue, constipated bowels, hemorrhage or passage of blood from Kidneys, used febrifuge and Dodd's Kidney Pills to relieve the inflammation and congested condition of Kidneys and to render the urine bland and non-irritating. Recovery complete after two months' treatment of the Pills."

Lightning burned a chimney hole in a hay rick on Mr. Allison's farm, on West Grand river, near Grant City, Mo. The rick was not far from the house, and a couple of boys, seeing it smoking went to it at once. They found in the top of the rick a small hole, from which the smoke was issuing and thrusting a wisp of hay into the hole smothered the fire. When the end of the rick was cut off it was found that the lightning had burned a hole from the top to the bottom of the stack about two inches in diameter.

## Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists 7c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Let conscience be your guide at all times. Use common sense in every act of your life. Be courageous, upright and just. You can't make money out of enemies, so have a care not to make enemies.

## BEAUTY, COMFORT, PERFECTION: Newest thing out. Springfield, Mass. 25 cents delivered.

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Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYRUP for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain cures colic. Price 25c bottle.

If at first you don't succeed, don't count the first time.

JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR makes top of the market butter.

"I suppose Barnum went to heaven when he died." "Well, he certainly had a good chance. In fact he had the greatest show on earth."

## Omit Coughing.

Why cough, when for 25c and this nice you get 25 doses of an absolute, guaranteed cure in tablet form, "POSTAL WISCONSIN DRUG CO., LA CROSSE, WIS. (C. N. U.)"

When a door key hangs up outside a house in Sweden, it is a sign that the family is not at home.

A little girl was taught to close her evening prayer during the absence of her papa with: "Please watch over my papa." Her papa returned and her mamma blushed when the child added: "And you'd better keep an eye on mamma too."

The way my brother got out of jail was this: The governor visited the jail one day and my brother accidentally stepped on his foot. He said: "Pard'n me, governor," and the governor did.

## THE LITTLE TAILOR ON THE HILL.

By Margaret Widdemer.

I asked the little tailor as he sewed upon the hill, "How can the little busy bee the poet's words fulfill? How could that little animal, suppose he had the powers, (Or anybody else) improve already shining hours?" Says he, "Oho! You're very slow! Why, shine them with Sapolio!"

I asked the little tailor as he sat a-catching flies, "Why was the man who jumped within the briar bush so wise? For leaping into brambles, I would plainly say to you, Is not a thing the average man is very apt to do?" "Oh, don't you know Why he did so? In that bush was Sapolio!"

"Oh, little tailor," once said I, "I wish you'd tell to me, Why, when I take my walks abroad, so many poor I see; And why they're always dirtier than anyone I've seen, And even have objections to my garments being clean?" Said he, "They go All dirty so, Because they've no Sapolio!"

I asked the little tailor as he smoked one windy night, "Pray tell me why the little dogs delight to bark and bite, For, though I own a little dog, I do not think that he Has ever barked or bitten at my friends or yet at me!" "Dogs are a foe To dirt, and so Bite those who hate Sapolio!"

I sat down by the tailor on the hill and asked him this: "Why can you always tell me what the reason for things is? And why are both your wisdom and your scissors always bright, So they light our little village on the very darkest night?" "Before you go," He said, "Just know The answer to all's Sapolio!"

I met the little tailor with my Grecian Hist'ry book, Said I, "I wish at Hercules you'd give a little look, And tell me how it was he cleaned the Augean stables so By simply turning into them a little river's flow?" "That river's flow, All writers know, Contained," said he, "Sapolio!"

I watched the little stars that shine above the world so high, And I saw them wink and wiggle all in rows along the sky, Then said I unto the tailor, as I watched each little star: "Now don't you often wonder what those starlets really are?" "Wonder? Oh, no! Those stars that glow" Are pans shined with Sapolio!"

I said unto the tailor, "I can't really understand Why Macbeth's wife made all that fuss about her stained hand? They say she used to walk around the basement stairs at night, And wait about her fingers till the house was in a fright!" He said, "Her woe, You surely know Was lack of Hand Sapolio!"

A bee, unladen, will fly forty miles an hour; but one coming home laden with honey does not travel faster than twelve miles an hour.

## Many School Children Are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Hospital, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Croup, Whooping Cough, Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels and Destroy Worms. Sold by all druggists or by mail for 1.25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address ALLEN S. OLSEN, Le Roy, N. Y.

In the coldest parts of Siberia a rainbow may sometimes be seen all day long in a cloudless sky. It is supposed to be due to the reflection of the sun on fine particles of snow in the air.

"So you have bought the pictures that artist was showing you?" "Yes," answered Mrs. Cumrox, "He's a very clever man." "Oh, I don't know that it took so much cleverness. Most anyone can sell my husbands things nowadays."

## Pain's Master ST. JACOBS OIL

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